

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (SEP)

Information for Students on Exchange

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| A. University | <p>École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)</p> <p>https://www.epfl.ch/en/</p> |
| B. Country | <p>Switzerland</p> |
| C. Academics | |
| i) Module Mapping & Credits Transfer | <p>Please ensure that your Study Plan is approved by the academics at your home faculty before the exchange.</p> <p>Modules approved in the past might not be offered by the host university or approved by your faculty when it is time for your exchange. Please check the latest course offerings at the host universities while you are preparing your Study Plan.</p> |
| ii) Academic Calendar | <p>Semester 1: September to December (excluding examinations) Semester 2: February to June (excluding examinations)</p> <p>http://memento.epfl.ch/academic-calendar/</p> |
| iii) Exchange Duration | <p>One semester</p> <p>For more student exchange information, please refer to https://www.epfl.ch/education/international/en/coming-to-epfl/semester-courses/</p> |
| iv) Examination | <p>Students are expected to attend the mandatory examination at the host university.</p> <p>Exams for the fall semester are from mid-January until the beginning of February. Exams for the spring semester take place from mid-June until the beginning of July.</p> |
| v) Curriculum Structure | <p>Students can expect to take modules totalling to 20 – 30 ECTS per semester, from different faculties (except in Management of Technology and Financial Engineering).</p> <p>EPFL is strong in Mathematics and Aerospace. It is recommended that students go in semester 2 which does not overlap with NUS' calendar.</p> <p>For more course information, please refer to: https://www.epfl.ch/education/international/en/coming-to-epfl/semester-courses/studies/</p> |

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| <p>vi) Entry Requirements</p> | <p>(a) registered as a full-time undergraduate student of NUS</p> <p>(b) have successfully completed at least two (2) semesters of study at NUS upon admission to the host university;</p> <p>(c) not eligible for exchange in the graduating year</p> <p>(d) a student of good standing at NUS with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. a minimum upper division second class honours or; b. a minimum B average grade or ; c. a CAP of at least 3.0 (out of 5) for NUS students |
| <p>vii) Language Proficiency Requirements</p> | <p>It is recommended to have a good command of French (level B2) and/or English (level B1). Bachelor courses are mainly taught in French and Master courses are mainly taught in English. Although no language certificate is required for an exchange at EPFL, basic knowledge is very useful for practical life in Lausanne.</p> <p>A French course is organised for exchange students before and during term time. For more information on courses and registration refer to https://www.epfl.ch/campus/services/internal-trainings/language-centre/languages/all-modules-in-french/ and the Language Centre.</p> |
| <p>viii) Faculties & Schools accepting exchange students</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School of Architecture , Civil and Environment Engineering (students are not allowed to take Architecture modules) - School of Computer and Communication Sciences - School of Sciences - School of Engineering Sciences and Techniques - School of Life Sciences - College of Humanities (only 1 module – students would have to take a majority of their modules from other schools) - College of Management of Technology <p>Courses available in English (bachelor): https://www.epfl.ch/education/international/en/coming-to-epfl/semester-courses/studies/english-bachelor-courses/</p> <p>Courses available in English (masters): https://www.epfl.ch/education/international/en/coming-to-epfl/semester-courses/studies/english-master-courses/</p> |
| <p>ix) Module restrictions and pre-requisites</p> | <p>The courses and projects listed here are not accessible to exchange students.</p> |

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| | Exchange students can take courses on the Master level, but they have to meet the pre-requisites. Incoming Bachelor students are advised to take courses starting with 2xxx or 3xxx. |
| D. Application | |
| i) Procedures | <p>Students can apply for SEP one year in advance through their home faculty in NUS between September and June. Please look out for your faculty's announcement regarding the application period.</p> <p>Once you have been selected by your home faculty for SEP, your faculty will contact you and provide information regarding application with your host university. Please prepare the necessary documents before the start of the application period at your host university.</p> |
| ii) Deadlines | <p>All NUS student must abide by the internal application deadline set by their home faculty for exchange participation in the following academic year. After clearing the internal application and selection process, students have to take note of the application deadline set by the host university</p> <p>Failure to submit a formal application to the host university will result your exchange being forfeited even if you have been selected by NUS for the exchange.</p> |
| E. Accommodations | |
| i) University Accommodation | <p>Accommodation is guaranteed for NUS students. EPFL books rooms on behalf of the students. Students will be offered room's proposal directly from the FMEL.</p> <p>For more information about accommodation, please refer to https://www.epfl.ch/campus/services/housing/en/</p> |
| F. Visa | |
| Consular/Visa Regulation | <p>If you need a visa, the visa application must be submitted at least 3 months prior to the start of your study curriculum by means of the appropriate visa application form.</p> <p>All students are advised to apply for the necessary visa immediately after they received the official offer letter/email from their host university.</p> |

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| | <p>Foreign nationals who are not EU/EFTA citizens and who do not require a visa should consult the Swiss embassy or consulate in their country for the current entry and residence requirements and formalities.</p> <p>For more information on visa applications, please refer to https://www.epfl.ch/education/studies/en/epfl-studies/immigration-en/detail-visa-en/ https://www.eda.admin.ch/countries/singapore/en/home/visa/residency/studying.html</p> |
| Residence Permit | <p>You are required to register at the Residents' registration office (Contrôle des habitants) in the commune where you live within 14 days after your arrival in Switzerland.</p> <p>For more information on residence permit application, please refer to https://www.epfl.ch/education/studies/en/epfl-studies/immigration-en/residence-permit/</p> |
| G. Safety, Health & Medical Insurance | |
| i) Health/Medical Insurance | <p>All registered NUS students are covered under the university health insurance and the blanket travel insurance. For more information on the university health insurance coverage, please refer to http://www.nus.edu.sg/uhc/general-health/billing-insurance/insurance-matters</p> <p>For more information on the blanket travel insurance, please refer to https://myportal.nus.edu.sg/studentportal/student-insurance/all/</p> <p>Health and accident insurance is compulsory in Switzerland and all foreign students must have insurance approved by the Swiss authorities and keep up to date with the payments.</p> <p>For more information on health and insurance, please refer to https://www.epfl.ch/education/studies/en/epfl-studies/insurance/</p> |
| ii) Emergency Number at host university | <p>Safety, Prevention and Health: +41 21 693 3000</p> <p>Advice and Support: +41 21 693 1222</p> <p>Student Services: +41 21 693 43 45</p> |
| iii) Website for COVID-19 updates | <p>https://www.epfl.ch/campus/security-safety/en/health/coronavirus-covid19/</p> |

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H. Cost of Living

**i) Estimated
Monthly Living
Expenses**

| Breakdown of Costs | Cost |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Accommodation | CHF600 – CHF800 |
| Food | CHF600 |
| Transport | CHF60 |
| Insurance | CHF90 |
| Others (Entertainment, clothes) | CHF450 |
| Monthly Estimate | CHF2,000 |

For more details, please refer to

<https://www.epfl.ch/education/studies/en/financing-study/cost-of-living/>