

University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland

School of Education (PH FHNW)

A. Institutional details and contacts

Name of Institution	Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz FHNW Pädagogische Hochschule University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland School of Education
Erasmus ID Code	CH BRUGG02
Postal Address	PH FHNW International Affairs Bahnhofstrasse 6 CH 5210 Windisch
Visiting Address	Bahnhofstrasse 6 CH 5210 Windisch
Campuses	<p>Muttenz (Basel) Hofackerstrasse 30 CH 4132 Muttenz https://www.fhnw.ch/en/about-fhnw/locations/muttenz</p> <p>Brugg-Windisch Bahnhofstrasse 6 CH 5210 Windisch https://www.fhnw.ch/en/about-fhnw/locations/brugg-windisch</p> <p>Solothurn Obere Sternengasse 7 CH 4502 Solothurn https://www.fhnw.ch/de/die-fhnw/standorte/standort-solothurn (in German)</p>
Website	www.fhnw.ch/ph (in German) https://www.fhnw.ch/de/studium/paedagogik/international/incoming (in English) https://www.studyinswitzerland.plus/university/phfhnw/ (in English)
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B. Semester dates

Autumn term	Sep 01 – Jan 31	Spring term	Feb 01 – August 31
Welcome Week	one week before the start of the semester	Welcome Day	at the start of the semester
Semester courses	mid Sep – penultimate week of Dec	Semester courses	beginning of Feb – first week of June
Examination week	Second week of June	Examination week	Second week of Jan

For more details: https://www.fhnw.ch/de/studium/paedagogik/semesterdaten_2021-2025_ph-fhnw (in German)

C. Nomination, application procedures and course booking

We ask partner universities to nominate¹ exchange students to the institutional coordinator by the dates given below (international.ph@fhnw.ch)

Incoming students can attend courses at all three campuses.

Nominated students will receive an application form that must be sent to the receiving institution by the dates given below:

Autumn term			Spring term		
Nomination May 31	Application June 15	Course booking: June 25	Nomination Nov 30	Application December 15	Course booking: Dec 30

The PH FHNW will send its decision of acceptance within 10 days after the application has been completed. On acceptance incoming students will also be informed about registration.

Incoming students receive all course information and access to the internal sites after completed application and acceptance.

The PH FHNW welcomes students and staff members with disabilities, however acceptance requires approval. For more information see: <https://www.fhnw.ch/de/die-fhnw/hochschulen/ph/gleichstellung-diversity-nachteilsausgleich> (in German)

D. Recommended language skills

As the language of instruction of most undergraduate courses is German, the recommended minimum language competence level is generally B1 (according to the “Common European Framework of Reference for Languages”). For participation in the English-language “International Programme” courses (start spring 22) we recommend at least B2.

¹ If students need visa/residence permit, please nominate them earlier.

E. Transcript of Records and grading system

A Transcript of Records (ToR) will be issued by the receiving institution no later than 5 weeks after the semester has finished.

In many courses there is no grading system, but there is a pass/fail system.

If you need grades for the Transcript of Records, please clarify the possibility of receiving a grade at the beginning of the semester and have the decision made in writing (email is sufficient).

Grades are awarded from 6 (best) to 1, with 4 being the minimum score required to pass:

Grading scale	6.0	5.5 - 5.0	4.5 - 4.0	3.5 - 1.0
ECTS grade	A	B/C	D/E	F
In words	excellent	very good good	satisfactory sufficient	deficient fail

ECTS credits 1 semester: 30 ECTS credits

1 full academic year: 60 ECTS credits

F. Visa

Nationals of EU/EFTA-countries: No visa required to enter Switzerland.

Nationals of non-EU/EFTA countries: Check visa requirements with the Swiss Embassy in your country of residence (<https://www.ch.ch/en/swiss-missions-abroad/>). The embassy site generally posts a list of documents to bring along to the visa appointment. Schedule visa appointments early.

The sending and receiving institutions will provide assistance, when required, in securing visas for exchange students, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education. See also

<https://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/fdfa/entry-switzerland-residence/visa-requirements-application-form.html>

G. Mandatory health insurance

In Switzerland a health and accident insurance for stays of longer than three months is mandatory. A basic insurance plan covers medical care in the case of sickness or accident.

After arriving in Switzerland and registering with your municipality of residence, you have three months in which to take out health insurance. Provided you register within this time, you are insured from the time you enter Switzerland.

Students are responsible for taking out health insurance themselves.

Learn more: <https://swisscare.com/student-health-insurance-switzerland/>

Exemption from mandatory health insurance:

Persons from the EU/EFTA area who have a European health insurance card can, on application, exempt themselves from the duty to take out health insurance. This is also true of students from non-EU countries whose health insurance schemes are recognised by the Swiss authorities. Find out from your health insurance organisation whether your scheme covers you in Switzerland.

H. Accommodation

See the links for various accommodation offerings:

Accommodations near the Campus: Muttenz

<https://markt.unibas.ch>

<https://www.wgzimmer.ch/>

<http://www.wove.ch>

<https://www.unibas.ch/de/Studium/Student-Life/Wohnen/Genossenschaft-Studentenheim.html>

<http://borromaeum.ch/home.html>

<http://www.studentenhaus.ch/>

<https://alumneum.unibas.ch/de/home>

<https://www.studienhaus.ch/en/home.html>

<https://www.profilia.ch/d/>

<https://www.students.ch/wohnen/list>

Accommodations near the Campus: Brugg-Windisch

<https://www.studentenraum.ch/>

<https://app.i-markt.ch/#/home>

<https://stuwo.ch/>

<https://www.maximilianeum.ch/>

<https://www.justinus.ch/de/zurich/accueil/index.html>

<https://sonnegg-zh.ch/>

<http://www.woko.ch/>

<https://www.juwo.ch/>

<http://www.livingscience.ch/wohnen-studieren-zuerich/?L=0>

<https://studentvillage.ch/>

<https://www.studentenwohnen.ch/de/>

I. Green Travel Top-Up for more environmentally-friendly travel

All students (outgoings and incomings) who decide to travel there and back by a means of transport that emits less CO₂ than an airplane can apply for financial support of a flat rate of CHF 100.

<https://www.movetia.ch/en/good-practice-and-know-how/good-practice/developing-greener-mobility>

J. Buddy System and experiences of our exchange students

The School of Education FHNW provides every Incoming student with a Buddy of the European Student Network ESN. ESN organises activities for all Incomings of FHNW: <https://fhnw.esn.ch/>

During the semester, a welcome and a farewell dinner is offered to incoming students from all schools of the FHNW.

Experience reports:

<https://www.fhnw.ch/de/studium/paedagogik/international/erlebnisberichte/erlebnisberichte-von-incoming-students>

K. General Information

The FHNW School of Education is one of nine schools of the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland (FHNW). Information <https://www.fhnw.ch/en/international> (English)

Studying in Switzerland+ – a webpage published by “swissuniversities” (swissuniversities works to strengthen and enhance collaboration among Swiss institutions of higher education and promotes a common voice on educational issues in Switzerland)

<https://www.studyinswitzerland.plus/>

L. International Programme - English-language courses at the School of Education FHNW (from spring 2022)

The programme includes courses of the regular study programme and is open to students of the School of Education as well as to international exchange students.

The pilot phase will start with seven courses (approx. 20 ECTS) and the offer will be successively expanded. English-, French- and Italian-language courses of the regular study programme can be taken by arrangement.

Courses: <https://evv.webapps.fhnw.ch/ph>

Please enter the desired language (Englisch, Französisch, Italienisch, Spanisch) in the content search field.