



Exchange Programme Information Sheet ZHdK

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3 Deadlines

Application deadline for the following fall semester: April 1st
Application deadline for the following spring semester: October 1st

Academic Year

Fall semester: begins in calendar week 38, ends in calendar week 3
Spring semester: begins in calendar week 8, ends in calendar week 23

Confirmation of Admission

Notification of admission to the study programme will be sent out approximately 4–6 weeks after the application deadline.

4 Application Process

The documentation required for an application differs depending on the chosen area of specialization. More detailed information is [listed here](#) by individual department.

Applications and nominations must be submitted through the Mobility-Online platform:

Nomination Incoming Swiss-European Mobility Programme (SEMP)
[German / English](#)

Nomination Incoming Bilateral Agreement (worldwide)
[German / English](#)

How to apply:

- 1) Student's home institution nominates student, through Mobility-Online
- 2) Student receives a link for their registration on Mobility-Online
- 3) Student submits their application on Mobility-Online

5 Cost

Exchange students remain registered at their home institutions (provided that a bilateral agreement between the two institutions exists). [Students only have to cover the cost of the student card](#) (CHF 35 per student). The student card gives you access to the university buildings, including the facilities of the Academic Sports Association (ASVZ).

6 Health Insurance

Health care and accident insurance are compulsory in Switzerland: All persons staying in Switzerland for more than 3 months are required to have basic health care coverage. This also applies to students who come to Switzerland for a guest or exchange semester. [Students are responsible for taking out adequate insurance coverage or to file a claim for exemption from health insurance within three months of entering the country.](#)

Students can file for exemption if they already have health insurance in their home country and that insurance also covers medical costs in Switzerland (e.g. [EU Health Insurance Card](#)). Please note: The Swiss Ministry of Health determines compatibility of foreign insurances. Alternatively, students can get coverage through a Swiss insurance provider (some providers offer special packages for visiting students).

7 Visa

Students from countries in the European Union do not need a visa.

Students from all other countries have to apply for a visa at the Swiss Embassy or Consulate in their home country. In order to get the visa process started, students need to bring their host school's approval of admission to the embassy/consulate. Approval of admission documents usually get sent out 4–6 weeks after the application deadline.

Please make sure to apply for a visa in time: Depending on your home country it usually takes about 3 months to get one. [Entry into Switzerland is only possible with a valid student visa.](#)

All students must report to the responsible resident registration office ("Einwohnerkontrolle/Kreisbüro") within 14 days of their arrival in Switzerland. [Please find more information here.](#)

8 Living in Zurich

ZHdK does not provide any housing. It is the responsibility of the student to find accommodation. [You should allow approximately CHF 1'500 to CHF 2'200 per month for living costs.](#) (Minimal amount for daily life per month (CHF 960) + insurance + rental fee).

Sharing rent with roommates comes out to at least CHF 500 per month and person. Rooms can be found on different notice-boards and on the Internet.

9 Language

Classes at ZHdK are generally taught in German. A sound knowledge of German is strongly recommended. If a student has little or no knowledge of the German language, it is highly recommended that they have very good English skills (Minimum Level B2, FCE, IELTS 5.5 or TOEFL 70).

[ZHdK offers German language courses](#) for exchange students, free of charge.

10 ZHdK Degree Programmes

Overview of Programmes

Art Education

BA Aesthetic Education and Socioculture
BA Teaching Baccalaureate Fine Arts
MA Curatorial Studies
MA Cultural Publishing
MA Teaching Art

Dance

BA Contemporary Dance
MA Choreography
MA Teaching and Coaching Dance Professionals

Design

BA Cast / Audiovisual Media
BA Game Design
BA Industrial Design
BA Interaction Design
BA Knowledge Visualization
BA Trends and Identity
BA Visual Communication
MA Game Design
MA Interaction Design
MA Knowledge Visualization
MA Product Design
MA Trends and Identity
MA Visual Communication

Film

BA Film
BA Production Design
MA Cinematography
MA Creative Producing
MA Directing Documentary
MA Directing Fiction
MA Film Editing
MA Screenwriting

Fine Arts

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Music

BA Church Music
BA Classical Music
BA Creative Music Practices
BA Composition for Film, Theatre and Media
BA Sound Engineering
BA Jazz and Pop

BA Music and Movement
BA Sound Engineering
MA Church Music (Organ, Choral Conducting, Organ
and Choral Conducting)
MA Classical Music (Chamber Music, Concert Performance,
Orchestral Performance, Solo Performance)
MA Analysis and Teaching
MA Composition
MA Composition for Film, Theatre and Media
MA Electroacoustical Composition
MA Sound Design
MA Theory
MA Sound Engineering
MA Music Pedagogy Jazz and Pop
MA Elementary Music Education
MA Pedagogy Classical Music
MA Rhythmics
MA School Music I
MA School Music II

Theatre

BA Acting
MA Stage Design
MA Dramaturgy
MA Directing
MA Acting
MA Theatre Education

Transdisciplinary

This MA programme links various disciplines in the arts and design, the sciences and everyday life. It enables students to work in cooperative constellations and develop new and interdisciplinary methods and formats using critical and reflective approaches.

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