Costs for the Master of Science in Business Administration with a Major in People Management and Organisation Academic Year 2027/28

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 Card	once	50
Introductory Seminar, Me & You in a Team, offsite	once	350
Study trip	once	1,400 (approx.)
Fee for graduation documents	once	220
Module related costs	in total	100 (approx.)
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	1,300
Module examination fees (up to a maximum of CHF 450)	per semester	150[2]
Service charge, flat rate	per semester	45
Fee for campus sports programmes	per semester	25
Course material	per semester	250 (approx.)
Total of recurring expenses for domestic students	**per semester**	**1,270 (approx.)**
Total of recurring expenses for foreign students not residing in Switzerland prior to their studies	***per semester***	***1,770 (approx.)***
Student-union membership fee	annual	15
Possible other fees depending on individual study course		
Fees for additional pre-master's modules	per semester	800[3] (max.)
Administration fee in the event of an Exchange Semester	once	200

[1] Regulations on Tuition Fees: Verordnung über die Gebühren an der Hochschule Luzern, FH Zentralschweiz (Gebührenverordnung) of 01 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.

[3] Depending on the module CHF 300 or CHF 600 per module, a maximum of CHF 800 per semester

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 somewhat 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:

- Accommodation | Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts
- Lucerne En - Shared Apartments
- studentroom.ch/en/home

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, under certain conditions and subject to specific restrictions depending on your residence status. In general, EU nationals are permitted to work up to 30% of a full-time workload from the very beginning of their studies. Non-EU nationals may start working from the seventh month of their stay.

Is it possible to find work without speaking German?
Some of our non-native German-speaking students have successfully found jobs without being fluent in German. However, it can be challenging to secure employment without any knowledge of the language. If you do find a position, you can typically expect to earn between CHF 500 and CHF 1,000 per month when working 30% of a full-time workload. In addition, many international companies are located in Central Switzerland or Zurich.

Are there any student loans to apply for?
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