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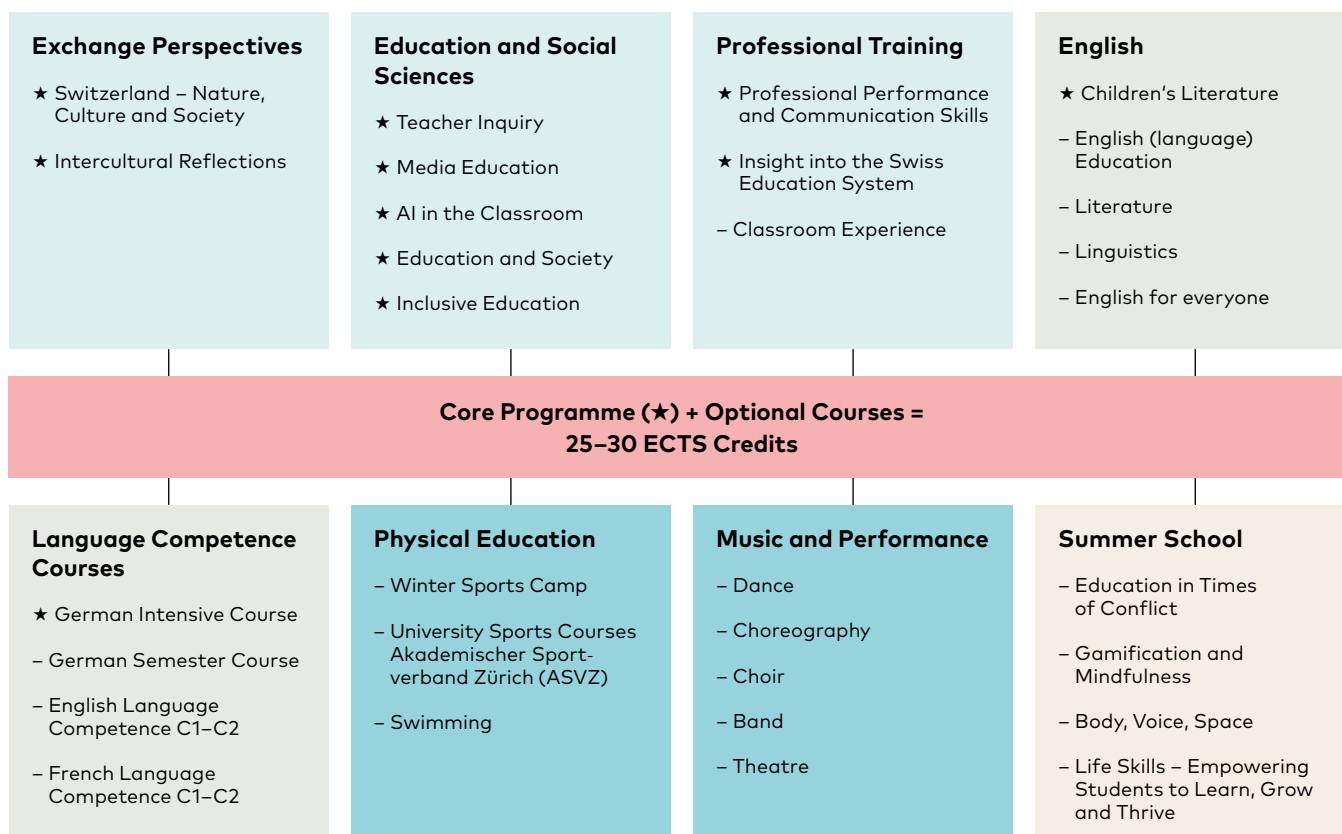
Study Programme for Exchange Students Fact Sheet 2027/28

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Courses taught in English

Most course units – referred to as modules – at PH Zurich are taught in Standard German. However, exchange students can put together a full semester programme (equivalent to 25–30 ECTS credits) with courses taught in English within our Pre-Primary, Primary, and Lower Secondary degree programmes.



Mix and match

Students can choose from an exciting mix of courses taught in English. Modules marked with an asterisk in the overview above are part of the core programme and can generally be booked without scheduling conflicts. Some of the optional courses in physical education and in music and performance, though taught in German, can also be attended by English-speaking students.

Learn the language

The two-week German intensive course before the start of the semester helps navigating daily life in Switzerland and is a great opportunity to connect with fellow exchange students. Highly recommended!

Explore Switzerland

The module "Switzerland – Nature, Culture and Society" includes various excursions throughout the country and is an excellent way to explore the many facets of Switzerland.

Gain classroom experience

PH Zurich is renowned for its practical, hands-on approach to education. Choose from different courses dealing with classroom management.

Core programme

	Semester/ month	ECTS credits
Intensive German Language Course for beginners (2 weeks full-time)	Feb/Sept	2
Switzerland – Nature, Culture and Society	A/S	4
AI in the Classroom	A/S	2
Teacher Inquiry	A/S	4
Children's Literature	A/S	2
Professional Performance and Communication Skills	A/S	2
Intercultural Reflections	A/S	2
Insights into the Swiss Education System	A	3
Media Education: Creative and Critical Perspectives	A	2
Education and Society: past – present – future	S	3
Inclusive Education	S	2
Total in each semester		23 ECTS

A = Autumn semester; S = Spring semester

Optional courses

	Semester/ month	ECTS credits
German Language Course (semester course)	A/S	2
Classroom Experience (one day per week or 3 weeks at the end of the semester in January or June)	A/S	6
English for everyone – everywhere!	A	2
English (language) Education	A/S	2–3
ELT Methodology	A/S	3
English Literature	A/S	2–3
English Linguistics	A/S	2–3
Specialisation English Literature/ Linguistics	A	3
English Language Competence Courses (advanced levels B2–C2)	A/S	1–2
Theatre Education	A/S	2
Learning and Development	A	3
Second Chance – creative Upcycling	A/S	2
Dance/Choir/Choreography/Music band/Sports/Swimming each	A/S	1
Winter Sports Camp in Davos for advanced skiers (collides with the intensive German course)	Feb	2
Summer School Courses, per week	Jun-Jul	2

Descriptions of course units

→ phzh.ch/international/courses-english

The course units may be subject to change and participation cannot be guaranteed.

Course catalogue for German-speaking students

German-speaking students (B2) may choose from a wide range of course units within our Pre-Primary and Early-Primary, Primary and Lower Secondary degree programmes

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Autumn semester 2027/28

Courses for incoming students	6 September – 17 December 2027
Intensive German course (highly recommended!)	6–15 September 2027
Welcome days incomings	15–17 September 2027
Official semester start	20 September 2027
3-week classroom experience, if not chosen as a one-day-a- week classroom experience during the semester	3–21 January 2028

Spring semester 2028

Courses for incoming students	7 February – 2 June 2028
Intensive German course (highly recommended!)	7–16 February 2028
Welcome days incomings	17–18 February 2028
Official semester start	21 February 2028
Easter holidays	13 April (from 4 pm) –21 April 2028
3-week classroom experience, if not chosen as a one-day-a-week classroom experience during the semester	5–23 June 2028
International Summer School	26 June–7 July 2028

PH Zurich Summer School

- 2 weeks from 26 June to 7 July 2028
- hot topics of teacher education
 - meet students from all over the world
 - explore Switzerland

→ phzh.ch/international/summer-school

Application incoming students

	Autumn semester	Spring semester
Nomination deadline	1 May	20 October
Application deadline	15 May	1 November

Language requirement:

Level B2 in English for courses taught in English, level B2 in German for courses taught in German according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages CEFR.

Erasmus+:

As of 2027/28, Switzerland is expected to be fully associated with the Erasmus+ programme. Therefore, grants must be provided by the sending institutions for their outgoing students coming to Switzerland.

Erasmus-Code: CH ZURICH21

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