

HEC LAUSANNE

Fact Sheet 2025-2026

HEC Lausanne, the Faculty of Business and Economics of the University of Lausanne (UNIL) is a high-level research faculty with a strong international influence. Situated only 10 minutes by public transport from the city center of Lausanne, the UNIL campus has exceptional sports, cultural and leisure facilities in a green and spacious environment by Lake Geneva, Lac Léman in French, with the Alps in the background. Lausanne is known as the Olympic Capital as it is the home of the headquarters of the International Olympic Committee and many international sports federations. Located in the French-speaking part of Switzerland, this vibrant and cosmopolitan city is about 60km from Geneva International Airport and easily connected by train.



study programs

New! Two bilingual Bachelor's degrees in French and English

BSc in Economics

BSc in Management

MSc in Accounting, Control and Finance

MSc in Actuarial Science

MSc in Economics

MSc in Finance

MSc in Information Systems and Digital Innovation

MSc in Management

MLaw in Law and Economics

MLaw in Legal Issues, Crime and Security of Information Technologies

MSc in Sustainable Management & Technology

QTEM Program



academic calendar

	Autumn semester	Spring semester
WELCOME DAY	September 11, 2025	February 13, 2026
FIRST DAY OF CLASSES	September 15, 2025	February 16, 2026
BREAK	-	April 7 to April 10, 2026
LAST DAY OF CLASSES	December 19, 2025	May 29, 2026
EXAMINATION SESSION	January 9 to January 31, 2026	June 8 to July 4, 2026
RETAKE SESSION	August 17 to September 5, 2026	August 17 to September 5, 2026

new earlier deadlines

	Nomination for coordinators	Online applications & forms for students
Autumn semester		
FACULTY/UNIL AGREEMENTS, QTEM OVERSEAS	March 15, 2025	April 5, 2025
CIVIS, SEMP, QTEM EUROPE	April 30, 2025	May 31, 2025
Spring semester		
FACULTY/UNIL AGREEMENTS, QTEM OVERSEAS	September 30, 2025	October 15, 2025
CIVIS, SEMP, QTEM EUROPE	October 15, 2025	October 30, 2025

All exchange students must be nominated by the Student Exchange Office of the partner university using the online nomination form sent by hec.incoming@unil.ch. Students will then receive the online application and relevant information for their exchange at HEC Lausanne by e-mail.



academic information and course registration

HEC courses

Bachelor exchange students may choose courses in the 2nd and/or 3rd year of the Bachelor's programs (undergraduate). They must have completed at least 2 semesters of university studies before their exchange.

To attend Master courses (graduate), exchange students must have completed a Bachelor's degree or a minimum of 180 ECTS in Management and/or Economics.

The courses in the Master in Accounting, Control and Finance and in the Master in Sustainable Management & Technology are not open to exchange students.

Some courses may require prerequisites, the approval of the Professor or may be limited in the number of students.



All HEC students are strongly recommended to have a personal laptop computer.

Courses for exchange students

www.unil.ch/hec/exchange/choice-of-courses

Non HEC courses

Exchange students who are registered at HEC Lausanne are allowed to take courses in another faculty of UNIL, but most courses must be taken at HEC Lausanne, the main faculty where the student is enrolled.

A limited number of courses are also open at the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), upon request by the student at the beginning of the semester, directly to EPFL.

Course registration

Students must register for courses during the first 4 weeks of the semester. Registration for courses automatically entails registration for the corresponding assessments.

Exchange students must take their exams during the official exam sessions under the same conditions as regular students.

Three exams sessions are organized: two regular sessions and one retake session.

www.unil.ch/hec/exchange/in/examens

Workload

The full workload is 30 ECTS per semester. Exchange students are requested to take a minimum of 15 ECTS and a maximum of 36 ECTS per semester. 1 ECTS is equivalent to 25-30 study hours.

A semester lasts 14 weeks of classes.

Transcripts of records

An official transcript is sent by e-mail to the exchange coordinator of the home university about ten days after the end of each exam session.

languages

Language of instruction

Since September 2023, HEC Lausanne introduced French-English bilingualism in its Bachelor's programs. Students have the choice of taking courses in French, English or a mix of the two languages. At Master's level, courses are mainly taught in English.

Language requirements

Exchange students are not required to pass any official language test. A minimum level of B2 according to the «Common European Framework of Reference for Languages» is required in French and/or English depending on the language of instruction of the course attended by the student.

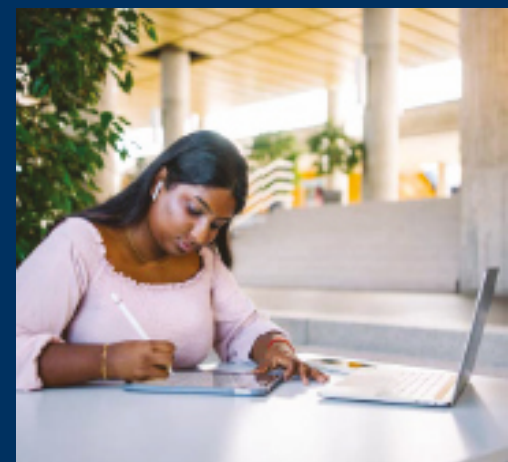
French classes

The School of French as a Foreign Language (EFLE) offers courses for non French-speaking students. They are free and can be taken throughout the semester in parallel with courses at HEC Lausanne.

Intensive French courses (Le FIL de l'EFLE) are also available before the start of the semester(s).

EFLE: www.unil.ch/fle

Le FIL de l'EFLE: www.unil.ch/lefil



grading system

UNIL grades (0 - 6 scale)	E C T S grades	Definition
6	A	Excellent
5.5	B	Very good
5	C	Good
4.5	D	Satisfactory
4	E	Pass
3 - 3.5	FX	Fail
1 - 2.5	F	Fail
0		Unjustified absence at the exam or cheating

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about UNIL

7 faculties

190 research units

335 partner universities

17'000 students

125 nationalities

40 sheep on campus

2 km² campus area

133 sports activities

1 minute walk to lakeshore



HEC Lausanne

2 bachelor programs
9 master programs

International Relations Office
Internef 256 and 256.1
UNIL-Chamberonne
1015 Lausanne
Switzerland

Erasmus code:
CHLAUSANN01

www.unil.ch/hec/exchange/in

www.unil.ch/hec



find us on:





health insurance

As health and accident insurance is mandatory in Switzerland, foreign students must have an insurance coverage that complies with Swiss regulations. If a foreign health and accident insurance does not offer the minimum coverage required by Swiss law, exchange students will have to contract a Swiss health and accident insurance for international students. European students can benefit from the minimum coverage required by Swiss law if they have a European Health Insurance Card.

www.unil.ch/international/insurance

living costs

The average budget a student needs to live in Lausanne is around CHF 2'100 per month (incl. CHF 700 to 900 per month for accommodation). This amount includes food, personal effects, housing, health and accident insurance, books and school supplies.

Exchange students will need to allow around CHF 100 per month for health and accident insurance if the foreign insurance is not recognized in Switzerland.

www.unil.ch/international/insurance

accommodation

UNIL works closely with the Fondation Maisons pour Etudiants Lausanne (FMEL), which welcomes over 3'500 students at 14 sites, mainly within the Lausanne urban area.

UNIL tries to secure accommodation for exchange students in an FMEL hall of residence. However, since FMEL has a limited number of places available, unfortunately UNIL cannot guarantee accommodation for all exchange students.

If UNIL has not been able to secure accommodation through FMEL, UNIL and EPFL run a joint accommodation database reserved exclusively for their students. Advertisements are published by individuals who want to let their accommodation or are looking for another tenant to share with. Exchange students can access the database using their UNIL credentials (user name and password).

www.unil.ch/international/comingtolausanne

www.fmel.ch

www.unil-epfl-logement.ch/en



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student services

Information for exchange students	www.unil.ch/international/incoming
UNIL Academic Calendar	www.unil.ch
Life on campus	www.unil.ch/etudiants
Sport Santé UNIL-EPFL	https://sport.unil.ch/
University Libraries	www.unil.ch/etudiants/Libraries
IT Services	www.unil.ch/etudiants/IT
Support and Assistance (e.g. disabilities)	www.unil.ch/etudiants/Support-assistance
HEC Career Center	https://heccareer.ch/
Comité HEC Lausanne	https://comite.ch/
ESN-UNIL student association	https://unil.esn.ch/
QTEM Lausanne Club	www.unil.ch/hec/exchange/qtem