Costs for the Master of Science in Banking and Finance Academic Year 2025/26

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.

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
Study-Trips / Excursions	once	1'000 (max.)
Recurring items		
Tuition fees for Swiss students	per semester	800
Tuition fees for foreign students	*per semester*	*1300*
Module examination fees (maximum of CHF 450)	per semester	150[2]
Service charge, flat rate	per semester	45
Fee for campus sports programs	per semester	25
Course material	per semester	100 (approx.)
Total of recurring expenses for Swiss students	**per semester**	**1,120 (approx.)**
Total of recurring expenses for foreign students	***per semester***	***1,620 (approx.)***
Student-union membership fee	annual	10
Possible other fees depending on individual study course		
Administration fee in the event of an Exchange Semester	once	200

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.

The Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts does not receive any cantonal contributions for foreign students. To ensure that the tuition fees for foreign students are nevertheless not much higher than for students with Swiss citizenship, the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts covers part of the difference; the rest is offset against a slightly increased semester fee for foreign students.

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 the cancellation of registration after the start of the semester (even if no classes have been attended).

[1] Regulations on Tuition Fees: Verordnung über die Gebühren an der Hochschule Luzern, FH Zentralschweiz (Gebührenverordnung) of 14 December 2012, (as at 1 March 2013), 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 3 June 2014, (as at 1 July 2024)

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

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/
- www.studentroom.ch/en
- http://stuwoluzern.ch/index.php/en/

You might also find a flat together with two or three other students for about CHF 600.- to 1,200.- 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 restriction 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 a salary of about CHF 500.- to 1,000.- 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/