



General information for Incoming Students

Grüezi, halo, hoi!

At the Schwyz University of Teacher Education (PHSZ), you are not only a student, but also part of a community where individuals matter. Studying at the PHSZ means being surrounded by nature while remaining conveniently close to Central Switzerland's key attractions, including Zurich, Lake Lucerne, and Berne with its Federal House. Even Italy is just a 3-hours train ride away!

Regular school visits and practical activities provide valuable insights into Swiss primary education and culture.

Personalised learning

The Schwyz University of Teacher Education (PHSZ) is a small institution located in the heart of Switzerland. With around 400 students, we foster a personal academic atmosphere. On our campus, you'll study, discuss, dine, practice sports, and connect with your fellow students. Campus life is diverse, and the student organisation organises concerts, an annual cultural gala, and sport activities.

Education at PHSZ is highly practical. During your internship at a local school, you'll gain a direct insight into the Swiss education system.

Leisure in Central Switzerland

Schwyz and its surroundings offer various leisure activities. Do you enjoy skiing, hiking, swimming in a lake, or biking through picturesque landscapes? Within a short time, you can reach relaxing and exciting destinations from Schwyz.

With convenient public transportation, you can easily travel to well-known destinations, such as Lucerne, Zurich, or Locarno, or get to know Swiss traditions, including carnival, cheese fairs, folkloristic festivals and much more.

Join us

If you value a diverse campus life, are interested in experiencing Swiss schools firsthand, want to engage in various leisure activities, and immerse yourself in Swiss and Schwyz culture, then you are very welcome to join us at the Schwyz University of Teacher Education!

Studying in Switzerland

Follow the links for general information about your stay in Switzerland:

- [Erasmus Student Network Switzerland](#)
- [Federal Department for Foreign Affairs](#)

Accommodation

Basically, incoming students have to find their own accommodation. There is no student housing on the university campus at the Schwyz University of Teacher Education (PHSZ). The following links can help you find accommodation:

www.students.ch www.wgzimmer.ch
www.wg24.ch www.immoscout24.ch
www.studentroom.ch www.roomlala.com

However, we are happy to help you find a suitable accommodation. Please let us know if you require our assistance.

Health, third party liability insurance and accident insurance

You need to make sure that you have sufficient insurance coverage. Individuals staying in Switzerland for more than three months must comply with the compulsory health regulations. Exchange students who already have sufficient insurance coverage in their own country, which also covers health and accident insurance in Switzerland, are exempt. Check your insurance coverage with your medical insurance provider and ask them to issue an insurance card eg. a European Health Insurance Card. We also recommend that you conclude a third party liability insurance which is also valid abroad.

Financial matters

Within the framework of the Swiss European Mobility Programme (SEMP) you will receive a grant from the PHSZ which is in line with the Erasmus regulations. Depending on your individual needs, living costs in Switzerland are approx. CHF 1500 per month. More information can be found on the website of [Movetia](#), the National Agency for Exchange and Mobility.

Visa and entry formalities

You are responsible for your visa and entry formalities. In case you need a visa, please apply in good time to the Swiss embassy or consulate in your own country. EU citizens only need a residence permit. In order to obtain this, you will need to register at the town you are staying at within 14 days after entry into Switzerland and inform them when you leave again. The permit costs between CHF 50 to CHF 100. Detailed information, fact sheets and forms can be found on the websites of local authorities in canton Schwyz www.sz.ch or canton Uri www.uri.ch.

Travelling and public transport

Public transport in Switzerland is excellent, very reliable but also expensive. For longer stays it is worth buying a Swiss Half Fare Card. For more information see <https://www.sbb.ch/en/leisure-holidays/inspiration/international-guests.html>.

Your contact

If you have any questions during your stay at our university, please contact either Irma Schöpfer or Nadine Ehrler.

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Module overview for exchange students at Pädagogische Hochschule Schwyz (PHSZ) / University of Teacher Education

Bachelor of Arts in Primary Education

Spring term (calendar weeks 8/9 - 24)

[Academic Calendar 2016 – 2026](#)



There's a variety of modules to choose from.

Bear in mind that modules numbers 1-3 are mandatory.

Modules	Duration	Language	ECTS	Lecturer	Year	
mandatory	1. assistant teachership / placement in Swiss primary schools	one day per week	German, English	6	Primary Teacher at local school	all years
	2. placement module: Personal project on Swiss Education / assistant teachership	50-60 hours	mother tongue	2	home university	-
	3. German – Language Course	weekly	German	1-2	Student tutor	-
English or French: Foundation Course Foreign Language Methodology (Lecture) <i>FSGL Grundlagen der Fremdsprachendidaktik (Vorlesung)</i> in combination with	weekly (2. Sem.)	English or French	2	English: Nadine Ehrler, Jasmin Melchior	1	
English or French methodology 2 (Seminar 2) <i>ENDE Englischdidaktik Erweiterung</i> <i>FRDE Französischdidaktik Erweiterung</i>	weekly (6. Sem.)	English or French	2	Illya Arnet Regula Stämpfli	2	
English: bilingual instruction (In-depth Study 1: Intensive Study Week) <i>ENBU Bilingualer Unterricht</i>	one-week-seminar (week 18)	English	2	Illya Arnet	3	
Maths: Teaching and Learning in mathematics in primary school. <i>MALL Lehren und Lernen im Mathematikunterricht</i>		German English support from lecturer and student /English script		Michel Hauswirth	2	
Sustainable Development <i>NMUB Umweltbildung – Bildung für eine nachhaltige Entwicklung</i>	weekly	German English support from lecturer and student / English script	2	Jürgen Kühnis		
Crafts: Design and Fashion <i>TGDM Design und Mode</i> Crafts: Movement and Control <i>TGBS Bewegen und Steuern</i>	weekly (3. or 6. Sem.)	German English support from lecturer and student action-oriented	2 2	Andrea Suter Andreas Schälli	2 or 3	
Physical Education: Representation and Dance <i>BSDT Darstellen und Tanzen</i>	weekly (4. Sem.)	German English support from lecturer and student action-oriented	2	Mitch Steffan	2	
Arts: Aesthetical Theory and Practice <i>BGHV Ästhetisches Handeln und Vermitteln</i> Arts: Formation of Concepts and Cognitive Development <i>BGVB Vorstellungsbildung und kognitive Entwicklung</i>	weekly (2. Sem.)	German English support from lecturer and student action-oriented	2 2	Marlene Schenk	1	
Music: Singing and Conducting <i>MRSL Singen und Leiten</i>	weekly (2. Sem.)	German English support from lecturer and student	2	Patrik Bachmann	1	
Music: Classroom music (In-depth Study 1: Intensive Study Week) <i>MRKM Vertiefung Klassenmusizieren</i>	one-week-seminar (calendar week 18) one-week-seminar (calendar week 18)	German English support from lecturer and student	2	Armin Wyrsh	2	
Choir	weekly; Thursday evening	German English support from lecturer and student	1	Hansjörg Römer	all years	
Social Sciences: Time and Space <i>NMRZ Lernen in den Bereichen Raum und Zeit</i>	weekly (2. Sem.)	German English support from lecturer and student	2	Cornelia Grossen	1	
Extracurricular Learning <i>NMAL Ausserschulischer Lernort</i>	weekly	German English support from lecturer and student	2	Cornelia Grossen	-	

