Information Sheet – Exchanges 2024-2025
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Studies

Semester periods
Autumn semester 2024: 09.09.2024 - 20.12.2024
The academic year will be starting as of the Autumn semester 2024 one week before previous years and a week break will take place in October.

Spring semester 2025: 17.02.2025 - 30.05.2025

Examination periods
Winter session: 13.01.2025 - 01.02.2025
Summer session: 16.06.2025 - 05.07.2025

Courses and study plans
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

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)

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*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 semester

Practical Information

Accommodation
go.epfl.ch/housing

Language Course
(Only French courses for exchange students)
2 weeks intensive French course:
End of August – application deadline: mid-July
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