

Fact sheet ETH ZURICH / CH ZURICH07 Swiss-European Mobility Programme (SEMP)

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Requirements

Language skills	Student Mobility (SMS)	Staff Mobility (STT/STA)
Languages of instruction	English: Master courses are generally offered in English; only some Bachelor courses are offered in English German: mostly Bachelor courses. For more details on the language of instruction, see the course catalogue	Master courses are generally offered in English; only some Bachelor courses are offered in English German: mostly Bachelor courses. For more details on the language of instruction, see the course catalogue
Required language level	C1 recommended, min. B2	C1 recommended, min. B2
Fields of study	All	All
Language Certificate	No language certificate required. We trust our partners to nominate students with a B2 language level or higher in English and/or in German, depending on the chosen courses (learning agreement).	No language certificate required. We trust our partners to nominate staff with B2 language level or higher in English and/or in German, depending on the courses to be taught.
Language courses	Language courses: A 2-week intensive German course is offered before the start of the semester. Regular courses offered during the semester as well.	

Additional requirements for student mobility	
Course work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All exchange students are expected to aim at a minimum workload of 20 ECTS/semester of course and/or thesis/project work. Workloads of 30 ECTS and over may be overwhelming, not being accustomed to ETH's academic environment. The majority of courses (generally 2/3) must be taken in the assigned department Students must have completed at least 2 years/120 ECTS of their studies at university level in a relevant study field before the planned start of the exchange period. ETH Zurich reserves the right to decline applications from students who have only recently started their studies at the sending institution and have not yet been able to establish a solid academic track record there, which is necessary in order to assess their ability to successfully study at ETH Zurich. More details are available in the Study Plan Guidelines and Conditions set by the departments.
Project/Thesis work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students must be nominated by their home university and find a supervising professor at ETH Zurich on their own before applying. Project/thesis work is expected to be full-time. A combination of course work and a thesis/project must be discussed with the supervisor (only a maximum of 10 ECTS in courses is allowed in these cases)

Nomination and application

Nomination	Autumn semester	Spring semester
Nomination deadline (for course work students only)	April 15	October 15
Nomination deadline (for project students)	Project students can be nominated after the official deadline – at least 2 months before the desired start date, provided they do not plan to take any courses.	
Form of nomination	Students may either upload a confirmation of nomination letter during their online application or you can send us your nomination by email to celia.ferreira@akd.ethz.ch – applies to thesis/project students, too	
Content of nomination	Nominations must include: Student's full name, date of birth and email address; number of exchange semesters at ETH; field of studies at home and host university (ISCED and/or subject code).	
Erasmus Mundus Students	Please indicate if students receive an Erasmus Mundus scholarship. If they do receive such a grant, they can be nominated to SEMP but are not eligible for a SEMP Scholarship.	

Application	Autumn semester	Spring semester
Application window opens	February 1 for the following academic year	
Application deadline (for course work students)	April 15	October 15
Application deadline (for project students)	Project students may apply up to two months before the planned project start (three months for students needing a visa).	
Online application	Application information for students and link to online application The admission decision will be sent out to students within approximately 5 weeks after the application deadline.	
Staff mobility	Staff mobility candidates should apply at least two months before the planned mobility period: Information and link to online application	

Academic calendar and examination periods

Academic calendar	www.ethz.ch/semester-dates
Examination periods	ETH Zurich has unusually late examinations periods (session examinations). There is a possibility for students to prepone examinations under certain conditions.

Learning Agreement and Transcript of Records

Learning Agreement	We will issue an electronically signed Learning Agreement based on the study plan approved by the Departmental Exchange Coordinators - we appreciate our partners accepting ETH's Learning Agreement format. The Learning Agreement can be adjusted after the beginning of the semester. A final electronically signed Learning Agreement will be issued.
Transcript of Records	Grades are available at the latest 6 weeks after the end of the examination sessions. Students are entitled to order up to three free transcripts of records from the study administration office of their assigned department.
Grading System	For more information see ETH Zurich's Grading System and ECTS Grades

Scholarships

SEMP scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incoming students within the Swiss-European Mobility Programme (SEMP) will receive a scholarship from the Swiss Government, paid by ETH Zurich. • Students apply automatically for the scholarship by applying for their exchange period, no separate application is necessary. • The monthly rates are added up to a semester scholarship of 5 monthly rates per exchange semester, independently of the exact duration of stay. • Students can only receive a scholarship from one academic year during their exchange, i.e. students staying for two semesters covering two different academic years can receive only one semester scholarship in total.
Heyning-Roelli Foundation	The Heyning-Roelli Foundation provides scholarships to talented students with financial constraints to help with travel and personal expenses. These are external funds and do not affect scholarships already granted within SEMP. Information on the conditions and application process may be found at http://www.heyning-roelli-stiftung.ch/index_en.html

Additional information

Visa and residence permit	Detailed information and the necessary documents will be sent to students after their application has been accepted and upon their arrival. Further information can be found here: Immigration → Do I need a Visa? FAQ
Mandatory Health Insurance	Detailed information will be sent to the students after their application has been accepted and upon their arrival. Further information can be found here: Health Insurance Handbook for International Students FAQ
Housing	Detailed information will be sent to the students after their application has been accepted. Housing is limited in the Fall semester. Further information can be found here: Living in Zurich → Accommodation Housing Office
Students with disabilities	For information and support refer to the Disability Advisory Service