



Core Faculty Data Science































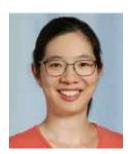








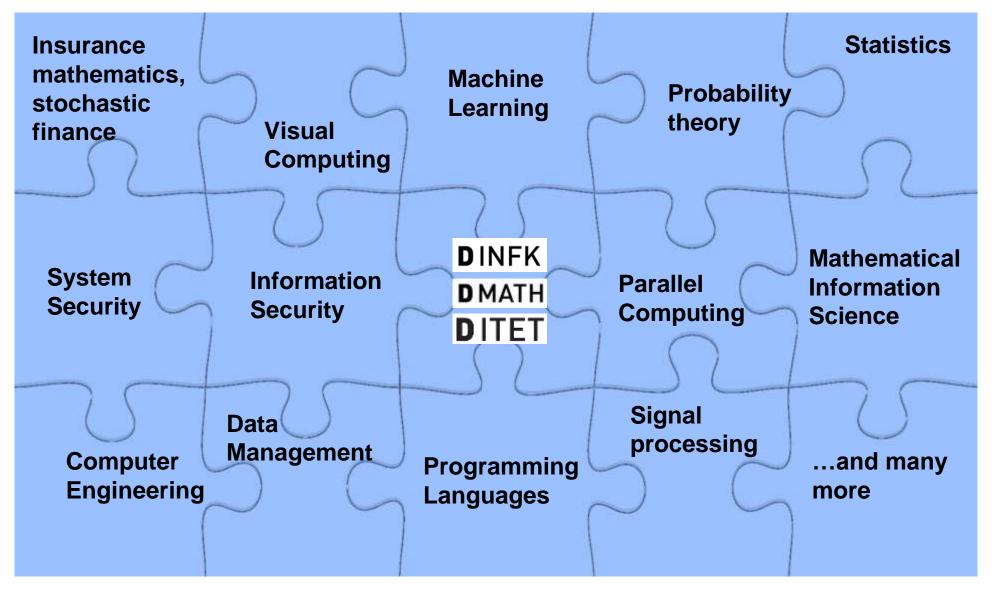






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Broad Spectrum of Topics in Research and Education





Top-Ranked CS Departments Worldwide

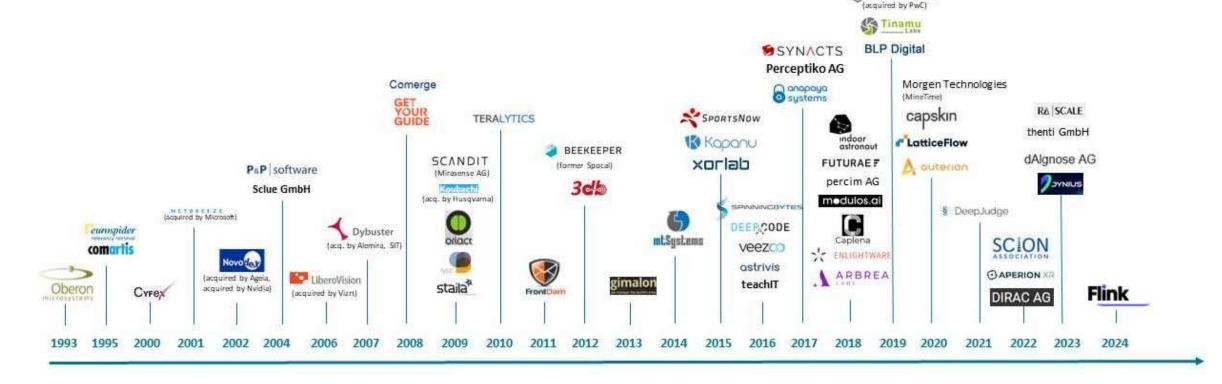


Rank 2024	Institution	Country
1	University of Oxford	United Kingdom
2	Stanford University	United States
3	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	United States
4	Carnegie Mellon University	United States
5	ETH Zurich	Switzerland



Start Your Own Company

58 D-INFK Spin-offs founded since 1993



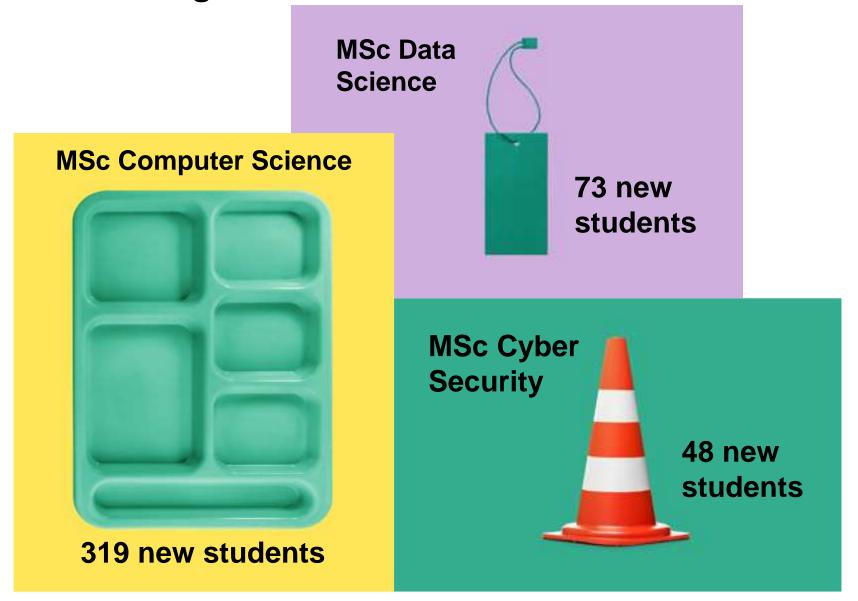


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animatico
(acquired by Nvidia)

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D-INFK Master's Programmes





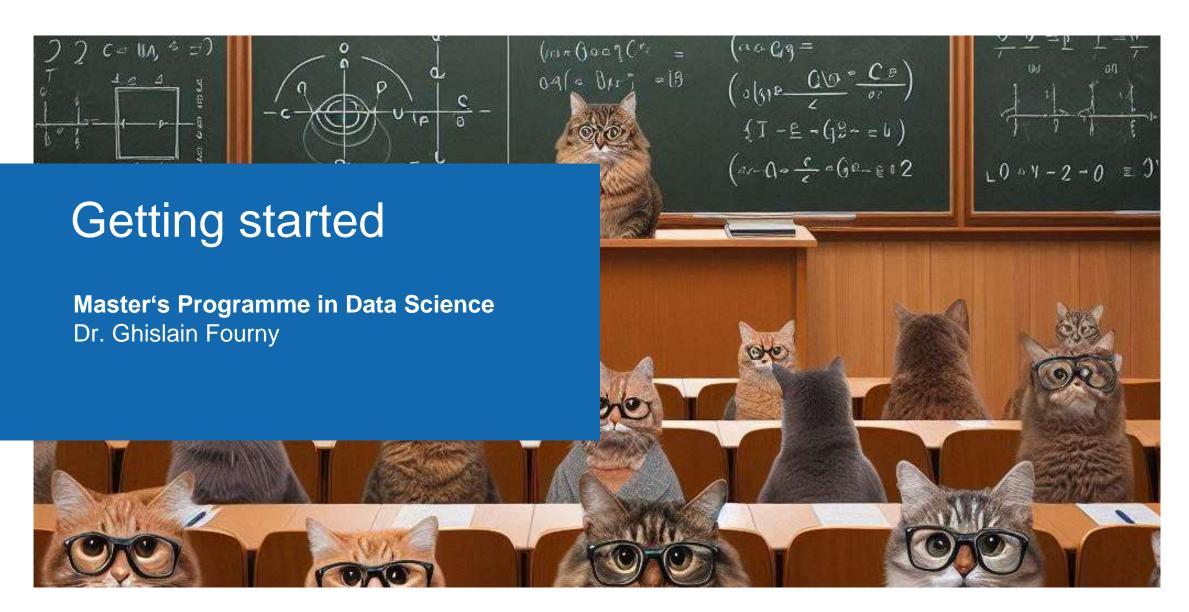
Some Quick Advice

- Take advantage of the unique opportunity of studying at ETH
- Attend classes, interact with your peers, TAs, and faculty

- Work hard, practice self-reflection, seek help when needed
- Make this not only a degree, but a major step in your life and career
- Stay positive and have fun!







A joint programme across three departments

DINFK DMATH DITET

Computer Science

Mathematics

Electrical Engineering

Master's programme in *Data Science*

ETH has 16 departments, identified with four letters (D-AAAA)

Who's who



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Examination regulations

Validation of examination results

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Mentors (Core Data Science Faculty)















Appointed at the start of the studies















Discuss and approve your *learning agreement*















...and many more Professors who can supervise Master's theses.

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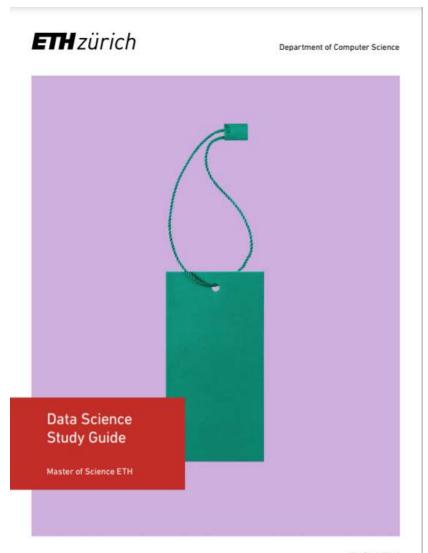


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Study Guide

Read it!



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European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)

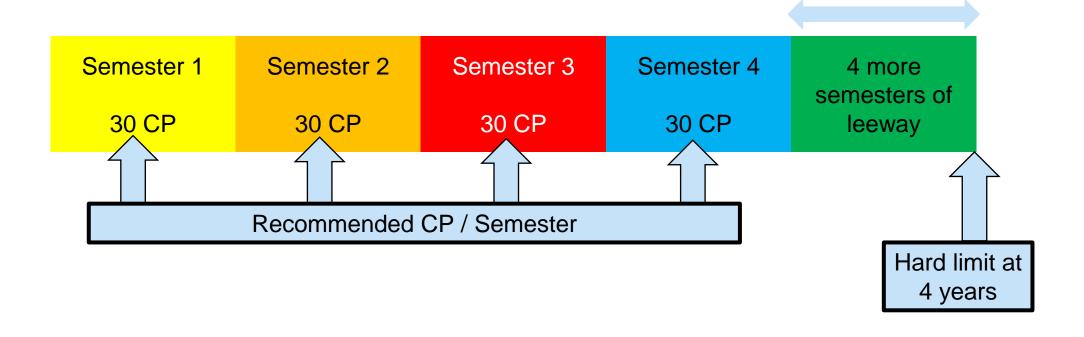
Course completed successfully

→ full amount of ECTS credits is awarded





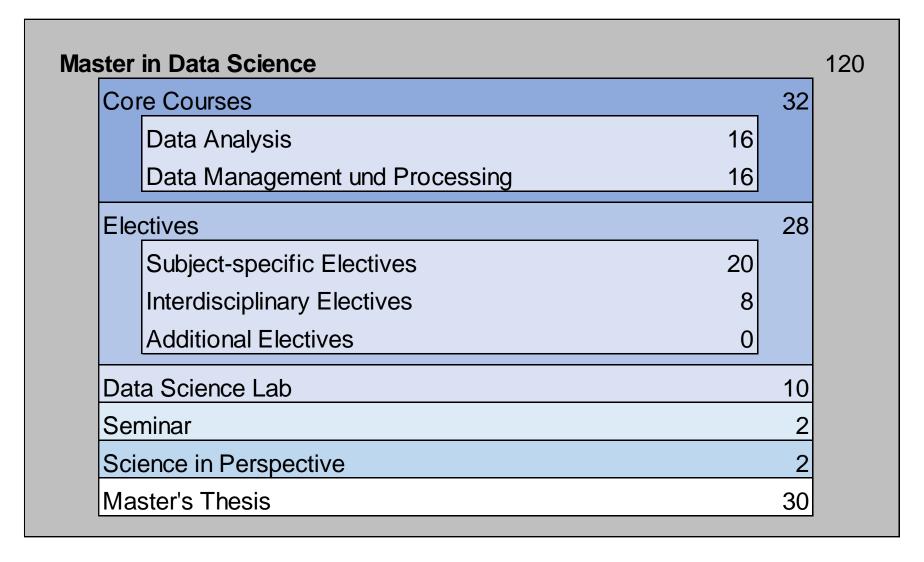
120 Credit Points



The last semester focuses completely on the Master's thesis.

Grading System

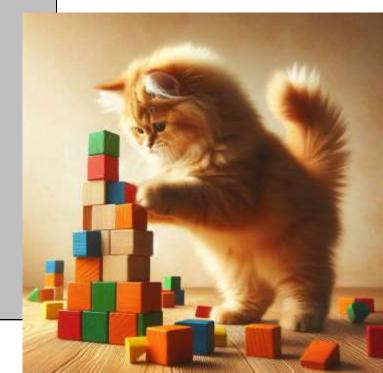
6	Excellent		
5.75	Excellent	Pass: grade ≥ 4	
5.5	Very good	Fail: grade < 4	
5.25	Very good	Tan. grade 4 i	
5	Good		
4.75	Good		
4.5	Satisfactory		
4.25	Satisfactory		
4	Pass		
3	Poor	Every failed examination or project can	
2	Extremely poor	Every failed examination or project can be repeated once .	
1	Not measurable		

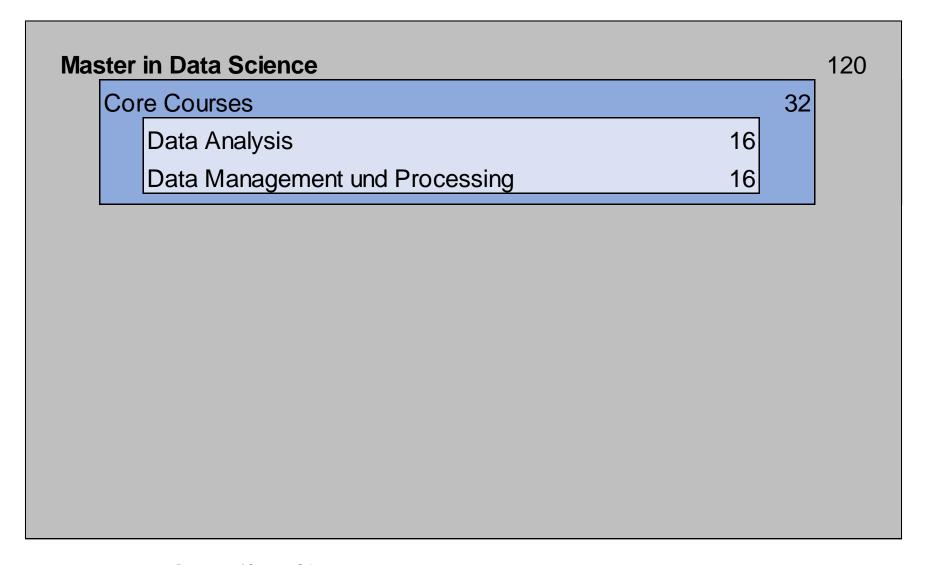


Master in Data Science

120

Minimum required credit points

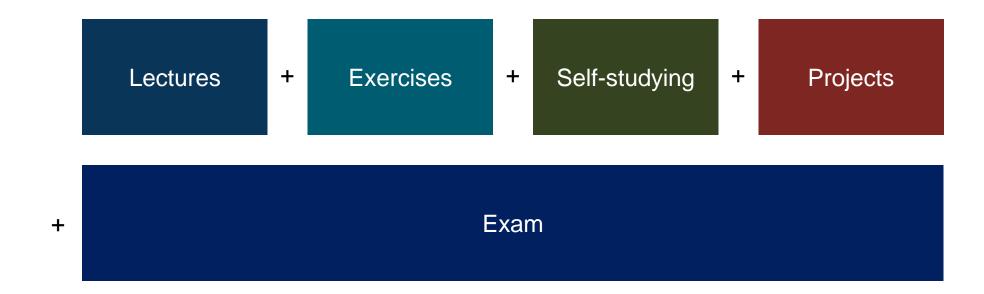




Core courses

High level of competence in Data Science

Solid and sound knowledge basis.



Core courses

Roughly:

At least two here

At least two here

Data Analysis

Advanced Machine Learning (10)

Probabilistic Artificial Intelligence (8)

Mathematics of Information (8)

Mathematics of Data Science (8)

Computational Statistics (8)

Data Management and Processing

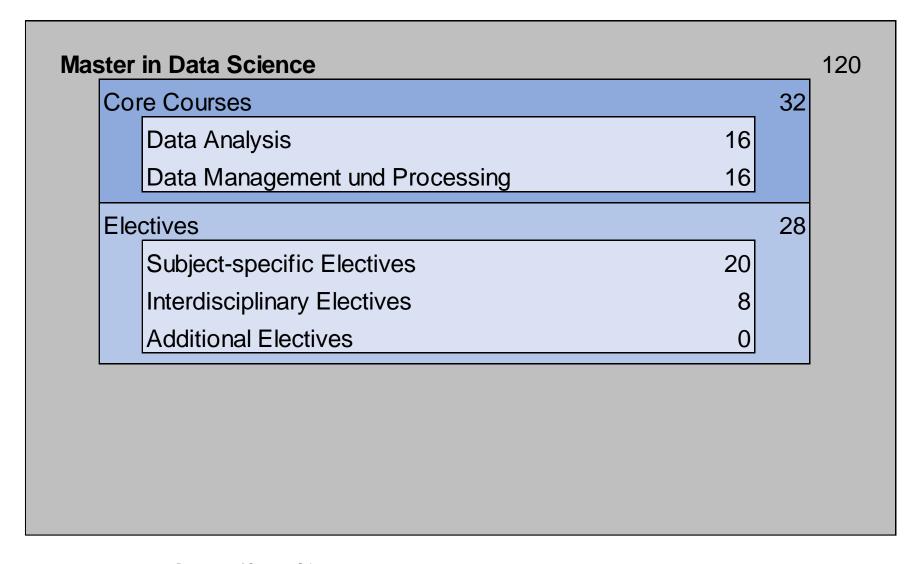
Big Data (10)

Data Management Systems (8)

Optimization for Data Science (10)

Algorithmic Foundations of Data Science (10)

Advanced Algorithms (9)



Electives – Subject Specific Electives

The electives provide a broader education with a higher level of customizability

Data Science Master			
► Master Studies (Progr	ramme Regulations 2023)		
▶ ▶ Electives			
▶ ▶ ▶ Subject-Specific	Electives		
Number	Title	Type ECTS	Hours Lecturers
261-5130-00L	Research in Data Science 🌐 📙	W 6 credits	13A Professors
252-3005-00L	Natural Language Processing 🌖 📙	W 7 credits	3V + 3U + 1A R. Cotterell
263-2400-00L	Reliable and Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence	W 6 credits	2V + 2U + 1A M. Vechev
263-3210-00L	Deep Learning 🚯 📙	W 8 credits	3V + 2U + 2A T. Hofmann
263-5005-00L	Artificial Intelligence in Education 1	W 3 credits	1V + 0.5U M. Sachan
263-5056-00L	Applications of Deep Learning on Graphs ① !! Does not take place this semester.	W 4 credits	2G + 1A G. Rätsch
263-5300-00L	Guarantees for Machine Learning Does not take place this semester.	W 7 credits	3V + 1U + 2A F. Yang
263-5351-00L	Machine Learning for Genomics 🕕 📙	W 6 credits	2V + 2U + 1A V. Boeva
263-5902-00L	Computer Vision 📵	W 8 credits	3V + 1U + 3A M. Pollefeys, S. Tang, F. Yu

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Electives - Interdisciplinary Electives



Bridge the *gap* with other **disciplines cultures mindsets**

8-12 credits

Data Science would not exist without

Data

Electives - Interdisciplinary Electives



Course compilations

- Computational Biology, Bioinformatics, and Biomedicine
- Computer Networks
- Finance & Insurance
- Geographic Information Systems
- Law, Policy, and Innovation
- Neural Information Processing
- Robotics
- Social Networks
- Transport Planning and Systems
- Weather and Climate Systems

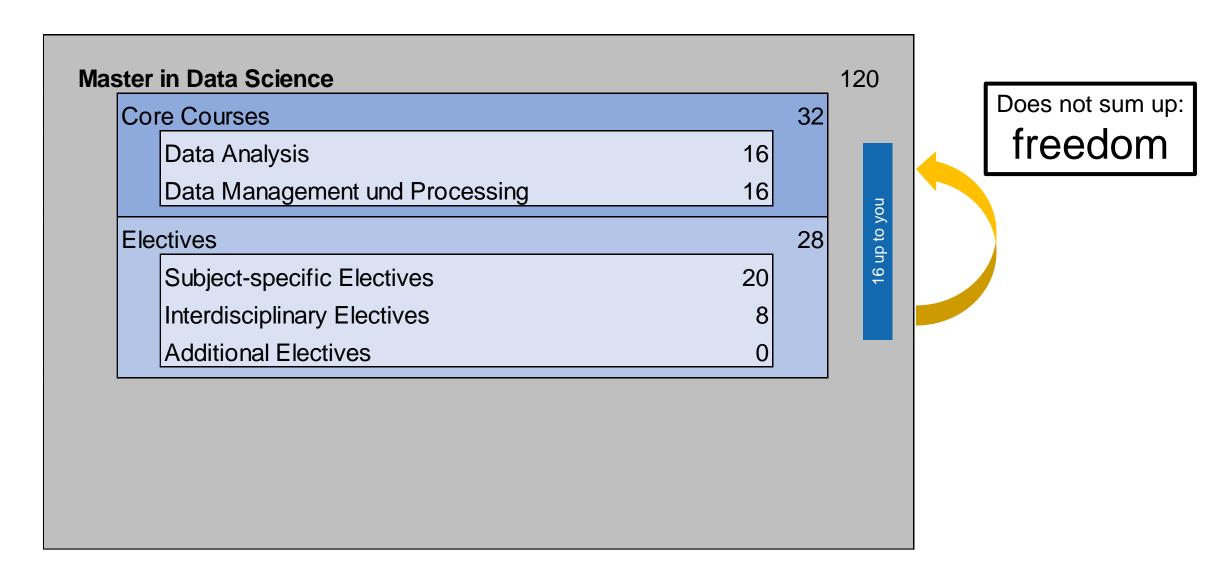
Electives – Additional Electives

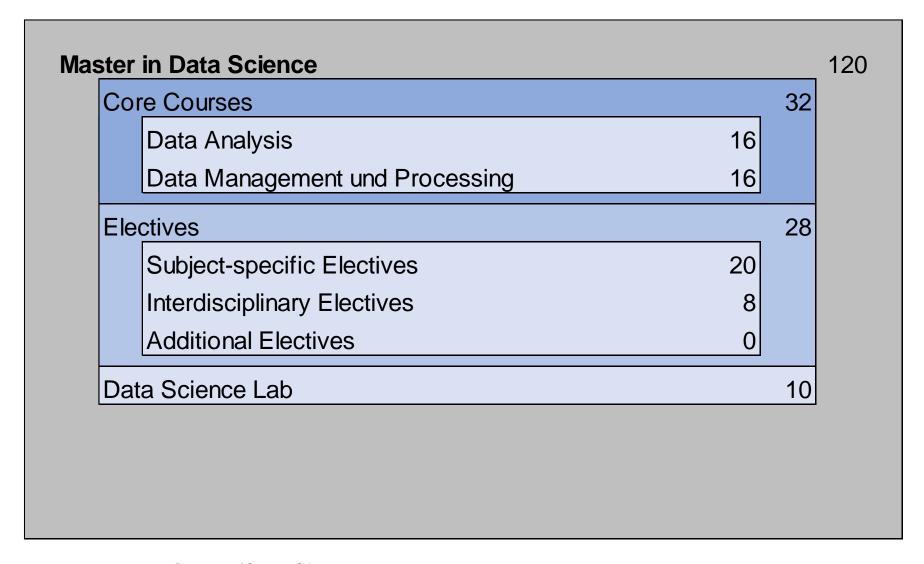
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Any Master's level course offered by the three departments!



Any interdisciplinary elective (from any category)



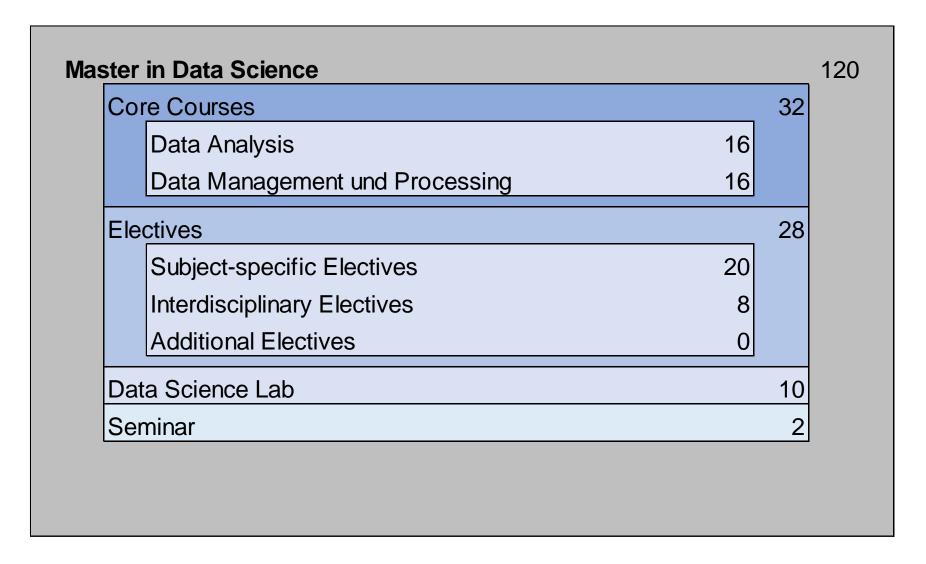


Data Science Lab



Apply your knowledge and skills to Interdisciplinary projects

Groups of three students
+
Presentation



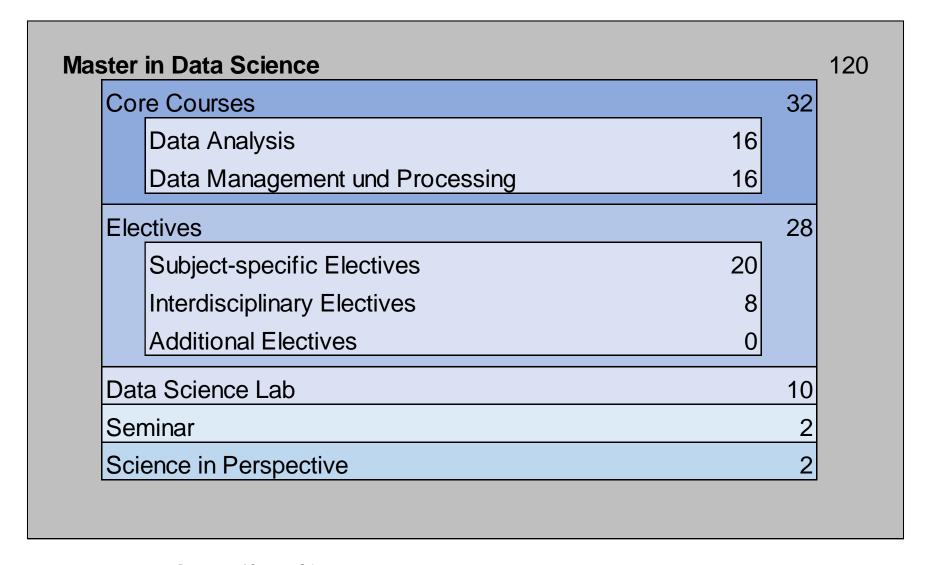
Seminar



Read and understand publications

Present a research paper

Get involved in *discussions*



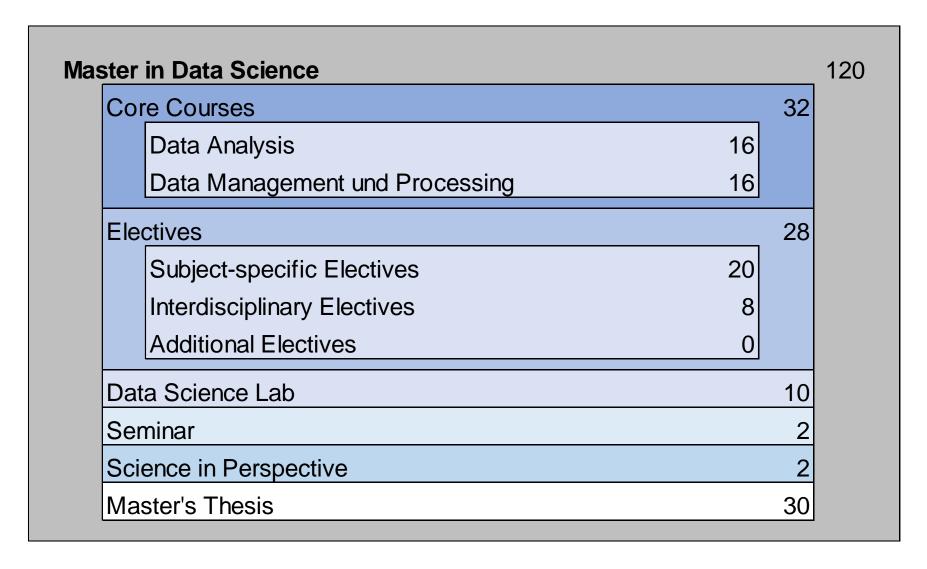
Science in Perspective



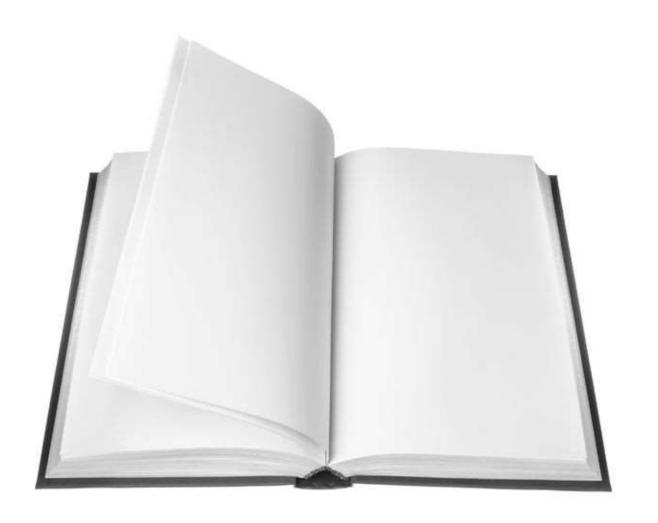
Humanities and Social Sciences

Language courses 851-xxxx-xx (≤ 3 credits including ETH BSc)

Coordinator's pick: Big Data, Law, and Policy



Master's Thesis



This is the *final step*!

6 months of *research* and *complex problem solving*

(And think about your future... maybe a doctorate?)

General recommendations

- Stick to 30 credits per semester (don't overload)
- Start with the core courses
- Data Science Lab after interdisciplinary courses, ideally in the same field

At least 8 CP must habe been obtained under Data Analysis and 8 CP under Data Management.

Interdisciplinary courses do not need to have been taken prior to the Data Science Lab

Exchange programs





Prof. Dr. Bernd Gärtner

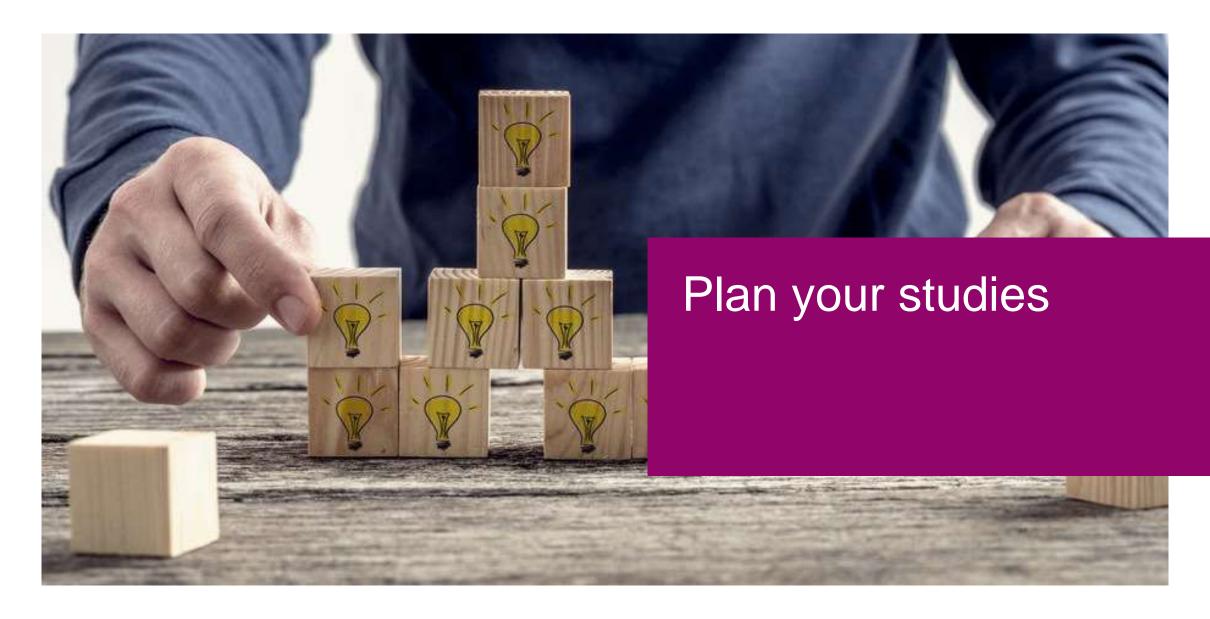


Brigitte Marti

(No credits for "core core" courses and Data Science Lab)

- Only for students with a ETH bachelor degree
- Not in the first semester
- Recommended: exchange in the second semester

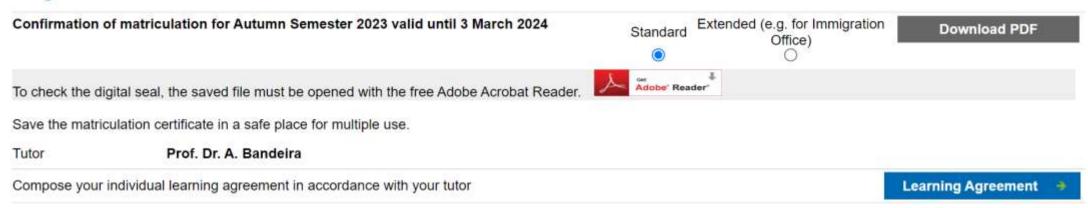
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Learning Agreement

www.mystudies.ethz.ch/Functions

Programme



Create your learning agreement

Course	O Not registered O Registered Passed Repetition failed No more available Failed									
Sem	Semester A: Autumn Semester S: Spring Semester									
Completion of mandatory courses	Declare how mandatory courses will be or have been completed: Yes: In this programme Bachelor: In the Bachelor or another ETH programme Other university: At another university No: Not planned in this programme									
Not regular	Category assignment differs from that in the Course Catalogue.									
Changes	New: Newly added, Moved: Moved to another category, Modified: Text modified, for external course units only.									
Category		ECTS credits			Completion	Not regular	Changes			
Number Course	Title	Planned	Needed	Missing						
Core Courses and Elective	s	0	76	76						
Core Courses		0	32	32	,					
Data Analysis		0	16	16						
Data Management		0	16	16						
Electives		0	28	28	1	1				
Subject-Specific Electives		0	20	20						
Interdisciplinary Electives			8	8						
Additional Electives		0	0		ī					

- Data Science Lab, Seminar, Science in Perspective, Master's Thesis are not part of the learning agreement
- Interdisciplinary Electives must be chosen from one compilation only minimum 8 credits, minimum 2 courses

Learning Agreement

- Submit your learning agreement after discussing with your tutor.
- The first version of the learning agreement must be submitted and approved within four weeks after the first semester has started.
- The final version must be submitted before registering for the master's thesis.

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Autumn Semester

end of term examinations session examinations beginning of term end of term term break term deregistration deregistration course registration (until end of 2nd week) end of term session examinations examinations examination registration (until end of 4th week)

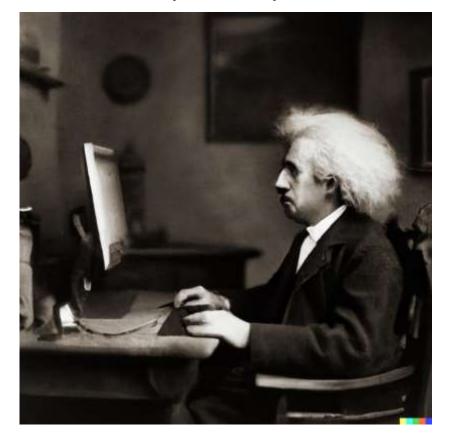
Spring Semester

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Deadlines

Important deadlines (course registrations, exam registration and deregistration, etc.) are always announced ahead of time via e-mail <u>albert.einstein@student.ethz.ch</u>

Make sure you read your e-mails!



Preparing Examinations

- Solve the exercises during the semester
- Solve old examinations (available from the student body, i.e. VIS)
- Oral examinations: Get minutes of former examinations from VIS
- If you have questions, ask your fellow students or the assistants



highly, highly recommended to attend all lectures and exercise sessions

Course times



3 pm – 4 pm actually means

3:15 pm - 4:00 pm

- At ETH Zentrum (here): Classes start a quarter past the indicated hour.
- On Hönggerberg Campus: depends on exact building course is in! see https://ethz.ch/students/en/studies/academic-support/course-catalogue/lectures-times.html
- Also check https://ethz.ch/students/en/studies/academic-support.html for general information including lecture recording links, etc

Exam times



This does *not* apply to exams, meetings, etc.

3 pm - 4 pm

really means

3pm – 4pm

Student Portal

https://ethz.ch/students/en.html



Student portal

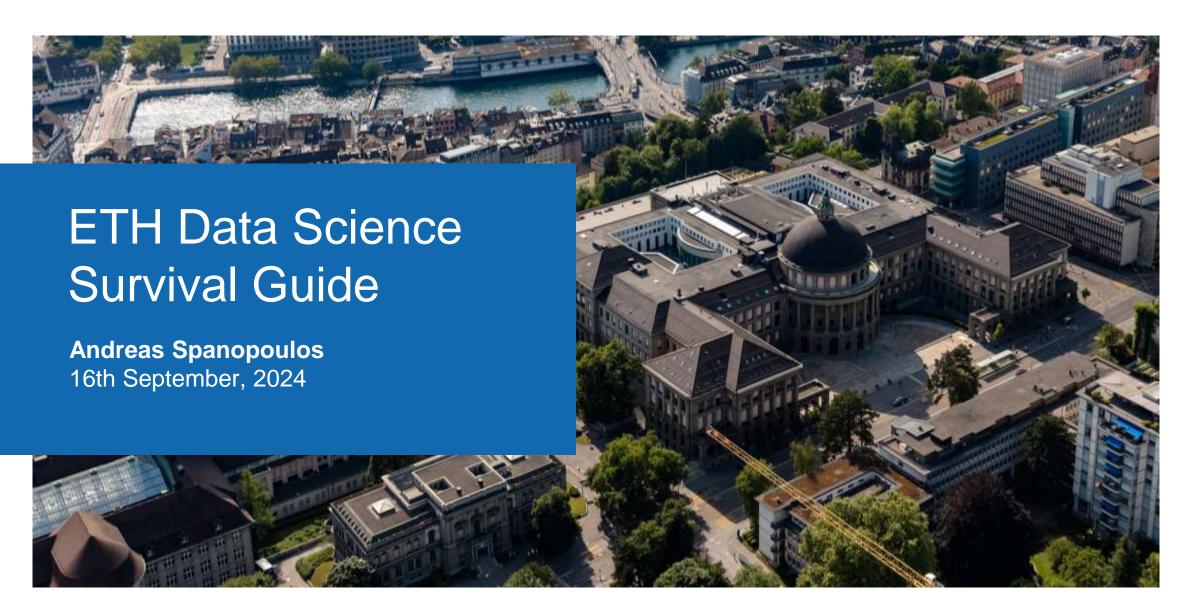
News <u>Studies</u>	Doctorate Continuing Education	on Advice Service	Careers Campus	٩
Studies overview	Administrative General Study-specific International students	Financial Semester invoice Scholarships Loans Solidarity fund See overview	Courses Course Catalogue Web-based platforms Lecture recordings Teaching: Evaluation See overview	Performance assessments Types of examination Continuous Performance Assessments Examination levels Examination scheduling See overview
Study abroad	Student Project House	Degree programmes	Co-determination	

All the best for your studies

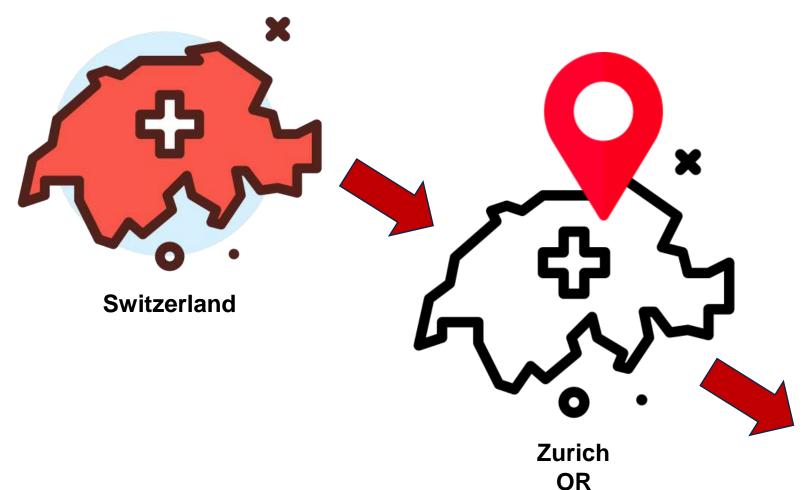


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Structure of the presentation



"Züri"

We will talk about:

- Switzerland
- Zürich
- ETH

NOTE: This is a perspective of a single student.

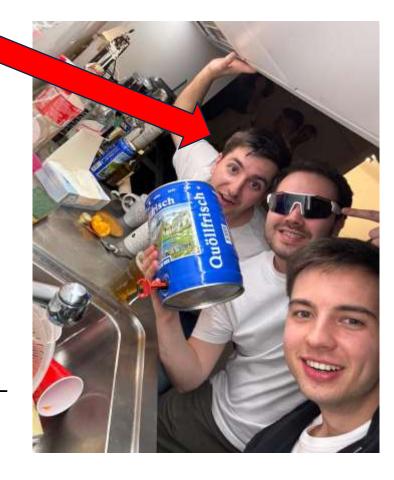
My goal is to provide a nudge towards existing opportunities...



A short introduction

Andreas

- Greek / Italian
- BSc CS, Athens, Greece (UoA)
- Currently 3rd semester DS
- Hobbies:
 - sleep
 - food
 - volleyball
 - occasionally RL





Pictures taken prior to the making of bad decisions...



Exploring – Cities in Switzerland

Personal Favorites:

- Lugano
- Geneva
- Grindelwald
- Lucerne

Others:

- Bellinzona
- Lausanne
- Bern
- Montreux (Christmas Market)
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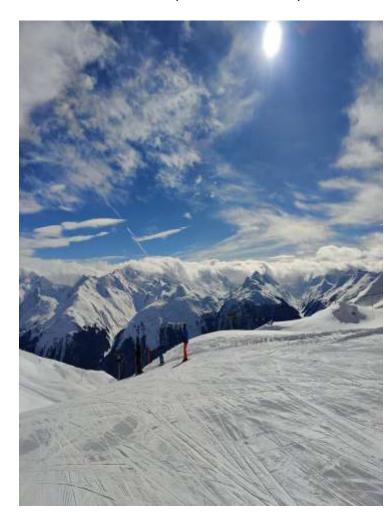


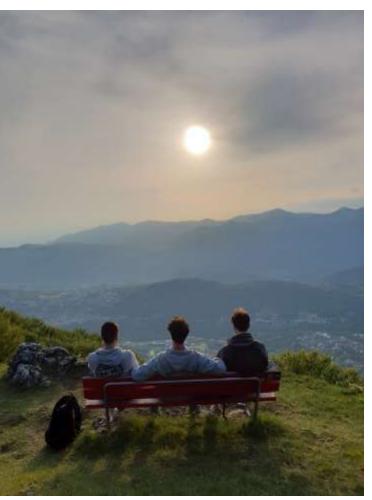
Exploring – Skiing and Hiking in Switzerland

Davos (Graubünden)



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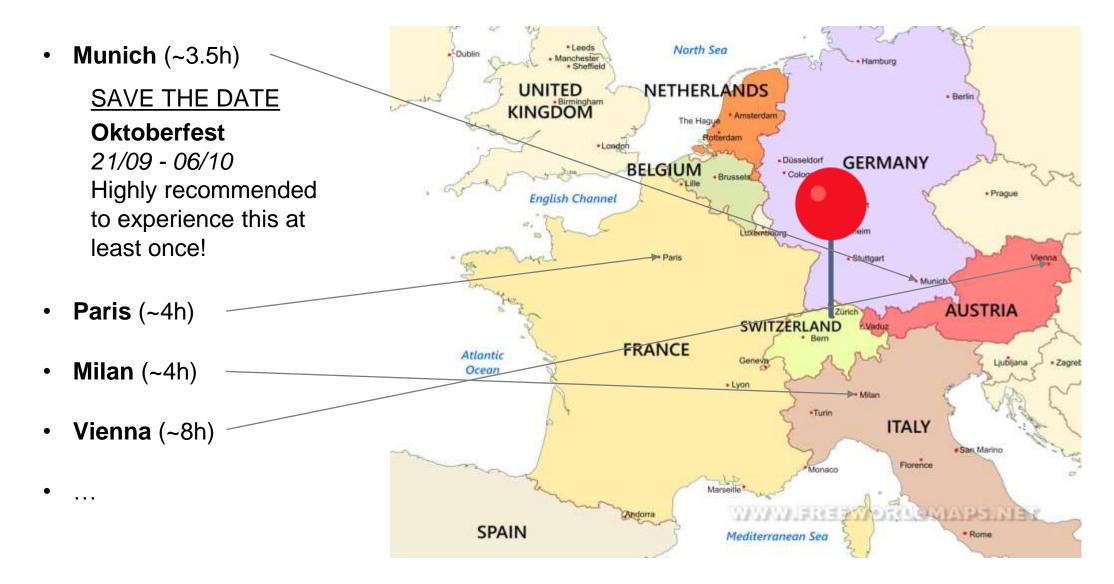
Exploring – Skiing and Hiking in Switzerland





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Exploring – Beyond Switzerland (by Train and/or FlixBus)





Exploring – Deals for travelling with trains (SBB)

SBB "Halbtax"

⇔ SBB CFF FFS

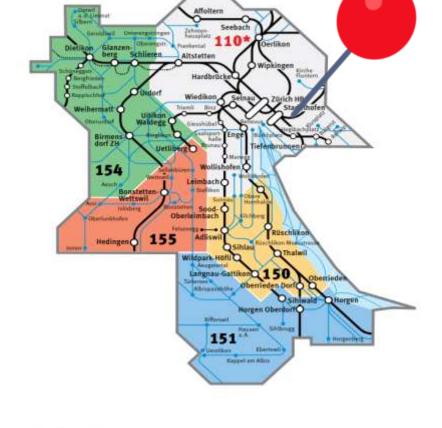
- 50% on all SBB tickets
- 120 CHF/year (100 CHF/year from 2nd year onwards)
- SBB "Night GA" (Best Deal)
 - Free travel in all of Switzerland between 19.00 and 05.00 (07.00 on public holidays)
 - 99 CHF/year (must be under 25 on the day of purchase)
- SBB "Snow'n'Rail"
 - Train ticket deals + day ski pass in selected locations
 - Limited number of tickets released at the ~first day of each month (~December April)
- SBB "Friends Day Pass for Youth"
 - Day pass that can be used by up to 4 people (all under 25) for 80 CHF



Getting Around in Zurich

- Public Transport on the ZVV grid
 - Zone 110: 63 CHF/month, 568 CHF/year ==> Expensive
- PubliBike (Bike Sharing for regular and e-bikes)
 - Student Deal: 70 CHF/year
- ETH e-Link (Bus between ETH campuses every 10-20 minutes)
 - **Free** for students (~16 min. itinerary)

Tip: How to make it cheap?





Das GA Night: freie Fahrt ab 19 Uhr für 99 Franken im Jahr.



ETH e-Link (free)



SBB Night GA (99 CHF/year)



PubliBike (70 CHF/year)



169 CHF/year



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Zurich is **very expensive**, so the best activities include **being with friends** and **being outdoors**

- Take advantage of the Lake and River to swim whilst it's still warm
- Don't buy (many) drinks at bars or parties ==> Pre-drink at home
- ...with a few exceptions:
 - **bQm** (ETH uni bar central campus)
 - **Alumni Lounge** (ETH uni bar @ Höngg campus)
 - A select few bars in Zurich, e.g. "El Lokal", "Bierwerk Züri"
- Wednesdays: free entrance to some museums (e.g. Kunsthaus)
- Thursdays: Student night in Zurich; reduced/free entry to most clubs
- Other activities: Escape rooms, Laser Tag, Cinema (discount!)
- VIS events (more on this soon!)



Some Festivals / Occasions in and around Zurich

Erstifest (Fresher's party)



Polyball (student prom)



Street Parade



Christmas Market



and many more...



Mobile Apps you should download (non-exhaustive list)

SBB

Trains & Schedules



Public Transport



Event Info, News



Gym & Sports









Mensa

Daily Student Restaurant Menus



Too Good to Go

Cheap Surplus food from Restaurants & Grocery shops





A few useful resources (non-exhaustive list)

- 2024 Master student WhatsApp group
- D-INFK Discord server
- CourseReview website
- Analytics Club
- VIS Website

D-INFK Discord server



Course Review



https://discord.gg/Aeg9TwbQ

https://n.ethz.ch/~lteufelbe/coursereview/



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Last, but not least,

let's talk a bit about ETH...



ETH Vocabulary: VIS

- VIS = Verein der Informatikstudierenden.
- In English: Student Association of Computer Science Students
- To become member: Select to pay small fee when enrolling in a new semester
- Lots of events, especially during the semester
- Free coffee or beer once per day (for members)
- MoEB events for Master ohne ETH-Bachelor (MoEB) students -> most of you!









https://vis.ethz.ch/en/

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ETH Vocabulary: Legi

"Legi" (aka Student card)



- 24hr building access: CAB, CHN, HPH, HCI, ...
- Using printers
- Claiming discounts at student restaurants
- 1 free coffee OR beer per day @ CAB E32 (for VIS members)
- Must be validated at the beginning of each semester

A validation terminal in Hongg



ETH Vocabulary: ASVZ

Sports association for

ASVZ @ ETH Hönggerberg



Volleynight

22. November 2024

The traditional ASVZ tournament guarantees a night full of game and fun. In the three categories FUN, AMATEUR and PRO, a total of 1,600 players fight: about points - so the competition is offered for each level of the appropriate competition.

Registration start: 16. September 2024

sports all, gym)

ı fees

ASVZ

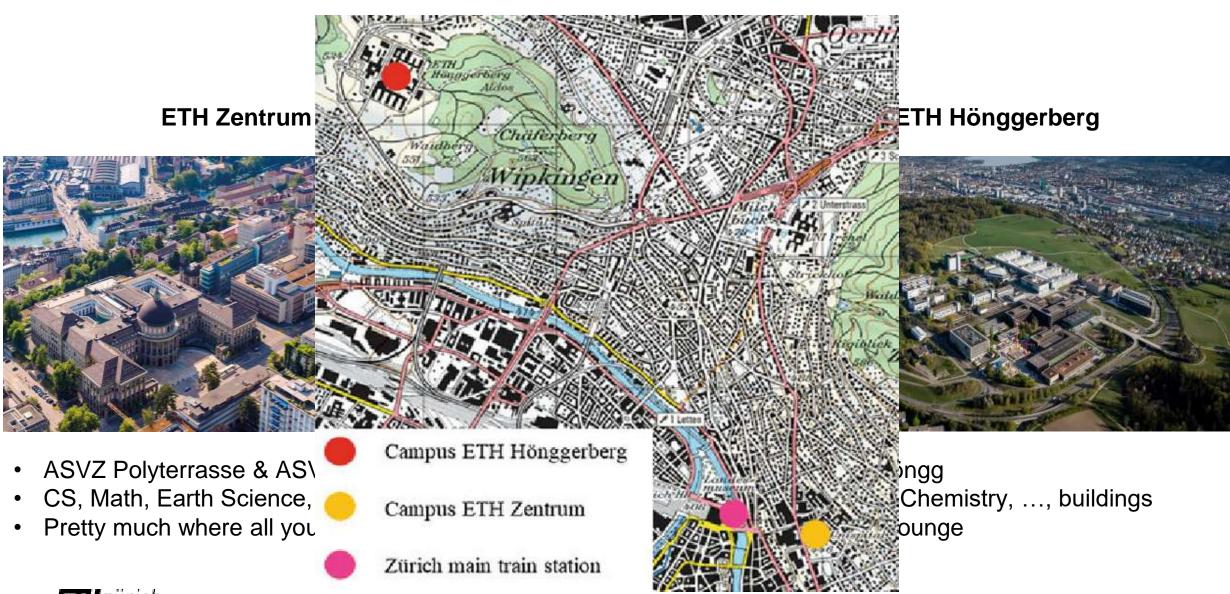


- Many locations: Zentrum, Hongg, Irchel, Winterthur, ...
- Various events during semester



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ETH Vocabulary: Zentrum vs Höngg



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Tips about your studies @ ETH: Courses & Exams

- Enroll for more courses than what you want/need ==> deregister later from unnecessary ones
- Pro tip: Attend first the core and other mandatory courses
 - Core courses help you develop fundamental math skills that might be needed later
 - **Do** the DS Lab, SiP & Seminar **ASAP** ==> in the 3rd semester you will have **pure freedom**
- Select carefully your teammates for projects. Make sure your goals align
- Check the course review website to gather useful info about courses. Ask past students as well!
- Some courses are heavily theoretical. Make sure to know what you're getting yourself into!
- Exam dates are published late ==> Can't really plan vacation in advance :(

Tips about your studies @ ETH: Workload

- Two years is the minimum time to finish the MSc DS
 - Average study duration is > ~2.5 years ==> **Don't panic** if you end up needing an extra semester
 - Studies can be extrended by at most 2 years
- Let's talk ECTS:
 - 30 ECTS is a very good recommendation
 - >30 ECTS is doable, but it's likely going to be hard
 - >>30 ECTS is tough, and you may have to sell your soul to the devil
 - An empirical rule of thumb: 1 ECTS ≈ 40 hrs of workload
- Work-life balance? Can be good, but you need a plan!
 - Plan carefully your schedule
 - Try to save 1 day per week for non-school related activites
 - While having a plan is good, don't overfit to it. Remember to **be spontaneous**. It's part of our nature :)
- Make sure to allocate time for other activities (sports, gym, netflix & chill, trips, ...)



Tips about your studies @ ETH: Funding your studies

- Teaching Assistant (TA)
 - Perform well in a course ==> Chances are you'll be accepted for TA next year (if you apply)
 - ~30 CHF/hr (can work up to 15hrs/week during semester and 41hrs otherwise, with **Permit B**)
- Research Assistant (RA)
 - Have research experience in a topic? Check out various lab's pages and reach out to PhDs!
 - Usually a natural extension of a research project that went well
 - Same rate as TA
- ETH Junions
 - Link between ETH students and industry. Job openings are sent via email
- Student labs/groups, e.g. AMZ Racing
- Start-ups / ETH spin-offs: Always looking to bring in young talent!



Tips about your studies @ ETH: Where to study?

Well, anywhere you like! -- It's up to you to discover the places you enjoy the most:) A few personal favorites:

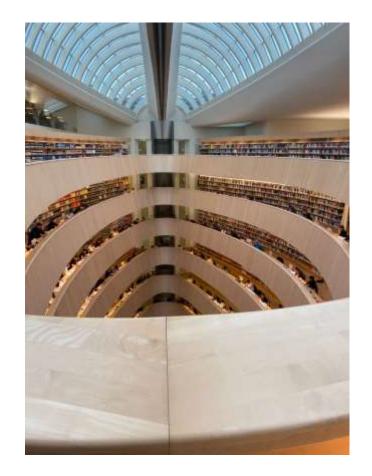
ETH Bibliotek



CS Library



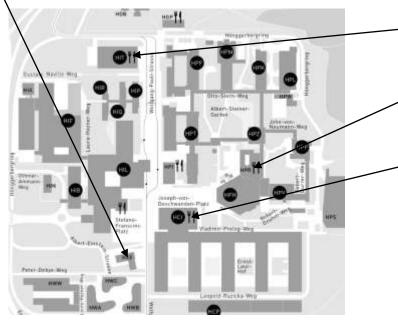
UZH Law Library



Where to Eat







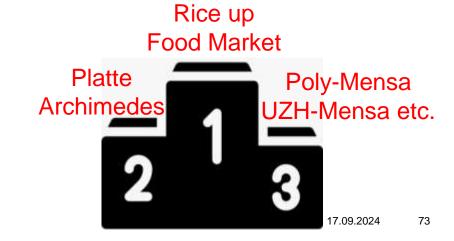
Food-Market

Rice-Up

Fusion

DAILY Vegan Option (Vegetarian option always available everywhere)

- We receive student prices in all canteens of ETH as well as UZH
- UZH-Mensa is a bit cheaper



Imposter Syndrome

- **Everyone** in this room deserves to be here!
- Getting Impostor Syndrome is natural, and everyone feels it at some point
- Do not compare yoursel to others
 - Different backgrounds ==> different skills. It's fine
 - Different workload
 - Don't choose courses based on what peers are choosing
 - Your only reference point should be yourself from the day before
- When you feel down, you might not be thinking clearly
 - Talk about it! Family/friends can help you feel better



Last, but not least...

Friendly reminder: Cut some slack to yourself!

It's understandable that you may want to become the best possible version of yourself.

That's probably why you chose to come here in the first place :)

But make sure to not lose your true identity during the process

Once in a while, try to:

- Take a step back to reflect on what makes you happy
- Try out new things! Get out of your comfort zone

The memories you create here will be far more valuable than a good grade in a course :)

Have a Great Start at ETH and in Zurich!

Credits to Sven Gutjahr & Tiago Hungerland for providing last year's slides template.







Mentoring





Career Events





WhatsApp channel:









https://csnow.inf.ethz.ch/













Association of Computer Science Students at ETH

Your Student Association; from Students, for Students

Jonas Blank Präsident Simon Ebner Vize-Präsident

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Who we are



- Students like you (+ Björn, our polar bear mascot!) 🖒
- Volunteers, who want to do fun stuff alongside their studies
- Kind people, who will stand up for you!





Important Events the Fall Semester 2024

- 20. 22.09. Master Welcome Weekend
- 24.09. VIS4U
- 26.09. VSETH Erstsemestrigenfest (ESF)
- 30.09 VIS General Assembly (GA)
- 4. 6.10. Björn CTF
- 12.10. VIScon
- 26.10. Halloween Dinner
- 29.11. FIGUGEGL
- 7.12 VIS ESF
- 20.12 Winterbrunch







Find your Mentor & Mentee!









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12. - 19. February Lenzerheide GR www.vis.ethz.ch







Beer Tasting
11.3.22 17:30
CAB D21 CHF 10
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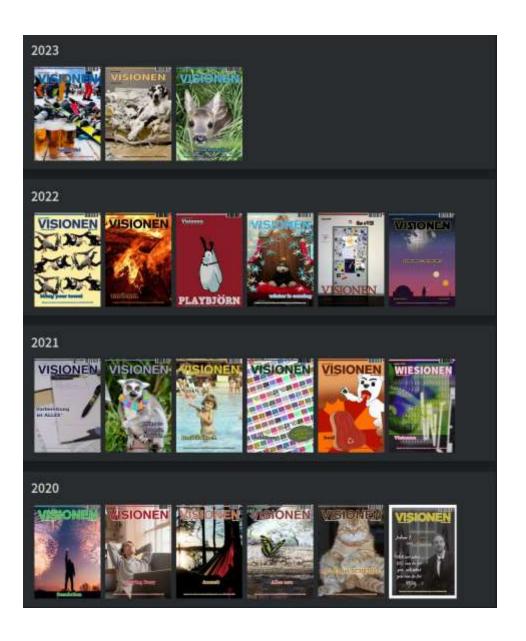






VISIONEN – our Magazine

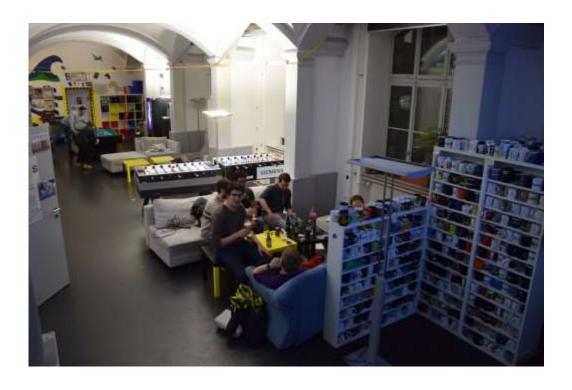
Will soon arrive in your mailboxes!



Common Room – free Coffee and Beer

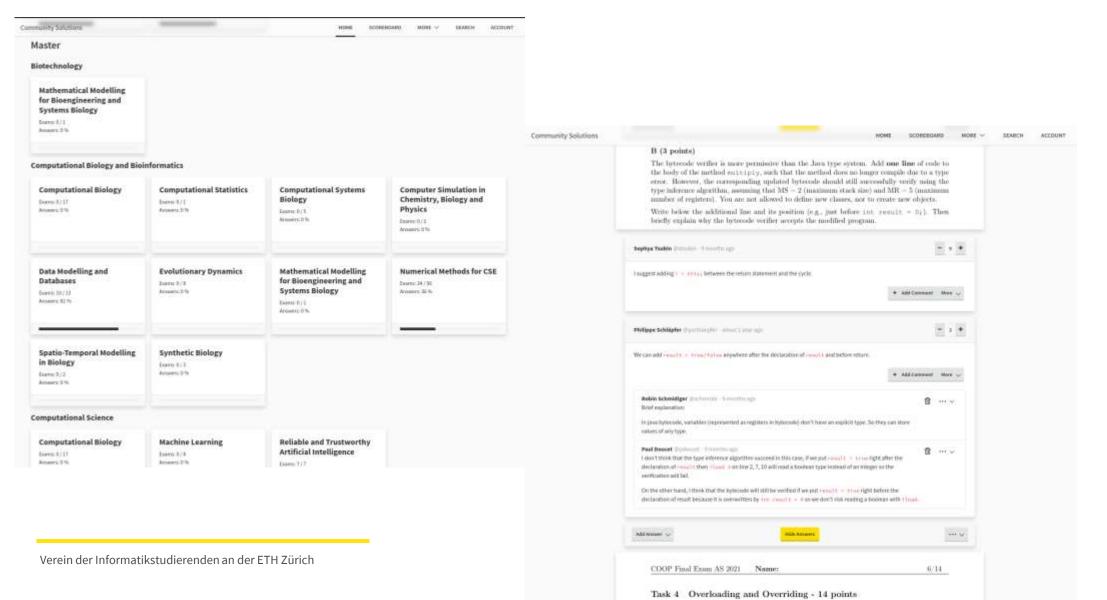






Exam Collection (exams.vis.ethz.ch)





University Politics

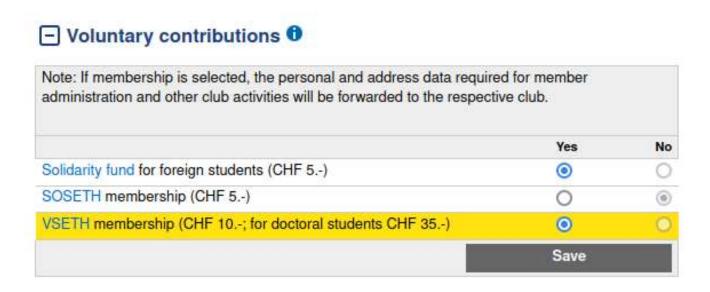


- We represent your interests with the department.
- Lecture Feedback
- Close contact to Head of Department and Directors of Studies
- Sounding board for new ideas
- Find help for your problems





On your myStudies select the VSETH membership under voluntary contributions.



Participation is not enough? Get involved!



- Come to the General Assembly (it's held in English)
- Join one of our committees
- Help at events
- Join one of the university politics meetings and participate in the discussion

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Further Information



- Website: vis.ethz.ch
- Ask the board: vis@vis.ethz.ch
- Ask the MoEB committee: <u>moeb@vis.ethz.ch</u>
- Ask your tour guide

Up next: Campus Tour & BBQ







Thank you!





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