

General information for SEMP exchange students

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Academic calendar

Information on study times can be found on our Website:

<https://www.hslu.ch/de-ch/musik/studium/rund-ums-studium/termine-studienjahr/>

You'll find some information about studying and living in Lucerne on our website:

<https://www.hslu.ch/de-ch/hochschule-luzern/campus/leben-in-luzern/>

Academic year 2017/18:

Start autumn semester 11.09.2017

End autumn semester 13.01.2018

Start spring semester 19.02.2018

End spring semester 23.06.2018

Please note that compulsory events for incoming students as well as regular courses might start and end slightly before and after times of semesters (see Email). Actual study times will be confirmed at the end of the exchange by filling in the official form “confirmation of attendance”.

Study programs

Information on study programs can be found on the HSLU-Website (in German):

- Bachelor general information: <https://www.hslu.ch/de-ch/musik/studium/bachelor/>
- Master general information: <http://www.hslu.ch/musik/m-ausbildung/m-master.htm>

ECTS/grades/assessments

Please be aware that usually it's not possible to offer a study plan consisting 30 ECTS (1 semester) or 60 ECTS (2 semesters).

Some courses last for one year (2 semesters) – so it will not be possible to get a grade for these courses if staying only for one semester.

There won't be assessments at the end of all courses. If it is so, your participation will be confirmed by “besucht” (participated).

In case an assessment is required by your home institution but the Hochschule Luzern – Musik doesn't have a final examination, please discuss this with the persons in charge at your home institution.

Language

Students and teachers may mutually agree on the language they will use in one-to-one lessons. The language of instruction in group courses is German in principle, but it is possible to receive advice and guidance in English. Also exchange students can easily join band workshops and ensembles/orchestra/chamber music. For attending courses in music theory, music history or other courses where oral explanations are essential, good German knowledge is expected.

We highly recommend students who don't speak German well to join the course "German as a foreign language" (levels A1 or A2). You will gain much more of your exchange when understanding and speaking the local language. Please note that these courses are not run by the department of Music. As soon as you have installed your HSLU-Login you can register for these courses yourself. Find information and contact details on: <https://www.hslu.ch/de-ch/hochschule-luzern/campus/sprachenzentrum/ausschreibung-und-anmeldung/>

Scholarship / Tuition Fee

Since Switzerland's suspension from the Erasmus+ programme from October 2014 the Swiss government provides the funding to pay for incoming student maintenance grants. Incoming students will receive grants similar to the ERASMUS scholarship. Also exchange students don't have to pay the tuition fee at the Hochschule Luzern - Musik.

Location of the Hochschule Luzern – Musik

The Hochschule Luzern - Musik is spread over Lucerne, so some teaching places are quite far from others. Please make sure you know where to go before classes start. Your coordinator, students, teachers or anyone else will be pleased to help you.

Find information on: <http://www.hslu.ch/musik/m-ueber-uns/m-standorte-situationsplaene.htm>

Public transport

As far as you plan to visit other places than Lucerne it is recommended to buy a "Halbtax" which allows to travel around Switzerland by public transport for half of the price. It's available at any train station in Switzerland. Timetables and information: <http://www.sbb.ch>

Timetables and information on the bus system of Lucerne and area: <http://www.vbl.ch/>. There is a VBL-office at the train station in Lucerne.

Health insurance

For anyone staying in Switzerland longer than three months, health insurance is compulsory. Travel insurance taken out in your home country will not be accepted.

You do not have to take out Swiss health insurance if you provide proof of sufficient health insurance coverage while you are in Switzerland/Europe.

In cases where the Swiss authorities decide that you may not have sufficient coverage as required by Swiss law, you will be given a form to send to your health insurance provider. If the health insurance provider signs the form and provides proof that you have sufficient coverage, you do not need to take out Swiss health insurance.

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If your health insurance is not adequate under Swiss law, you will need to take out Swiss health insurance. We recommend the following insurance: <http://www.swisscare.com/en/international-expat-health-travel-student-insurance/>.

Personal liability insurance

Personal liability insurance offers coverage in case of third-party liability claims. Please inform yourself at your own insurance company as to whether your insurance coverage is sufficient if you break something which belongs to someone else or cause injury to someone. Personal liability insurance is not compulsory in Switzerland, but it is recommended (e.g. in the case of renting an apartment). The insurance can be taken out once you have arrived in Lucerne if you decide you need it. You are free to contact any Swiss insurance provider.

Renting rooms/flats in Switzerland

You'll find an informative brochure about rights and duties when renting rooms or flats in Switzerland on the Website of the "Bundesamt für Wohnungswesen". It is translated in 12 languages. See downloads here:

<http://www.bwo.admin.ch/dokumentation/00106/00112/00121/index.html?lang=de>

For more information concerning housing please have a look at our website:

<https://www.hslu.ch/de-ch/hochschule-luzern/campus/leben-in-luzern/wohnen/>

ERASMUS Codes

If you need to fill in some forms you might need the ERASMUS code of the Hochschule Luzern – Musik:

ERASMUS code: CH LUZERN14