

2021 Facts & Figures

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The Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts is funded by the six Central Swiss cantons. With its over 8,300 students at six Schools, more than 5,200 participants in CAS, DAS and MAS programmes, and some 400 new research projects, it is the largest educational institution in the heart of Switzerland. The revenue generated in 2021 was CHF 308 million.



In-person encounters on campus

Dear reader

On-campus learning and exchanges with peers are key aspects of our university culture. We were keenly aware of this in the past year, which was again dominated by the pandemic. Returning to teaching mostly in-person in the 2021 autumn semester after a long time of online instruction in our education as well as continuing and executive education programmes was therefore a particularly joyful moment for us. Being able to meet in person again on campus was important for both our lecturers and our students.

The pandemic has been tough on us all in 2021. However, on balance, we managed to overcome the related challenges and turbulences well. This was possible primarily because of our employees' great commitment, but also thanks to the flexibility and active support of our students, the participants in our continuing education programmes and our partner organisations. Of course, our six Central Swiss contributing cantons also provided a great deal of support. Thanks to all parties involved, we managed to maintain and, in some cases, to improve our performance in all areas of mandated activity (education, continuing and executive education, research and development, services) and to achieve a positive financial result.

Our six Schools did a particularly splendid job in the development and renewal of their curricula. Digitalisation and sustainability are two notable areas in which new programmes were being launched. The effort paid off:

in 2021, 500 more students were enrolled at the HSLU than in the previous year. The number of participants in our MAS, DAS and CAS programmes has grown, too: from around 4,700 in the previous year to currently more than 5,200.

Our two ongoing infrastructure projects are proceeding as planned. After the positive result of the 2021 public referendum in the Canton of Lucerne, the renovation and extension of the Horw Campus of the Lucerne School of Engineering and Architecture can go ahead to schedule. This means the School will be able to start moving into the premises in 2029. The new Rösslimatt building is already under construction and expected to be ready for the Lucerne Schools of Business and Social Work to move in in 2025.

This year also warrants a glance into the more distant past: we are celebrating our 25-year anniversary. The Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts was founded as the university of applied sciences of the six Central Swiss cantons in 1997 and has since been the largest educational institution in the region. I warmly invite you to visit our website and to delve into the past 25 years of our university's history.

Thank you very much for your interest.
Kind regards,

Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Markus Hodel'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Markus Hodel, President

Education

500 more students than in the previous year

							Total
2021	1,928	2,892	1,134	860	867	652	8,333
2020	1,930	2,575	1,023	853	815	593	7,789
2019	1,873	2,242	864	829	712	546	7,066

■ Engineering and Architecture
 ■ Business
 ■ Computer Science and Information Technology
 ■ Social Work
 ■ Art and Design
 ■ Music*

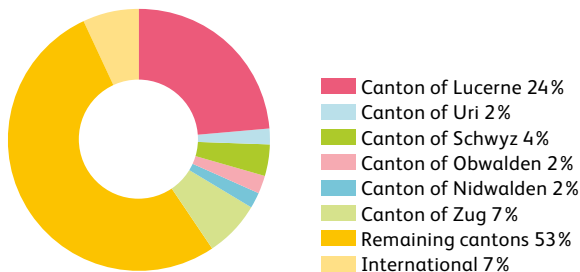
(figures as of 15.10.)

In 2021, 6,510 students were enrolled in a bachelor's and 1,802 in a master's programme at one of the six Schools. Engineering and Architecture, Business and Information Technology accounted for roughly 71 % of the students. Women made up 46 %. 1,766 students received their graduation certificate. The Schools offer a total of 41 bachelor's and 20 master's programmes as well as one diploma degree programme.

8,333 bachelor's and master's students*

Full range: hslu.ch/education

Students by origin



41 % of the students are from central Switzerland. The "International" category encompasses people who solely reside in Switzerland for the purpose of studying.

* incl. 21 teaching diploma students (School of Music)

Continuing and Executive Education

A leading university of applied sciences in the field of continuing and executive education

							Total
2021	1,061	6,912	1,303	2,059	146	482	11,963
2020	978	5,267	1,287	1,870	130	481	10,013
2019	962	7,074	1,067	1,842	138	451	11,534

■ Engineering and Architecture
 ■ Business
 ■ Computer Science and Information Technology
 ■ Social Work
 ■ Art and Design
 ■ Music*

(data by calendar year)

1,046 participants are enrolled in a Master of Advanced Studies (MAS) programme, while 4,207 study for a diploma or a Certificate of Advanced Studies (DAS/CAS). This means that in total, 5,253 people participated in a CAS, DAS or MAS programme some 500 more than in the previous year. An additional 5,315 people attended a continuing education specialist course or seminar. While many specialist courses and seminars had been cancelled due to Covid in the previous year, the situation markedly improved in 2021.

11,963 people chose to expand their knowledge

The Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts continues to rank among the leading universities of applied sciences when it comes to continuing and executive education.

Full range of programmes: hslu.ch/continuing-education

Research

A highly valued research and service partner

	2021	2020	2019
New projects	403	378	498
funded through Innosuisse or SNSF	94	88	70

403 new research projects

In 2021, 403 research and development projects were initiated. Among the notable external funders were Innosuisse, the Swiss National Science Foundation SNSF, the Federal Government and various EU programmes. 340 new research projects were launched with the help of external funding from partners in Switzerland and abroad. The revenue generated through research is roughly CHF 60 million.

Full list of research projects: hslu.ch/research

Employees

Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts a major employer

Employees by category (one day/week minimum)

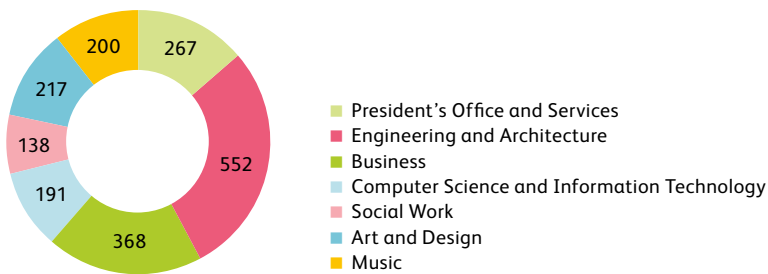
Professors and lecturers	825
Assistants and research associates	596
Administrative and technical staff*	512

1,933
Employees

With its 1,933 employees, the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts ranks among the 15 largest employers in Central Switzerland. The number of employees (expressed in full-time equivalents) is 1,561. Women accounted for 42 % of employees.

All employees are listed in the people finder: hslu.ch/employees

Employees by organisational unit



Organisation of the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts



Organisation chart of the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts: hslu.ch/about-us

* including apprentices and interns

Finances

Education is the largest branch

Income	308,494
Spending	299,757

30% funded by the contributing cantons

(In 1,000 CHF)

The Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts reports a turnover of CHF 308.5 million. The Intercantonal Council has approved special funding for the years 2020 and 2021 to mitigate the financial effects of the pandemic.

Full financial statement: [hslu.ch/annual-report](https://www.hslu.ch/annual-report)

Net income by area of mandated activity

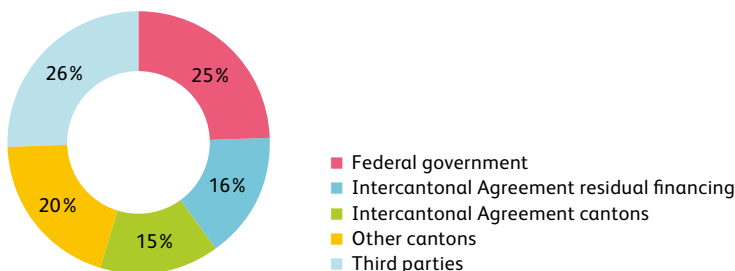
						Total
2021	196,249	32,623	60,381	7,625	11,617	308,494
2020	178,344	29,263	56,232	7,348	22,219	293,406
2019	169,778	29,665	55,756	7,966	10,422	273,586

■ Education
 ■ Continuing and executive education
 ■ Research and Development
 ■ Services
 ■ Other* (amounts in TCHF)

* 2020 incl. SERI investment funding for the School's new building on the "Kampus Südpol" in Kriens

The Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts is active in the four mandated areas of activity that are education, continuing and executive education, research and development, and services. Education was the most important source of revenue. Revenue from room rental and IT services for third parties are not associated with a specific area of mandated activity.

Funding



The Swiss Confederation funds the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts with basic contributions for education programmes and research funding (Innosuisse, Swiss National Science Foundation SNSF). The Intercantonal Agreement financing encompasses contributions for bachelor's and master's students residing in the six Intercantonal Agreement cantons (15%) and the Intercantonal Agreement residual funding (16%).



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