



Information Sheet – Exchanges 2024-2025

Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)

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Contacts

Student Exchange Office	sac-exchange-in@epfl.ch	For questions regarding your application and admission.
Academic Exchanges Advisors in the departments	go.epfl.ch/contacts-incoming	For questions regarding your studies, course plan, Learning Agreement
Student Services Desk	go.epfl.ch/student-services	For all your other questions

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 & Studies at EPFL

Semester periods	Autumn semester 2024: 09.09.2024 - 20.12.2024 <i>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.</i>
	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	Online registration for your courses no later than 2 weeks after the semester starts. Registration opens in August for the autumn semester and in December for the spring semester.
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.
Academic Structure	Bachelor = 3 years Master = 2 years
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
Integration activities	ESN EPFL is a student association which welcomes and supports international students: http://epfl.esn.ch They organise a Welcome Week for you the week before the semester starts, as well as integration activities during the semester