Costs for the Master of Science in Applied Information and Data Science
Academic Year 2026/27

The following table provides an overview of the approximate outlay during the course and is intended as an aid in drawing up individual budgets. The fees are based on the corresponding regulations of the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts[1]. Please note that fees may be subject to change and that non-fee figures should be taken as approximations only.

- The application fee is charged during the online application process. There will be no refund if you cancel your application or if you are not admitted into the programme.
- Tuition fees must be paid in full by all students who are registered at the beginning of semester. Such fees are also owed in case of deregistration after the start of the semester (even if no classes have been attended).

Expenses	Due	Amount (in CHF)
Non-recurring items		
Application fee	once	250
Fee for HSLU Student Card	once	50
Fee for graduation documents	once	220
Recurring items		
Tuition fees for domestic students	per semester	800
Tuition fees for foreign students not residing in Switzerland prior to their studies	*per semester*	*1300*
Flat rate for services	per semester	60
Module examinations (up to a maximum of CHF 450)	per semester	150[2]
Fee for campus sports programs	per semester	25
Total of recurring expenses for domestic students	**per semester (approx.)**	**1'035**
Total of recurring expenses for foreign students *not residing in Switzerland prior to their studies*	**per semester (approx.)**	**1'535**

Student-union membership fee	annual	10
Possible fees depending on individual study course		
Administration fee in the event of an exchange semester	once	200
Deposit for locker	once	100

[1] Regulations on Tuition Fees: Verordnung über die Gebühren an der Hochschule Luzern, FH Zentralschweiz (Gebührenverordnung) of 1 March 2013, (as at 1 March 2025), SRL Nr. 520e
Order on Administrative Fees charged by the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts, FH Zentralschweiz: Weisung betreffend die administrativen Gebühren der Hochschule Luzern, FH Zentralschweiz (Gebührenweisung) of 1 September 2014, (as at 1 July 2024)

[2] Module examination fees are also due during exchange semesters.

The Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts does not receive cantonal funding for students who were not residing in Switzerland before starting their studies. The Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts covers the majority of the resulting funding difference. However, to cover the remaining difference, the semester fees for these students are slightly higher (CHF 1,300 vs. CHF 800 per semester) than for those who were residents of Switzerland prior to their studies (Swiss nationals or holders of a residence permit not issued for study purposes).

Frequently asked questions concerning financial matters:

Are there any student dormitories?
There are some student dormitories in or around Lucerne. Please find detailed information on:
https://www.hslu.ch/en/lucerne-university-of-applied-sciences-and-arts/campus/living-in-lucerne/wohnen/
You might also find a flat together with two or three other students for about CHF 600.- to 1200.- per person and month.

Am I allowed to work in Switzerland with a student visa?
Yes, you are under certain circumstances, and subject to certain restrictions, depending on your residence status. Generally speaking, EU-nationals can work up to 30% of a normal workload from the first day on. Non-EU-nationals can work from the seventh month onwards.

Is it possible to find work without speaking German?
Some of our non-native-German-speaking students have been successful in finding a job without fluent knowledge of German. However, it is not easy to find something without any ability in the language. If you find a job, you can expect remuneration of about CHF 500 to 1000 per month when working 30% of a normal workload.

Are there scholarships to apply for?
Please find detailed information on:

- https://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/entry-switzerland-residence/residence-switzerland/studying-switzerland/scholarships.html

Are there any student loans to apply for?
EDUCA SWISS is a Swiss foundation that promotes education and funding. They support motivated people with their academic goals by providing free consultations for planning and budgeting, and by arranging low-interest student loans. Please find detailed information on:

- https://educaswiss.ch/en/