

Information for international students in MAS UTD

Matriculation process

Please note that you have to enrol at the ETH Zurich SCE before you can access any services at EPF Lausanne. You will receive your login and information how to enrol in mystudies in July.

Your EPFL student card and information about your stay at EPFL will be given to you in September during the Welcome Day (see programme to follow).

For more information related to your stay at EPFL, please contact the Student Services Desk: https://www.epfl.ch/education/studies/en/support-and-health/student_desk/

Start of the programme

In September - Introduction Day - Programme to follow

Visa

In case you require a visa for Switzerland (for the Canton of Vaud), we advise you to contact the Swiss representation in your home country (please consult <https://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/entry-switzerland-residence/visa-requirements-application-form.html>) in good time. It usually takes 2-3 months to get a student visa. Switzerland has different administrations, one for each canton. Immigration formalities (visa and residence permit) must be done in the canton where you will study.

The Swiss Embassy or Consulate in your region will be able to tell you what documents you need to enclose with your visa application. One of them is the letter "Admission to MAS programme" that you have already received.

For specific questions regarding the immigration procedure, please contact student.services@epfl.ch.

Residence Permit

You are required to register at the Residents' registration office (Contrôle des habitants) in the commune where you live within 14 days after your arrival in Switzerland. This also applies to Swiss citizen coming from another canton. It may take some weeks to get your residence permit.

First semester in Lausanne - Second semester in Zurich

Important: Please note that non-EU students have to apply for a "Kantonswechsel" (change of canton) to be allowed to move to Zurich (Canton of Zurich). Please arrange this at least 2-3 months before your move. The Migration Office of the Canton of Zurich will require financial proof from you.

Housing

Housing is your own responsibility. Neither EPF Lausanne nor ETH Zurich can guarantee accommodation for international students. We remind you that Zurich and Lausanne are distant by 200 kilometres, so it is difficult to keep the same housing for the autumn and spring semesters.

For information about housing in Lausanne, please see <https://www.epfl.ch/campus/services/housing/en/>.

For information about housing in Zurich, please see the website of the Housing Office of the University / ETH Zurich: <http://www.wohnen.ethz.ch>.

The Housing Office runs its own search platform and publishes an extensive list of further search options: <http://www.wohnen.ethz.ch/en/search-accommodation/further-search-alternatives.html>.

Further Information / General Questions

For general information about studying and living in Lausanne, please see the link: <https://www.epfl.ch/education/studies/>

For general information about studying and living in Zurich, please see the "Handbook for International Students": <https://www.ethz.ch/content/dam/ethz/main/education/internationales/pdf-en/handbook.pdf>.

(Please note: This booklet was designed for incoming Master's (MSc) degree students. The information provided in the text may not be correct for MAS students.)

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