Switzerland is situated in the heart of Europe and is renowned for its incredibly beautiful landscapes featuring numerous mountainous areas and lakes. The country boasts a world-class higher education sector: its high performance is based on innovation, academic excellence and practice-oriented training. Consequently, Switzerland ranks among the most competitive and innovative countries in the world.

Although a small country, Switzerland offers a diverse higher education system where exchange and mobility projects are promoted. The very high quality of life and cultural diversity make Switzerland a special place to be.

### LIVING

Cost of Living
Depending on the university location, area of study and personal needs, the estimated cost is around CHF 1,800 a month.

Accommodation
Finding accommodation can be difficult depending on the place you want to stay. International students are advised to look for accommodation in good time.

Health Insurance
Basic insurance coverage is compulsory for all persons living for more than three months in Switzerland. International students may be exempt in specific cases.

Entry, Visa & Residence Permits
Students from EU/EFTA countries must register with the competent cantonal authority and apply for a residence permit within 14 days of arrival in Switzerland. Students from non-EU/EFTA countries must apply for a visa prior to entering Switzerland. The visa application process takes at least eight weeks.

### UNIVERSITIES

#### Switzerland’s university system is based on three pillars: fundamental research, applied sciences and arts, and teacher education. Each university type serves a specific purpose in the Swiss education, research and innovation sector. Check out the specific profiles online.

### UNIVERSITIES OF TEACHER EDUCATION

- Bern University of Teacher Education, www.piem.ch
- Department of Education and Learning (DFL), www.asup-ch.unifr.ch
- School University of Teacher Education, www.phaz.ch
- St. Gallen University of Teacher Education, www.pghep.ch
- Swiss Federal Institute of Sport Magglingen SFiSM, www.sfi-sm.ch
- Teacher Training University Schaffhausen, www.phsh.ch
- Thurgau University of Teacher Education, www.ultu.ch
- University of Fribourg, Institute of Teacher Education, www.ufb.ch
- University of Geneva, Institute of Teacher Education, www.unige.ch/iufe
- University of Teacher Education Berne, www.ph-berne.ch
- University of Teacher Education Solothurn, www.phsol.ch
- University of Teacher Education in the Canton of Vaud, www.hep-lausanne.ch
- University of Teacher Education of Lausanne, www.hepl.ch
- University of Teacher Education of Geneva, www.hepg.ch
- University of Teacher Education in the Canton of Vaud, www.hepl.ch
- Zurich University of Teacher Education, www.phzg.ch

### UNIVERSITIES OF APPLIED SCIENCES AND ARTS

- Bern University of Applied Sciences, www.tuh.ch
- ETH Zurich – Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, www.ethz.ch
- University of Applied Sciences of the Grisons, www.supsi.ch
- University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland (SUPSI), www.susn.ch
- University of Applied Sciences and Arts of the Grisons, www.susg.ch
- Teacher Training University Schaffhausen, www.phsh.ch
- Swiss Education System? www.phbern.ch
- Berne University of Teacher Education, www.phbern.ch
- University of St.Gallen (HSG), www.unifr.ch
- University of Neuchâtel, www.unil.ch
- University of Geneva, www.unige.ch
- University of Fribourg, www.unifr.ch
- University of Bern, www.unibe.ch
- Universität der Schweiz (USI), www.usi.ch
- University of Applied Sciences and Arts, www.arts.unifr.ch
- University of Applied Sciences of the Grisons, www.susg.ch
- Thurgau University of Teacher Education, www.ultu.ch
- University of Fribourg, Institute of Teacher Education, www.ufb.ch
- University of Teacher Education of Lausanne, www.hepl.ch
- University of Teacher Education in the Canton of Vaud, www.hep-lausanne.ch
- University of Teacher Education in the Canton of Vaud, www.hepl.ch
- Zurich University of Teacher Education, www.phzg.ch

### STUDYING

Degree Programmes
Bachelor, Master, PhD & Continuing Education: Switzerland’s degree system fully corresponds to the European standard.

Study Programmes
All the programmes offered at Swiss universities are listed online. Filter by university type, language of instruction, level and field of study, and find your programme.

Admission
All universities are autonomous and set their own admission criteria. Check the admission conditions on the website of your preferred university, or contact the institution directly.

Tuition Fees
Public universities have moderate tuition fees: mostly between CHF 500 and CHF 2,000 per semester.

Working While Studying
International students may work a maximum of 15 hours per week during their studies, and up to 100 per cent during semester breaks.

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