

Offers for D-BSSE students in Basel

Library & Student workplaces

Student workplaces are available in the BSS building, on the E and D floors.

Additionally, the University Library from the University of Basel offers student workplaces in all locations open to students with a valid student ID.

Further information: www.ub.unibas.ch

Language courses

D-BSSE students may attend the language courses offered at the language centre of the University of Basel. The courses are usually subject to a fee. If you plan to take an intensive German language course before the start of the semester, we recommend comparing dates and costs with courses offered by the language centre of the University of Zürich and ETH Zürich.

Further information: www.sprachenzentrum.unibas.ch | www.sprachenzentrum.uzh.ch

For foreign-language newcomers, Basel-Stadt offers German classes (depending on the residence permit, some of the courses are free of charge):

Further information: www.deutschkurse.bs.ch

Catering facilities

D-BSSE students can dine at a discounted rate at the BSS canteen as well as the various student cafeterias at the University of Basel (valid student ID required).

Further information: *link to BSS canteen to follow* | [Uni Basel Food Options](#)

IT Support in Basel

Information on IT issues such as VPN, printing, software etc. can be found in the internal WIKI:

[New User Instruction - D-BSSE Internal Wiki](#) (login required)

Career Services

Students in Basel may visit the Career Service Center at the University of Basel, offering individual counselling and CV checks, as well as career and networking events.

Further information: [Uni Basel Career Service Centre](#)

The ETH Career Centre offers support for the following topics: personal assessment, individual advice, job search, job start, international students, mental health, and provides information at special events and seminars.

Further information: [ETH Career Centre](#)

Sports

ETH students and doctoral students are eligible to participate in the Unisport of the University of Basel with their valid student ID.

Students must be registered or activated in the Uni Basel course system once every semester to be able to register for a course. For the registration or activation, the validated student ID or proof of enrolment (scan) and the current contact details must be sent to unisport@unibas.ch.

The unisport gym is located opposite the BSS building at Klingelbergstrasse 61.

Further information: www.unisport.ch

Accommodation in Basel

The following platforms may be helpful for finding accommodation in Basel:

General information on moving to and integrating in Basel: [Life in Basel](#)

For rooms in shared flats:

- The Society for Student Accommodation in Basel, WoVe: www.wove.ch
- The virtual marketplace from the University of Basel: www.markt.unibas.ch
- The Swiss-wide platforms for shared flats: www.wgzimmer.ch and www.students.ch/wohnen

For flats, the comparis-website collects offers from different platforms: www.comparis.ch

Student Activities in Basel

For student activities in Basel, please get in touch with the Biotechnology Student Association via bsa@ethz.ch

Psychological Counselling & Support

Studying at ETH Zürich provides an excellent opportunity to get in touch with the latest technologies and methods in a world-class research environment. While this is exciting and inspiring, it can be challenging at times. For this reason, ETH Zürich provides different forms of support.

The student advisory service of ETH Zürich supports you in organizing your studies, in preparing for examinations or when you are stressed out.

The Psychological Counselling Service offers a variety of services for confidential assistance with personal and academic problems, for example, how to deal with competitive situations such as examinations. It is of great advantage to seek help early. The Psychological Counselling Service is free of charge for all students enrolled at ETH Zürich.

Further information: www.pbs.uzh.ch

In Basel, students are welcome to contact the Student Advice Centre of the University of Basel. It is the contact point for students experiencing personal or psychological problems, seeking guidance and advice with decision conflicts and personal issues.

Further information: [Uni Basel Student Advice Centre](#)

Information for international students

Visa and residence permit in Basel

Students in Switzerland must hold a valid residence permit.

Students from countries requiring a visa for Switzerland must submit a formal visa application to the nearest Swiss consulate or embassy in their home country. Please ensure that you submit your visa application in good time, the process may take up to two months. Students from countries exempt from visa requirements for Switzerland are advised to obtain formal confirmation of their residence permit prior to entering Switzerland. Citizens of EU and EFTA member states are not required to apply in advance but need to go to the migration office once they arrive in Basel.

Upon arrival in Switzerland, students need to apply for the residence permit in Basel-Stadt at:

Bevölkerungsdienste und Migration, Spiegelgasse 6 – 12, 4001 Basel

The following documents are required when applying for a residence permit in Basel:

- valid passport or identity card (and entry visa if applicable)
- one passport photograph
- up to CHF 150 for administrative and issuing fees for residence permit
- students from European countries: the European Health Insurance Card
- confirmation letter which you received in your student documents
- extended Confirmation of Matriculation which you received in your student documents
- address in Basel (rental agreement)
- proof of sufficient financial means, e.g., statement of account (if applicable)
- scholarship confirmation (if applicable)

Residence permits are issued for a period of max. 1 year. Students are obliged to submit a formal application for the extension of their residence well in advance.

Residence permits for international students expire upon graduation (exmatriculation). Students are obliged to deregister either in person or at the responsible migration office prior to leaving Switzerland.

Please find more information on the website of the migration office in Basel:

<https://www.bdm.bs.ch/> (German only)

<https://www.bdm.bs.ch/Wohnen/basel-for-new-arrivals.html> (English)

Health Insurance

Please refer to the following website for general advice: <http://www.ethz.ch/health-insurance-for-students>

Note that in the canton Basel-Stadt certain processes might slightly differ.