



FACT SHEET HSLU DESIGN, FILM AND ART 2026/2027

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BACHELOR PROGRAMMES



Unique Bachelor programmes in the disciplines of Fine Arts and Art & Design Education, Visual Communication, Object Design, and Film.

➤ [Link to all Bachelor Programmes](#)

By scanning the QR code you will get an overview of each Bachelor Programme
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MASTER PROGRAMMES



The HSLU Design, Film and Art offers seven Master of Arts programmes: four in Design, two in Film and one in Fine Arts.

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STUDYING AS INCOMING STUDENT AT HSLU DESIGN, FILM AND ART

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall semester:

14 September 2026 – 5 February 2027

Spring semester:

22 February 2027 – 9 July 2027

- [Link Introductory weeks](#)
- [Living and studying in Lucerne](#)

Incoming students must be nominated by e-mail from the sending university.

- **Nomination Deadline Fall Semester: 1 April**
- **Nomination Deadline Spring Semester: 1 October**

Nomination e-mail must contain:

- Full name student
- Date of birth
- E-mail address
- Study programme at the sending institution
- Study programme HSLU Design, Film and Art
- Number of semesters before the exchange
- Desired exchange period (Spring or Fall)

APPLICATION

Incoming students receive further information about the application process **after the nomination** by their university.

The application process follows via **Mobility-Online**, which is the tool incoming students must register for as soon as they receive the link to it **after the nomination**.

Required documents are:

- Passport copy
 - Passport photo (.jpeg)
 - CV
 - Letter of motivation
 - Portfolio (.pdf or multimedia file)
 - Latest transcript of records
 - Language diploma (if necessary, see below)
- **Application Deadline Fall Semester: 15 April**
- **Application Deadline Spring Semester: 15 October**

If applications stay uncompleted until the deadlines, they cannot be considered any further.

APPLICATION DECISION

Usually, one month after the deadline for application. The decision depends on the quality of the portfolio, the letter of motivation and the **available places**.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

The submission of language diplomas is not mandatory except for Bachelor Design Management International, where English at Cambridge level C1 is required.

For the other study programmes, we recommend the language skills listed below at Cambridge level B2 at least.

Only German:

BA Data Design+Art / BA Graphic Design / BA Illustration Fiction and Non-Fiction / BA Video / MA Fine Arts – Art Teaching / MA Fine Arts – Image Practices

German/English:

BA Animation / BA Camera Arts / BA Digital Ideation / BA Fine Arts / BA Object Design / BA Spatial Design / BA Textile Design / MA Fine Arts – Art in Public Spheres / MA Design –all majors / MA Film / MA Animation

Only English:

BA Design Management International (English diploma Cambridge level C1 required)

ACCOMMODATION

We offer affordable accommodation for local and exchange students. As housing in Lucerne is scarce, we recommend that you start searching for accommodation in good time.

- [Link Housing](#)

VISA AND RESIDENCE PERMIT

Some aspects to consider when planning to study in Switzerland.

- [Link visa information](#)

COSTS

All exchange students from our partner universities are exempt from semester fees. Depending on the field of study, they may have to pay material costs.

- Incoming students from a **European Partner University** receive a financial grant under the Swiss European Mobility Programme **SEMP**. They do not have to apply for it. The amount is based on the period of study in classes. If the exchange term is attended via eco-friendly transport, an extra **Green Travel Top-Up** will be issued.
- There is **no financial grant** for Incoming students from **NON-European Partner Universities**.
- **Freemover** students **pay semester fees** at the HSLU Design, Film and Art.
- [Link financial matters in Switzerland](#)
- [Link study fees 2026/27](#)

GRADING SYSTEM

European Credit Transfer System ECTS

WORKSHOPS, LABS & STUDIOS

Room for practical skills, experimentation and imagination - the Lucerne School of Design, Film and Art offers diverse, modern facilities, including numerous workshops, laboratories and studios located at 745 Viscosistadt (Viscosi City) in Lucerne-Emmenbrücke. All of these are open to students having attended a workshop introduction during regular teaching hours and, by prior arrangement, also outside teaching hours.

- [Link to workshops, labs & studios](#)





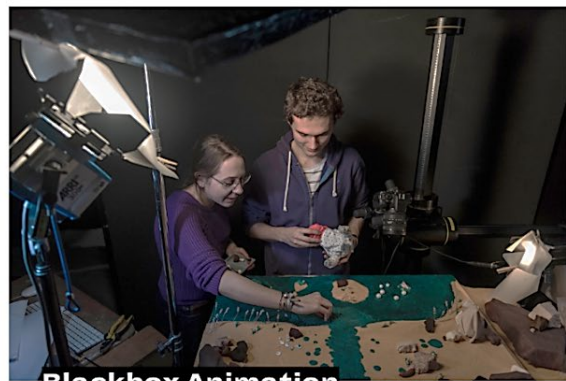
Video Studio



Spraying Booth



Wood Workshop



Blackbox Animation

DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

Eco-Social Innovation by Design: the Lucerne School of Design, Film and Art, Switzerland, and the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad, India, are collaborating in an international doctoral studies programme to explore the diverse landscape of eco-social innovation by design.

➤ [Link Doctorate](#)

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Four Research Groups (Competence Centers) with thematic foci in Visual Narrative, Products & Textiles, Design & Management and Art, Design & Public Spheres.

➤ [Link Research](#)

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