



Information Sheet – Exchanges 2025-2026

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go.epfl.ch/contacts-incoming

Studies

Semester periods

Autumn semester 2025: 08.09.2025 - 19.12.2025

Spring semester 2026: 16.02.2026 - 29.05.2026

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

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

Projects in laboratories are only open for students who already completed at least 2 years at the Bachelor level.

Restricted courses

Please be mindful of the restricted courses list: 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 st April	15 th April
Autumn semester	1 st April	15 th April
Spring semester	1 st October	15 th 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/

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

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
Courses are free of charge for exchange students.

Visa

go.epfl.ch/visa-en

It takes up to three months to get a visa.

Insurance

go.epfl.ch/insurances