Information for International Master’s Students

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Matriculation at UZH

In brief: **follow instructions in your UZH Acceptance Letter**

In more detail:

1. Use [contact form](#) to provide **Swiss address** (where you can receive post)
2. Invoice for semester fees will be made available to you online; pay it as soon as possible
3. Once UZH receives your payment, you will be sent your proof of matriculation vouchers and your student card by post, plus your UZH credentials online
4. Use your UZH credentials (shortname, password) to book your modules

*Please note that it can take up to two weeks to receive your documents by post.*
Administrative Issues
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Student Card

- Validating your student card = print your information on your student ID
- This includes your study level, student number, VSUZH and ASVZ logos
- ➔ «Validation Stations»

You will need the card for
- Identification at the University (e.g. at examinations, for libraries etc.)
- Pass for special prices in the cafeterias
- Print, copy and scan at UZH multifunction devices: ➔UZH Print plus
- Student discounts outside of the university
- Electronic access to buildings and facilities if the card is enabled for access rights
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Contact Details and Technical Setup

Change your contact information on the UZH Student Portal

- E.g. your home Address if you move
- You can do this ➔ here

Your UZH Email Account

- ➔ First steps in setting up your account. Make sure you check your UZH e-mail account regularly!
- With your UZH email account you will have access to ➔ Microsoft 365 (Outlook)
- UZH uses two-factor authentification

UZH for Students

- You can also access lots of other information ➔ here
Student Portal and OLAT

**Student Portal**

- Check your course schedule* and your exam results on your [UZH Student Portal](https://www.student.uzh.ch) (through Microsoft Online)

- UZH Student Portal [Tutorials](https://www.student.uzh.ch/tutorials)

* Modules will only show up in your course schedule after you have booked them.

If you have **IT problems with either**, please visit or call the [IT Service Desk](https://www.it-uzh.ch/de/service-dec/kontakt.html)

**OLAT**

OLAT (= **Online Learning And Training platform**) is used by most lecturers at UZH to manage their courses and to share course material with you.

- [Login OLAT](https://www.olahub.uzh.ch) (use your UZH login data)
- [OLAT Tutorials](https://www.student.uzh.ch/olahub/tutorials)
Module Booking – Module Cancelation

- You can only book modules during the module booking period / after you have paid your semester fees.
- Take into account the different booking and cancellation deadlines.
- Don’t miss cancellation deadlines for module you no longer want! If you miss it and don’t complete the module, it will reflect as a failed attempt in your transcript.

Helpful information on booking modules (or contact your faculty directly): General information on how to book modules, requirements etc.

- Canceling exams
- Petitions for canceling exams due to illness must be handed in to the dean’s office of your faculty before the exam is taken.
Organizational Issues
Registering for a Residence Permit

- Within 14 days of arrival in your district of residence (and in the Canton that issued your visa) with → these documents
- If you live outside the city of Zurich you will need to visit the so-called «Einwohnerkontrolle»
- Make sure to keep your residence permit on you at all times, esp. when traveling
- Don’t forget that you need to → extend your residence permit every year
Registration at the Personenmeldeamt

- Registration can be made by appointment only:

  ➔ General registration link

  ➔ Special registration link for UZH students (slots available in September)

  Link 2: In the city of Zurich, please book an appointment online to register at the office at Fabrikstrasse 3, 8005 Zurich (tram stop Quellenstrasse). If you fill out this form and send it with the required documents in advance to students@zuerich.ch this will expedite the process.

  Payments are ideally to be made by credit card.

- Following registration, all newcomers will be asked to make an appointment at the Migration Office Zurich for the registration of their biometric identification.
In Brief

- Under Swiss law it is mandatory to get sufficient health insurance coverage within 3 months of your arrival.
- After registering for a residence permit you will receive a letter stating the same from the municipal health authorities. Please keep this letter.

We will be holding an information session dedicated solely to health insurance in October 2023 (details to follow).

In the meantime, have a look at our Information Sheet „Health Insurance“ to get an idea of what you will need to do.
UZH Services
Global Student Experience

Academic and Administrative Support

Academic Advisory Services

- Each faculty has its own student advisory service
- Academic advisory services by faculty

Administrative Support (Student Services)

- After enrollment, and for anything related to fees, exam results, student cards etc. please contact the Student Administration Office
- Before enrollment, and for anything related to enrollment, submitting extra documentation to your admission etc. please contact the Admissions Office
UZH (Advisory) Services Overview

- Career Services
- Disability Office
- ETH/UZH Housing Office
- IT Service Desk
- Office for Gender Equality
- Student Advisory Services

- Student Associations
- UZH “How-Tos” (Youtube)
- UZH now App
Learning Languages at the Self-Access Center

Grüezi Guten Tag Bonjour Buongiorno Bun Di Hello Buenos Días Goedendag God Dag Hyvää Päivää Dzięń Dobry Merhaba Tungjatjeta Jó Napot Zdravstvuyte გე ოსაς こんにちは こんにちは こんにちは こんにちは こんにちは
About Us

- **Self-Access Center (SAC) / Selbstlernzentrum (SLZ):** We are a library for autonomous learning of foreign languages
- **Staff:** two teachers from the language center and ten students, each of us responsible for at least one language

Our Teaching Activities

- The Self-Access Center offers a range of learning activities (e.g. language get-togethers, writing workshops, games events, film clubs, and book clubs). These are designed to support your autonomous and cooperative language learning.
Locations and Opening Hours

- The Language Center's Self-Access Center (SAC) is located at two campuses, at the University Zentrum campus at Rämistrasse 74 and at the ETH Hönggerberg campus in the Architecture and Civil Engineering Library (HIL E2).

- Important: You will need a [Swisscovery account](#) in order to use their services
Broadden your horizons and become innovative creators of tomorrow!

With the UZH School for Transdisciplinary Studies (STS), you can:

• gain interdisciplinary knowledge and learn how to create an impact in areas such as sustainability, digital transformation, ethics, civic engagement, the future of mobility, and many more
• develop unconventional and innovative solutions
• acquire transversal competencies and Future Skills
• collaborate with students from various backgrounds and find inspiring new connections
• earn ECTS Credits

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School for Transdisciplinary Studies

Three highlights in the upcoming Fall Semester 2023

**UZH Innovathon: The Digitalization of Mobility**
- MA, PhD // 6 ECTS Credits
Contribute to a more sustainable future by tackling real challenges from industry partners during the design sprint!

**Thinking (About) Machines**
- BA, MA // 3 ECTS Credits
Learn about the philosophy of AI and create a sustainable and accessible platform for students to reflect creatively on AI developments!

**Value-based Design Approach for Emerging Technologies**
- MA, PhD // 2 ECTS Credits
Ethics, Values, and Innovation: Develop skills for navigating emerging technologies responsibly!

Find more electives on our [website](#)
ACADEMIC SPORTS ASSOCIATION ZURICH
About the ASVZ

- Academic Sports Association Zurich/Akademischer Sportverband Zürich
- University sports organization of Zurich (ETH Zurich/University of Zurich/ ZFH)
- offers all students, employees and further members of the universities a voluntary sports program
- five main sport centers
  - Polyterrasse
  - Irchel
  - Fluntern
  - Hönggerberg
  - Winterthur
- different further locations in Zurich (also in Winterthur and Wädenswil)
Participation

Welcome to the ASVZ! Register online via ASVZ app or asvz.ch and start moving.
Psychologische Beratungsstelle

Psychological Counseling Services
Psychological Counseling Services

– Professional counseling can help you overcome difficult phases in life, troubles in your studies and conflicts arising during the course of doctoral study. We are here to offer quick and effective support – also in the case of an acute crisis. Our therapists are all clinical psychologists with qualifications in psychotherapy.

– The counseling services are available to all matriculated students and PhD candidates at UZH and ETH Zurich.

– The sessions are confidential and free of charge.

– We offer counseling in German, English, Dutch, French and Polish, and one counseling session lasts 30–50 minutes.
You can come to us with all kinds of issues, for example

- problems in a relationship or family problems
- dealing with stress, test anxiety, procrastination, writer’s block, starting a phd, conflict management for phd candidates
- cultural integration
- psychological assessment
- crisis intervention
- ...
VSUZH – YOUR STUDENT ASSOCIATION AT UZH

Representing each and every student and their interests toward the university, the public and political actors.

At UZH you’ll find three types of student organizations; Fachvereine representing the students of a subject, StudOrgs for a specific topic (ex. culture, ecology, sport...) and VSUZH, your student association.

For an overview simply google [uzh student organizations]
Free legal consultation for any questions around your flat, work, exams and all else

Our Impulsfabrik, a hub for any new projects you’d like to launch around the UZH

Nightline offers psychological counsel regarding any issues around family, friends, love, stress, sleep...
Great having you at UZH!
Get in touch and stay up to date:
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www.vsuzh.ch
Life in «Züri»
Global Student Experience

Life in Zurich
Useful Apps and Information

Apps for Public Transportation

- → SBB (for Switzerland and beyond, plus you can get tickets directly on the app)
- → ZVV (for Zurich)

Other resources

- App for a → map of Switzerland (for hiking etc.)
- → TWINT for payments/transfering money easily (you will need a Swiss bank account for this)

More Resources

- → Things to do in Zurich
- → Events in Zurich
- → KulturZüri for all kinds of things
- → Stadtkonzerte for concerts
- → Living in Zurich

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Thank you!