Information Sheet – Exchanges 2023-2024

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Studies

Semester periods
Autumn semester 2023: 19.09.2023 - 22.12.2023
Spring semester 2024: 19.02.2024 - 31.05.2024

Examination periods
Winter session: 15.01.2024 - 03.02.2024
Summer session: 17.06.2024 - 06.07.2024

Courses and study plans
go.epfl.ch/studies
Exchange students are requested to register for 20-30 ECTS / semester
Courses in Management of Technology and Financial Engineering are restricted (conditions will be updated in April on our website).

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.
Academic Structure
Bachelor = 3 years
Master = 2 years

Language of instruction
Bachelor program: French (mainly) & English (depending on programs). Master program: English (mainly) & French.

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

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

Nomination & Application deadlines
Academic year: 15th April
Autumn semester: 15th April
Spring semester: 15th October

Project in a lab: 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/

Practical Information
Accommodation
go.epfl.ch/housing

Language Course
Intensive French Course:
Mid-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