### Fact Sheet for a Mobility Semester

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| **Academic Year** | **Spring Semester**  
Classes begin: **End of February**  
Classes end: **Beginning of June**  
International students should arrive several days before the start of the semester. Usually there will be an introduction event on Friday before the official start of the semester.  
There is a two-week break period during each semester, where students can attend specialized courses or take the time off to travel through Switzerland and Europe.  
Exact dates for each semester: [https://www.phlu.ch/studium/studieren-an-der-ph-luzern/termine-informationen.html](https://www.phlu.ch/studium/studieren-an-der-ph-luzern/termine-informationen.html) | **Autumn Semester**  
Classes begin: **Mid of September**  
Classes end: **End of December (before Christmas)** |
| **Nomination to International Office** | For **Spring Semester**  
December 1st  
Submit to: internationaloffice@phlu.ch  
For **Autumn Semester**  
April 15th  
Submit to: internationaloffice@phlu.ch |
| **Student Application Deadline** | **Spring Semester**  
December 15th  
Online Application Link:  
May 1st |
| **Language Skills** | A **B2** level in English or German is required. |
| **Study Programme** | PH Luzern offers an international programme which can be amended by choosing classes out of the regular course programme. International classes are held in English and, generally, mandatory to all Incoming Students: Global Learning (3 ECTS), Sustainable Development (3 ECTS), Human Rights Education (3 ECTS), Classroom Management (2 ECTS), Literacy Research (2 ECTS), Swiss History (4 or 6 ECTS).  
Please refer to the IO website for more detailed information on our course offerings.  
Upon request, PH Luzern will be able organize practicum experiences in public or private schools (up to 6 ECTS).  
PH Luzern Incoming students can attend a professional German Language course at the University of Lucerne for CHF 250 (2 ECTS; Level A1-A2). |
| **Accommodation** | UTE does not have on-campus housing and international students will need to make their own housing arrangements. However, UTE Lucerne has access to a limited number of student rooms for international students; our office will also gladly assist with information about low-priced housing options. |
| **Support and Cultural Experience** | Receiving a small number of Incoming students per semester allows the PH Luzern International Office to take care of our guest on a very personal basis. The IRO organizes two to three events per Semester (eg. Swiss Dinner, Day Trip, Welcoming Event). Each Incoming student will be supported by a Buddy, who helps to get along at PH Luzern and to catch up with other students. Besides that PH Luzern works closely together with ESN Switzerland: [http://esn.ch/](http://esn.ch/) |
| **Health Insurance** | Insurance complying with the Swiss Obligatory Healthcare Insurance Law is compulsory for anyone wanting to stay in Switzerland. For students from EU countries, the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) will be accepted. Students from Non-EU countries can try to exempt themselves from Swiss insurance by proving that they have a contract with an adequate insurer, which covers all health costs that might occur while staying in Switzerland. For everyone else we recommend a student insurance by Swisscare: [https://swisscare.com/](https://swisscare.com/) |
| **Visa** | Students from EU/EFTA-countries: No Visa required. Students from non-EU/EFTA countries: They have to apply for a Swiss Student Visa at the Swiss Embassy in their home country ([https://www.ch.ch/en/swiss-missions-abroad/](https://www.ch.ch/en/swiss-missions-abroad/)). For the Visa appointment they have to bring along a valid passport; a Letter of Acceptance from PH Luzern, which states the duration of their planned stay in Switzerland; a Curriculum Vitae; a copy of health and liability insurance valid for Switzerland; a confirmation, that the student has financial means for her/his stay in Switzerland (eg. Bank excerpt). Visa proposals cost around CHF 250. |
| **Costs** | Students from our partner universities do not have to pay any tuition or semester fees. Estimated living costs for Lucerne:  

- Student Visa (only non-EU/EFTA): app. CHF 250
- Student accommodation: app. CHF 650 / month
- Books and supplies: app. CHF 50 / month
- Internet: free at University and Student Houses
- Mobile: depending on individual use, app. CHF 20 / month
- Local transportation (not necessary if you buy a bike): CHF 60 / month
- Health Insurance (in not EU/EFTA): app. CHF 150 / month
- Liability Insurance: CHF 100
- Food (self-prepared): app. CHF 300-400 / month
- Lunch at student Cafeteria: CHF 10
- Dinner at a Restaurant: app. CHF 30
- Beer / Coffee / Soft Drink: CHF 5-6

Altogether we estimate that a student will need around 1700 CHF monthly (Everything included). |

*We are looking forward to greeting you at PH Luzern!*