



# Information Sheet – Exchanges 2025-2026

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## Studies

**Semester periods**

Autumn semester 2025: 08.09.2025 - 19.12.2025

Spring semester 2026: 16.02.2026 - 20.05.2026

**Examination periods**

Winter session: 12.01.2026 - 31.01.2026

Summer session: 15.06.2026 - 04.07.2026

**Courses and study plans**

[go.epfl.ch/studies](https://go.epfl.ch/studies)

Exchange students are requested to register for 20-30 ECTS/semester.

**Restricted courses**

Please be mindful of the restricted courses list: [go.epfl.ch/studies](https://go.epfl.ch/studies)

**Courses registration deadline**

Students must register online for the courses no later than 2 weeks after the semester starts.

# Exchange Procedure

## Nomination procedure

(For courses and/or research project in a lab)

Per email to the Student Exchange Office using the template provided (Excel sheet).

## Nomination & application deadlines for courses and/or research project\*

(Nomination should arrive before the student applies)

	Universities outside Europe	Universities in Europe
Academic year	1 <sup>st</sup> April	15 <sup>th</sup> April
Autumn semester	1 <sup>st</sup> April	15 <sup>th</sup> April
Spring semester	1 <sup>st</sup> October	15 <sup>th</sup> October

\*Students doing a project in a lab can apply 2 months before the beginning of the project (4 months if the student needs a visa)

## Application procedure

[epfl.ch/education/international/en/coming-to-epfl/](http://epfl.ch/education/international/en/coming-to-epfl/)

# Academic Information

## Academic Structure

Bachelor = 3 years  
Master = 2 years

## Language of instruction

Bachelor classes are taught in French and to some extent in English. The [offer](#) varies from one section to another. Master courses are mainly taught in [English](#).

## Language requirements

Based on the language of instructions of the courses, it is strongly recommended to have a B2 level in French and/or in English. No certificate is required.

## Credit system

ECTS (European Credit Transfer System)  
Workload for a full-time student:  
30 ECTS per semester  
60 ECTS per academic year

## Marking system

Excellent 6.0	Nearly sufficient 3.5
Very good 5.5	Insufficient 3.0
Good 5.0	Poor 2.5
Satisfactory 4.5	Very poor 2.0
Pass 4.0	Non measurable 1.0

## Official Transcript of Records

Sent to the exchange students by postal mail one month after the end of the examination period.

# Practical Information

## Accommodation

[go.epfl.ch/housing](http://go.epfl.ch/housing)

## Language Course

(Only French courses for exchange students)

2 weeks intensive French course:

*Fall semester* Course starts mid- August.  
Application deadline: mid-July

*Spring semester* Course starts mid-January  
Application deadline: mid-December

Online application: [go.epfl.ch/modules-french](http://go.epfl.ch/modules-french)  
Courses are free of charge for exchange students.

## Visa

[go.epfl.ch/visa-en](http://go.epfl.ch/visa-en)

It takes up to three months to get a visa.

## Insurance

[go.epfl.ch/insurances](http://go.epfl.ch/insurances)