

Information Sheet – Exchanges 2024-2025

Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)

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Erasmus Code: CH LAUSANN06

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)

	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 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