Bridging offer for students from Ukraine with protection status "S"
valid for Autumn Semester 2022 and Spring Semester 2023

The bridging offer is open to students who are currently enrolled at a Ukrainian university and have already studied for at least one year in a field of studies offered by ETH Zurich. The bridging offer is intended to enable students to continue their academic education. Ideally, this may enable students to complete their studies with a degree at the university of origin, at ETH or at another university, but this can in no way be guaranteed. Nor is there an entitlement to later gain admission to one of the study programmes at ETH as a degree-seeking student. Successful applicants are enrolled as mobility students (free movers). Departments that receive a high number of applications may have to restrict the number of students admitted (depending on their capacity).

**Prerequisites**
- minimum of one year of studies at university level completed in a study field offered at ETH by the start of Autumn Semester 2022 (exceptions: degree programmes in Medicine and Public Policy and the Department of Humanities, Social and Political Sciences [D-GESS])
- comparable level of knowledge and skills as ETH students after the first year of the corresponding degree programme
- enrollment at a Ukrainian university in Bachelor's or Master's degree studies until at least February 2022
- The university and the study program started must both be accredited by the state of Ukraine
- on-site presence at ETH (no option for remote studies)
- adequate language skills in English and/or German (depending on the year of study, subject area and chosen courses), at least B2 according to the Common European Framework for Reference for Languages
- registration for a minimum of 10 ECTS credits per semester (excluding language courses)
- eligibility for protection status "S" (see information on application documents)

**Application deadline**
- The deadline has expired for the Autumn Semester on 15 June 2022. Unfortunately, no later applications are possible.
- If applications will open for the Spring Semester 2023 will be announced in approximately October 2022 via this PDF.

**Protection status "S"**
Protection status "S" entails additional security and flexibility compared to other types of residence:
- faster process, less documentation needed
- not dependant on enrollment (if you complete or discontinue your studies)
- possibility to take up employment without delay (after your studies or within certain limits besides your studies)
- social security and health insurance coverage
- no requirement for proof of sufficient financial means
- right to be provided with accommodation
- Transition to a different type of residence permit (e.g. as a student) is possible but probably not the other way around.

Note: This status is governed by the authorities. Please address questions regarding the protection status "S" to them.
Students with protection status "S", please note: The information below overrules any other information on these specific issues which are published on the websites for mobility students.

### Fees
- Tuition fees and compulsory semester fees: waived
- Fees for application: waived

### Visa and registration with the authorities for persons with protection status "S"
- You do not need to apply for a visa beforehand.
- Upon arrival in Switzerland, please register with the nearest federal asylum centre. [For Zurich, consult the information on this website](#) (information leaflet available in English, Ukrainian and Russian). [It is recommended to pre-apply using this form](#) (in German and Ukrainian). We recommend informing the authorities that you intend to or have already been accepted to study at ETH in Zurich (or in Basel, if you are a student of D-BSSE) so that you are allocated to the Canton of Zurich or a neighbouring Canton.
- With protection status "S", you have immediate health insurance coverage. (Questions regarding this will be answered by the authorities.)

### Language courses, activities and learning resources for students and researchers from Ukraine
The Language Center of University Zurich and ETH offers different formats for German as well as English. [Open the separate PDF and learn about each format in detail](#). Contact details are also listed.

### Support and community
- Points of contact for mobility students including advisory and counselling services
- Discovery semester VSETH (buddy programme by the umbrella organisation of all students at ETH)
- Solidarity with Ukraine group on the ETH Point community platform

### Contact
In case of questions, please contact [bridgingstudies@ethz.ch](mailto:bridgingstudies@ethz.ch).

### Application documents
- Photo for student card: portrait format, full-face, well-lit, neutral background; no larger than 800 x 600 pixels (height x width) and 1 MB maximum
- Passport: scan of your passport’s page(s) with your photo and personal details (name, date of birth). If you do not have a valid passport, upload an expired one, a Swiss registration / residence permit (if already issued) or an identity card
- Confirmation of protection status "S": Upload a scan together with your passport. If you have not yet received status "S" but are eligible for the status, you can still apply.
- Transcript of records: Upload as complete of an academic record as possible (official or unofficial versions and – if no English version is available – in Ukrainian or Russian).
- List of courses at home university prior to bridging studies: List of the courses you are currently taking at your home university (if any), which ones you expect to complete before your bridging studies and which ones are not yet listed on your transcript of records. You may make your own list or [use the template](#). Upload a blank template if you have no ongoing courses.
- Confirmation of language skills: minimum B2 (see requirements) for German and/or English (depending on your choice of courses). You only need a language confirmation for the language(s) in which you want to attend courses: If you only want to attend courses taught in English, you only need an English language confirmation, but no German language confirmation; if you want to attend courses in English and German, you need a language confirmation for both languages. Complete and upload the [European Language Portfolio “Language Passport”](#). Upload additional documentation, if available (certificates, language courses, etc.).
- Confirmation of matriculation at a Ukrainian university (e.g. copy of student card, confirmation of enrollment or admission) until at least February 2022
- CV: in English or German
- General terms and conditions: download as part of the application process
Starting the online application process

Begin the process by clicking on this link and follow the procedure outlined below.

Application form

- Enter the required information and submit the form. Whitelist the domain ethz.ch so you are sure to receive ETH e-mails.
- After submitting your form, you will receive an e-mail with details how to set up a user account. After setting it up, you will receive an e-mail with details of how to log in to Mobility-Online to complete your application. You may only submit the application when you have completed all the necessary steps and you must submit it by the given deadline.

Login

Always enter Mobility-Online by entering your details in the upper half of the login page (even after you begin your stay at ETH). Note for Mac users: Activate the "Always show scrollbar" setting. (Otherwise, depending on your browser setting, the scrollbar function may be deactivated and you may not be able to view your workflow correctly.)

Logging in will call up your workflow with all pending steps. Complete these steps by clicking on the link to the corresponding step on the right. The compulsory steps must be completed in the designated order:

1) Adding data
Add an emergency contact. Click on the "edit" button to make changes.

2) Study plan
The next step is to enter the study plan where you list all courses you plan on taking (minimum of 10 ECTS per semester). First, choose your courses from ETH's Course Catalogue. You will find descriptions, information about prerequisites, language of instruction, etc. in the catalogue. Do not indicate "Mobility Students" in your search.

You are generally eligible to take any courses that are not otherwise restricted, provided you meet the courses' prerequisites. However, you cannot register for any courses ending with -AAL. Furthermore, if a course is restricted (e.g., number of participants or primary target group), this is indicated in the course description (tab "Restrictions"). Follow the instructions there if you wish to participate in such a course. Note: Mobility students are not enrolled in a specific BSc or MSc programme and are thus not included in the primary target group of some courses.

If you are applying for the Spring Semester 2023, use the Course Catalogue from the Spring Semester 2022. The definitive courses for the Spring Semester 2023 will only be published in mid-November 2022, however, the Course Catalogue remains quite steady from one year to another.

Then add each of the chosen courses to your study plan in Mobility-Online by clicking on "Enter further courses". You only need to type or copy/paste the course number from the Course Catalogue and autocomplete will fill in the rest (title and number of credits). A search function is also available.
3) Documents

- Upload all the documents required. See the information above for details.
- Only PDF documents are accepted, no images (exception: photo for student card). Ensure that the resolution is good and that scans are of high quality.
- Upload the documents according to the respective step in the application procedure.

If you wish to submit more than one document in one category, you may upload the second document (and any following) by clicking on the paper icon on the top left in the workflow step:

4) Submitting the application

After entering all of your information and uploading the documents, finish the application by confirming that it is complete and by submitting it. You will receive an automatic confirmation by e-mail.

Next steps

- Your application will be checked by ETH according to formal as well as academic criteria and the prerequisites listed above. All applications will be processed only after the application deadline. Departments that receive high numbers of applications may have to restrict the number of students who can be admitted (based on their capacity).
- If your application is accepted, you will receive an e-mail and official confirmation stating that ETH has admitted you for your mobility study period. There will be various further steps for which you will receive corresponding e-mails with instructions. You may log in to Mobility-Online at any time to view what information has already been sent, and which step comes next.

We aim to inform applicants of the application outcome by 22 July 2022.

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