HEC Lausanne, the Faculty of Business and Economics of the University of Lausanne (UNIL), is located in a unique and safe environment by Lake Geneva with the Swiss Alps as a backdrop. Public transport connects the campus to the city centre in just 10 minutes. The campus also has exceptional sporting and leisure facilities as well as fast and easy transport connections to Geneva’s international airport and all major European cities.

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**About COVID-19**

www.unil.ch/coronavirus
languages

Language of instruction
Bachelor programs are taught in French with a selection of courses in English. At the Master level courses are mostly in English.

Language requirements
Students are not required to pass any language proficiency test. A minimum level of B2 according to the “Common European Framework of Reference for Languages” is expected in French and/or English depending on the language of instruction of the courses attended by the student.

French courses
School of French as a Foreign Language: [www.unil.ch/fle](http://www.unil.ch/fle)
Cours de vacances: [www.unil.ch/cvac](http://www.unil.ch/cvac)

nomination deadlines

For coordinators

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Exchange students should be nominated by the exchange coordinator at their home university using our nomination form sent from hec.incoming@unil.ch. Then, students will receive our online application and the relevant information for their exchange at HEC Lausanne by email.

academic calendar 2022-2023

**autumn semester**
- Welcome day (compulsory): Thursday, September 15, 2022
- First day of classes: Tuesday, September 20, 2022
- Last day of classes: Friday, December 23, 2022
- Examination session: Friday, January 13 to Saturday, February 4, 2023

**spring semester**
- Welcome day (compulsory): Friday, February 17, 2023
- First day of classes: Monday, February 20, 2023
- Easter break: Friday, April 7 to Friday, April 14, 2023
- Last day of classes: Friday, June 2, 2023
- Examination session: Monday, June 12 to Saturday, July 8, 2023

**retakes**
- Examination session: Monday, August 21 to Saturday, September 9, 2023

More information: [www.unil.ch](http://www.unil.ch) (select: Academic Calendar)
course registration
and academic information

Courses
Bachelor exchange students are allowed to take courses only in the 2nd and/or 3rd year of the Bachelor program (undergraduate). In order to attend Master courses (graduate), exchange students must have completed a Bachelor’s degree or a minimum of 3 years’ specialized studies (a minimum of 180 ECTS credits). Some courses may require specific prerequisites and the approval of the Master programs director.

General course catalogue
http://hec.unil.ch/hec/timetables/index.html

Lists of courses for exchange students
www.unil.ch/hec/exchange/choice-of-courses

Courses outside HEC Lausanne
An exchange student registered at HEC Lausanne is allowed to take courses in the other faculties of the University. A limited number of courses at the EPFL (Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne) are also open to students on request at the beginning of the semester.

Registration
Students do not have to register to attend the courses, except for a few mentioned in the syllabus. However registration for exams is mandatory.
Registration dates for exams: www.unil.ch/hec/exchange/exams
Exchange students are expected to take their exams during the official exam sessions in the same conditions as regular students.

Format of examinations
Written, oral or seminar

Full time course load
30 ECTS credits per semester (14 weeks of classes)

Transcripts
An official transcript is sent by email to the exchange coordinator of the home university approximately two weeks after the end of the examination session.

grading system

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living costs

The minimum cost of living for a student is approximately CHF 1'900 per month. This includes food and personal care, housing, health insurance, books and school supplies.

Accommodation: Residence halls on/off-campus, rooms in private homes and shared apartments with other students. The cost is minimum CHF 600 to 800 per month.

More information: www.unil.ch (select: Admissions > FAQ & useful information > Practical > Living costs and study costs)

accommodation

UNIL has a new student residence on-campus, the Vortex. It is a vibrant area with many facilities.

Students who wish to live in an on/off-campus residence should contact the Fondation Maisons pour Étudiants (www.fmel.ch/en), and indicate that they are exchange students.

Students may ask for information about other housing options at the Social Affairs and Student Mobility Service (SASME) of the UNIL (www.unil.ch/sasme).

We recommend that exchange students try finding a room as soon as possible as there is a shortage in accommodation in the Lausanne area.

health insurance

CHF 150 - CHF 300 per month.

Foreign students must have a health and accident insurance coverage that complies with Swiss regulations. If a foreign health and accident insurance does not offer the minimum coverage required by Swiss law, the exchange student will have to contract a Swiss health and accident insurance for international students. European students can benefit from the minimum coverage required by Swiss law if they have a European Health Insurance Card.

More info: www.unil.ch/international/insurance

student services

Information for exchange students: https://www.unil.ch/international

ESN UNIL (Erasmus Student Network) organizes trips and social activities: https://unil.esn.ch /email: esn@asso-unil.ch

Computer Center UNIL: https://www.unil.ch/ci

Sport facilities: https://sport.unil.ch

Libraries: https://www.bcu-lausanne.ch

Support and Assistance: https://www.unil.ch/etudiants/support-assistance

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