

Exchange Fact Sheet

for Partner Universities

ZHAW School of Life Sciences and Facility Management (LSFM), Wädenswil

Wädenswil is a small town of around 26,000 people, located just a short distance from Zurich. Despite its proximity to the city, it has its own distinct identity and offers a wide range of activities and cultural events. Situated on the left bank of Lake Zurich, close to a variety of leisure areas, it is an attractive place to live and study.

The School of Life Sciences and Facility Management in Wädenswil is one of the leading centres of expertise for food, health, society, and the environment. Its researchers are actively involved in international networks in these fields and frequently participate in EU projects. Exchange students from all around the world profit from its attractive study programmes and summer schools.

Student exchange information

Courses in English

The following [link](#) provides an overview of degree programmes that include modules taught in English. Since not all modules are offered in English and availability may vary by semester, please check the module notes carefully.

Language support

The LSFM offers free German language courses for beginner and intermediate learners (2 ECTS). English is widely spoken in Switzerland, and staff members are always happy to provide support where needed.

Visa information

Depending on their nationality, visitors are subject to different entry requirements. All international students are required to register with the Residents' Registration Office within 14 days of arrival. Students intending to work must obtain a work permit. Further information on the visa application process can be found in our [visa guidelines](#).

Insurance

International students spending an exchange semester or doing an internship at the ZHAW are responsible for arranging their own health, accident and liability insurance. The ZHAW accepts no liability in this regard. Further information can be found [here](#).

Housing

Various organisations in Wädenswil and the surrounding area offer affordable accommodation for ZHAW students. The WOKO Student Housing Cooperative offers the widest range of options and is usually the best place to start. Further accommodation links can be found on the LSFM [marketplace](#). In addition, ZHAW students who are studying abroad sometimes sublet their rooms to incoming students. In addition, ZHAW students who are studying abroad sometimes sublet their rooms to incoming students on the following website: <https://2023.studentisches-wohnen-waedenswil.ch>

Cost of living

The cost of an academic year depends on several factors. According to previous exchange students, the average cost of living is between CHF 900 and CHF 1,200 per month.

Events for students/services

- Welcome day (orientation and introduction)
- Get-Together Event
- Fondue Evening (winter) and BBQ Event (summer)
- Farewell and Feedback Event
- Buddy service (in cooperation with ESN)
- Free German language courses (2 ECTS)
- Fitness and cardio centre
- Library, canteen and microwave facilities

Discover our campus facilities [here](#).

Nomination deadlines	Autumn semester: 15 th April
	Spring semester: 15 th October
Application deadlines	Autumn semester: 30 th April
	Spring semester: 31 st October
Semester dates	Spring semester: Calendar weeks 8 - 26
including Exam weeks	Autumn semester: Calendar weeks 38 - 5

Nomination & online applications

Exchange students must be nominated by the International Office of their home university. Once nominated, students must also complete an online application. The International Office at ZHAW LSFM will then contact the students directly with further information and a registration link.

Nominations should be sent to:
international.lsfm@zhaw.ch

Language requirements

The recommended language level is B2 for bachelor's programmes and B2+ for master's programmes. The international coordinator at the home university is responsible for confirming the required language proficiency.

Swiss grading scale

Grade (ECTS) - Description:

- 6.0 (A) - excellent
- 5.5 (B) - very good
- 5.0 (C) - good
- 4.5 (D) - satisfactory
- 4.0 (E) - sufficient
- 3.5 and lower (FX/F) - fail

Transcript of Records ToR:

The ZHAW LSFM will issue a Transcript of Records (ToR) no later than 6 weeks after the exam period has finished. The ToR will be sent to the student and their home institution by e-mail (unless an original is requested).

International Office (IO) contacts and general information

Head International Affairs

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Head International Office

Inter-Institutional Agreements/

Staff Exchange (in/out)

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General University Website

www.zhaw.ch/en/lsfm

Website International

www.zhaw.ch/lsfm/international/en

Degree programmes

With seven Bachelor's and five consecutive Master's degree programmes, the ZHAW LSFM offers a large selection of courses to exchange students.



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