Study abroad in Switzerland
Good to know

Languages

Modules taught in English

- Aviation
- Computer Science
- Data Science
- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Systems Engineering
- Engineering and Management
- Master of Science in Engineering
  (11 profiles)

Transport Systems and Energy and Environmental Engineering are taught in German.

Advantages

Benefits and opportunities

- Gain up to 30 ECTS credits per semester corresponding to a full semester load
- Receive practically oriented and research-based education – our research results are continually incorporated into our teaching
- Profit from our excellent infrastructure
- Work on industry-based projects during the semester
- Carry out larger industry-based projects of two to three months’ duration (project internships)
- Interact with local and international students
- Join the free sports programme with a wide range of activities
- Apply for a scholarship
‘The stay abroad helped me to find my feet in a new environment. I consider the ZHAW School of Engineering to be a great university and would recommend anyone who wants to develop their skills and gain new experience to come here.’

Joaquin Cavero Cahis
Exchange student
Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Barcelona (Spain)

School of Engineering
Innovation meets tradition

Founded in 1874 as the Technikum Winterthur, the School of Engineering is an educational establishment with a long tradition. Today it is one of eight Schools belonging to ZHAW Zurich University of Applied Sciences, Switzerland’s largest multidisciplinary university of applied sciences with over 13,500 students.

Ever since it was founded, it has been closely associated with the development of Swiss engineering. It maintains close contacts with private enterprise and important research institutions. Students also benefit from the collaboration with partners from private enterprise, e.g. when carrying out projects and completing degree theses on behalf of companies, and in the form of current case studies cited in lectures.
Location

Study in the heart of Europe

The main campus of the ZHAW School of Engineering is located in Winterthur. The campus is directly adjacent to the town centre. Winterthur offers a high standard of living. The historic city and its parks provide green spaces to enjoy and lots of cultural events – including our own famous Tailcoat Week and Parade and the Night of Engineering – making for a vibrant experience all year round.

Winterthur is Switzerland’s sixth largest city and 20 minutes away by public transport from the metropolis of Zurich, where the ZHAW School of Engineering also has a campus. Additionally, Winterthur is only 15 minutes from the airport.

The Zurich region is home to Switzerland’s biggest population. It is regarded as Switzerland’s economic centre due to the many global companies in the industry and service sectors based there.

Zurich is situated in the heart of Switzerland, and in the very centre of Europe. Whether you want to explore the diverse regions of Switzerland – its mountains, lakes and cities – or the rest of Europe, Zurich is the perfect starting point. The largest train station in Switzerland will connect you to all Swiss towns and cities, as well as many beyond the border. Most European capitals – from Madrid to Stockholm – are less than a three-hour flight away.
Application

Application process

If you study at one of our partner universities, your nomination will be made through your international office. Otherwise you can contact our international relations office directly.

The following deadlines apply:

- Autumn semester: 1 May
- Spring semester: 1 November

Application requirements

- You should have completed four semesters at your home university and have a good academic record
- For Bachelor courses in English, a B2 level certificate in English is required
- For courses in German, a B2 level certificate in German is required
- For the master’s programme, a C1 level certificate in English is mandatory

Living

Accommodation

In Winterthur and Zurich, various organisations offer reasonably priced accommodation for ZHAW students. You can find further information on our website.

Cost of living

Depending on your lifestyle, the cost of living is in the region of CHF 1,500 per month including accommodation. Incoming students completing a SEMP/Erasmus+ exchange semester are supported with a contribution of about CHF 400 per month and can apply for a ZHAW School of Engineering scholarship – up to CHF 2,000 per semester. Overseas students can apply for a ZHAW School of Engineering scholarship of up to CHF 3,000 per semester.