

ETH- Zurich Exchange 2019-2020 Handbook



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Program Information

ETH Zurich

ETH Zurich - Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (commonly referred to as ETH-Zurich, or just ETH) ranks among the top 10 universities in the world. With 21 Nobel Prize winners associated with the institute, ETH has a well-deserved reputation for state-of-the-art research. Per the World University Ranking, Times Higher Education, ETH is ranked number 11; and number 7 per the QS – World University Rankings. With over 20,000 students, 9,500 of which are bachelors, this university for science and technology dates back to the year 1855.

ETH is located in Zurich, which is also consistently rated as one of the best places in the world to live. Zurich is located in northern central Switzerland and has population of around 400,000. It is the largest city in Switzerland, and the capital of the canton of Zurich. Beautiful and clean, Zurich has lots of art and culture, parks, and restaurants and cafes to explore.

Program Team

There are a number of different partners and players that make important contributions to your academic, cultural, and personal experience abroad.

At Northwestern, the team in the Global Learning Office (GLO) is available to support you before, during, and after your study abroad experience. GLO plays the following roles:

- **Liaison with Host University:** GLO works with the international office at your host university to pave the way for you to be successful. GLO collaborates with your host university to facilitate your nomination and application processes and to provide ongoing support.
- **Pre-Departure Orientation and Materials:** GLO provides you with important information about your program to help you prepare for your experience. This includes resources, such as this program handbook as well as online modules and in-person meetings related to health and safety, budgeting, travel, and academics.
- **Course Registration:** GLO will register students at Northwestern for the appropriate study abroad course(s) for their program; you will not register yourself for any Northwestern courses during your term(s) abroad.
- **Academic Credit:** GLO will receive and submit your transcript to the Registrar's Office, which will post general study abroad credits. Note: Please ensure you request original transcripts are sent to GLO.
- **In-Country Support:** Faculty and staff at your host university will provide support for you while abroad and should be your primary resource, but if you need additional assistance or would feel more comfortable speaking to GLO staff, please do not hesitate to contact your GLO adviser (see below).
- **Re-Integration Support:** Upon your return, GLO will provide you with resources to help transition back into campus life at Northwestern, as well as connect you to other study abroad returnees and program alumni.



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Catrina has been in the field of international education for over 12 years and received her BA in International Relations, International Studies, and Italian from University of Wisconsin-Madison and her MS in Communication from Northwestern University. She studied abroad in France and Italy and has worked and traveled abroad in various locations throughout Europe, Asia, and North and South America. Before joining Northwestern, Catrina was the Associate Director of International Programs at Columbia College Chicago where she focused on centralizing and streamlining faculty-led programs and budgets running across six continents.

Catrina is a member of NAFSA: Association of International Educators, The Forum on Education Abroad, the Global Leadership League, the Northwestern Education Abroad Crisis Management Council, and the Association of Northwestern Women. She also actively volunteers with professional organizations, currently serving as the NAFSA Region V Chair Elect (2019-21), and previously serving as the NAFSA Region V Education Abroad Representative (2018-19), and the International Educators of Illinois (IEI) Study Abroad Representative (2015-17). When she isn't busy exploring Chicago neighborhoods with her husband and dog, Catrina loves to travel, learn about different perspectives and cultures, and taste foods from around the world.

Catrina is your **GLO Adviser** and primary point of contact for any questions you may have about your program, academics, preparing for study abroad, health and safety, or any other exchange-related matters, particularly **before your departure or after your return**.

International Office at Exchange University

The staff at the International Office can provide you with information, support, and connections to student life at your host university. Their contact information can be found below.

Student Exchange Office

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CH-8092 Zurich

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Website: www.incoming.ethz.ch

Main contact in the Student Exchange Office:

Julia Wussler (Ms), julia.wussler@akd.ethz.ch, Skype: julia-wussler-eth

Each department at ETH Zurich has one or more departmental exchange coordinators, who are the points of contact for all academic questions related to an exchange. For a complete list of all departmental exchange coordinators see www.ethz.ch/en/studies/non-degree-courses/exchange-and-visiting-studies/contact/departmental-exchange-coordinators.html. For any academic questions or queries, faculty members of our partner universities are welcome to get in touch directly with the respective departmental exchange coordinators.

Program Participants

The ETH- Zurich exchange is small and often there may be just one, or a few other, NU students participating at any given time. Because of this, you are strongly encouraged to connect with alums of the exchange which you can find listed on the GLO website here: <https://www.northwestern.edu/abroad/student-experiences/connect-with-students/index.html>.

Program Schedule

Program start dates may vary depending on in which orientation and arrival programming you participate so check your letter of acceptance for your specific details. Note that there are different date periods listed for orientation, semester dates, and exam dates (both end-of-semester exams and session exams).

There are mandatory welcome and information events typically on the first Monday of the semester in autumn or the Friday just prior of the semester in spring.

ETH Autumn Semester 2019/20 (equivalent to NU Fall quarter):

Semester dates	16. Sep. 2019	14. Feb. 2020
Lectures	16. Sep. 2019	20. Dec. 2019
End-of-semester exams	09. Dec. 2019 06. Jan. 2020	20. Dec. 2019 17. Jan. 2020
Session exams*	20. Jan. 2020	14. Feb. 2020

*Important Note: Exams

Exams listed as “Session Exams” at ETH Zurich conflict with classes the following Winter quarter at Northwestern University. Therefore, students should aim to take only classes that offer “End- of-semester exams” only. It may be possible for incoming exchange students to reschedule/prepone or take distance exams under specific conditions, but this can be challenging to organize and is at the sole discretion of the individual instructor. Past NU students have encountered some challenges when attempting to take courses that list only “Session Exams”.

Further information on the preponement of examinations and distance exams be found at: www.ethz.ch/students/en/studies/performance-assessments/preponement.html. It is also recommended that you talk to program alums to learn more about their exam experiences.

For advanced planning, you should reference the following:

- ETH academic calendar for specific dates: <https://www.ethz.ch/en/studies/non-degree-courses/exchange-and-visiting-studies/about-the-study-programmes/academic-calendar-and-exam-schedule.html>
- ETH Information Sheet (provided by GLO and ETH) for more details by term and year

Academics

Refer to the **Academic Planning** section of the GLO website for more information about academic information, expectations, and policies:

<https://www.northwestern.edu/abroad/study-abroad/academic-planning/index.html>

In addition to familiarizing yourself with the information below, it is important that you take some time to learn about the academic culture of your host institution. Speak with past Northwestern students who have studied at your host university, as well as exchange students from your host university who are currently studying at Northwestern.

Choosing Courses, Registration, and Enrollment Requirements

For the term(s) that you will be abroad, you will be enrolled at Northwestern in a placeholder course, which corresponds to your program. GLO will register you for your study abroad course(s), so please do not register yourself for any classes.

In general, at ETH, Bachelor courses are mainly in German, and Master courses are mainly in English but details for each course are included in the [ETH course catalog](#). Students are not restricted from enrolling in any department but should check the course catalogue, for individual course restriction. If courses are restricted, it is indicated in the course description. Students should follow the instructions in the course description and/or contact the lecturer if they wish to participate in such a course. Note: Courses ending with –AAL are not open to exchange students.

Please see here for further information and [restriction by every department](#).

General information on preparing an ETH study plan can be found at:

www.ethz.ch/en/studies/non-degree-courses/exchange-and-visiting-studies/about-the-study-programmes/preparing-a-study-plan.html.

There is no maximum number of courses, but students need to obtain at least 20 ECTS per semester (excluding language courses) by ETH standards. Two thirds (for example 16 out of 24 ECTS credits) should be acquired in the department of enrolment. Exceptions are possible for interdisciplinary study programs such as Environmental Sciences, Earth Sciences, Health Sciences and Technology, etc. and must be approved by the department.

Students must be enrolled and considered full-time students by the standards of both their host institution and by Northwestern (3 units of Northwestern credit per quarter). To be considered full-time at ETH, students must enroll in the following minimum credits per term.

- Fall: 20 ECTS
- Winter/Spring: 22 ECTS
- Full Year: 40 ECTS (20 per term)

For more information about how these local credits will convert to Northwestern units of credit, visit the GLO website: <https://www.northwestern.edu/abroad/study-abroad/academic-planning/registration-credit/exchange-credit-transfer.html>.

Transcripts and Credit

Following completion of your program, you will be issued a transcript from your exchange host institution, and eligible course credit will be transferred to Northwestern, as long as students follow all rules regarding course transferability and earn course grades of C (or equivalent in the local grading system) or above.

A “C” equivalent at ETH- Zurich is a local grade of 4 and above.

For more information about credit transfer, visit these sections of the GLO website:

- Transfer Credit Rules: <https://www.northwestern.edu/abroad/study-abroad/academic-planning/choosing-courses.html>
- Transfer Credit Process: <https://www.northwestern.edu/abroad/study-abroad/return-home/credit-transfer/index.html>

Important Note: Request your ETH transcript

Transcripts are not issued automatically. Students must request an official transcript at the Student Administration Office (Studiensekretariat) in their primary department of enrollment prior to leaving ETH Zurich (the Student Exchange Office does not issue any transcripts). Students must let the Student Administration Office know their address and the number of transcripts they need. Transcripts should be sent directly to NU Global Learning Office (GLO) at 1800 Sherman Ave, Evanston, IL 60208, USA.

Accommodations

Housing is not guaranteed, but ETH has been able to find accommodation in one of their dormitories for all overseas exchange students who registered by the given deadline with the Housing Office. Students will receive information on registering for accommodation in a separate email after their official acceptance email. They should read this information carefully and apply online within the set deadlines. Students may insert housing preferences in the comment field during their housing application. More information can be found on the [Housing Office website](#).

Switzerland

Swiss history and culture are both rich and complex. We encourage you to do some research about the history of your host country as well as general country information, including the political system, geography, the economy, population, culture, and current events. Your ability to take full advantage of your time abroad will be influenced by the amount of preparation and research you do before you go, so read as much as you can! Refer to the list of resources in the **Links & Recommended Reading** section.

Fast Facts¹

- Total Area: 41,277 sq km
- Population: 8,292,809 (July 2018 est.)
- Government type: federal republic (formally a confederation)
- President of the Swiss Confederation Ueli MAURER (since 1 January 2019)
- GDP per capita: \$62,100 (2017 est.)
- GDP real growth rate: 1.7% (2017 est.)
- Ethnic groups: Swiss 70.3%, German 4.2%, Italian 3.2%, Portuguese 2.6%, French 2%, Kosovar 1%, other 18.7% (2017 est.)
- Religions: Roman Catholic 36.5%, Protestant 24.5%, other Christian 5.9%, Muslim 5.2%, other 1.4%, Jewish 0.3%, none 24.9%, unspecified 1.3% (2016 est.)
- Major industries: machinery, chemicals, watches, textiles, precision instruments, tourism, banking, insurance, pharmaceuticals

Language

German (or Swiss German) (official) 62.8%, French (official) 22.9%, Italian (official) 8.2%, English 5.1%, Portuguese 3.7%, Albanian 3.1%, Serbo-Croatian 2.4%, Spanish 2.3%, Romansh (official) 0.5%, other 7.5% (2016 est.) Note: German, French, Italian, and Romansh are all national and official languages; shares sum to more than 100% because some respondents gave more than one answer.

You will find that many people, particularly in stores and restaurants, are able to communicate in English as well.

Transportation

Zurich, as well as Switzerland as a whole, have a very good and reliable public transport system. Detailed information on getting around can be found in the [ETH Handbook for International Students](#). There are many modes of transportation in Zurich. Below is some basic information about how to get around, but also refer to the **Health, Safety, and Security** section for tips about safe travel.

1. **Foot and bike.** The Swiss generally like to walk and bike a lot. You can easily walk to the grocery store and other sites of interest in the area.
2. **Public Transportation.** Students can purchase public transportation passes that allow for unlimited use of local public transportation like buses, tramways within the city of

¹ <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/sz.html> (2019)

Zurich. The city has an excellent public transportation system, and most locals use public transportation for commuting to work, shopping and for excursions to other parts of the city. The trains and buses are clean and run very frequently. Familiarize yourself with the local train system a little bit before you go.

- Transit within the city: <https://www.stadt-zuerich.ch/vbz/en/index.secure.html>
 - Transit within the canton: <http://www.zvv.ch/zvv/en/home.html>
3. **Taxis.** Taxis are available in Zurich, and many taxi drivers speak English. All taxis use meters, but rides can get expensive. Because public transportation is so good, it is seldom necessary to consider taxis as a transportation option.

Getting To/From the Airport

You could take a taxi or various forms of public transportation to and from the airport. Reference the section above, use online navigation services, and make your transportation plans prior to arrival so that you are prepared. Be very careful with your belongings at the airport and when boarding a taxi or shuttle. Make sure your bags are in your possession at all times.

Visas

The visa authorization is processed by ETH Zurich. Students will be informed after their acceptance about the further visa process by email directly from ETH. Some information can be found in the [ETH Exchange FAQs](#).

Money Matters

Refer to the GLO website, and the final page of this handbook, for the program cost information. Also reference the Money Matters section of the GLO website and the relevant modules in Canvas for information about billing, financial aid, and budgeting: <https://www.northwestern.edu/abroad/money-matters/index.html>. If you have any questions about billing, financial aid, or scholarships, email Krista Bethel in Undergraduate Financial Aid at krista@northwestern.edu.

Identity Abroad²

The sections below provide some basic information from Diversity Abroad. Also refer back to the Identity Abroad section of the GLO website for general guidance and resources: <https://www.northwestern.edu/abroad/student-experiences/identity-diversity/index.html>.

Officially the Swiss Federation, Switzerland is a country roughly twice the size of New Jersey and is situated in central Europe. It is bordered by France, Italy, Germany, Austria, and Liechtenstein and has 8,121,830 (July 2015 est.) citizens. Bern is the de facto capital, while Geneva and Zurich are the two largest cities and the top choices for students and tourist. During the 2012-13 academic year, 1,809 American students studied abroad in Switzerland. Its economic standing, geographic location, and linguistic and cultural diversity all make Switzerland a key choice for students interested in learning about European multiculturalism while enjoying a high quality of life.

² From the Diversity Abroad Network (2019): <http://www.diversitynetwork.org/>

Gender Roles & Identity

Switzerland has been relatively behind many developed nations in providing women equal rights. In 1971, Switzerland passed a national referendum giving women the right to vote. However, it was not until 1990 that a Federal Supreme Court ruling forced all cantons to abide by the ruling. Although, women in Switzerland represent 45 percent of the work force, they only hold 4 percent of executive management positions.

Despite these obstacles, Swiss women have made some progress in male dominated roles in the private and public sector. Many civic institutions are restricted to male membership. In response, Swiss women developed their own civic organizations, such as the Network of Startups Builders, and the Swiss Federation of Business & Professional Women, to gain access to business opportunities. In government, women have taken positions that were once male dominated. In 1999, Ruth Dreifuss became the first female President of Swiss Confederation followed by Micheline Calmy-Rey in 2007, and Doris Leuthard, who is now Vice President Elect of Switzerland.

Regardless, female students can expect treatment similar to what they experience in the United States. It is important to follow common-sense precautions and to heed the general safety measures as you would in Evanston.

Race and Ethnicity

As explained by the Diversity Abroad Network, although Switzerland is considered a homogenous society, it has become home to a growing immigrant population. Resident foreigners and temporary foreign workers account for 22 percent of the population with the majority coming from other European nations. There are an increasing number of non-European immigrants moving into Switzerland. From 1992 to 2002, the federal refugee office went from registering 7,000 to 17,000 Black Africans for asylum.

Although, the Swiss penal code prohibits racial discrimination, there is a strong presence of xenophobia among some Swiss groups and institutions. Swiss minorities (especially Black Africans and Eastern Europeans) are penalized for their skin color and ethnicity in areas of work, services, and housing availability. Swiss police have also been known to harass Swiss immigrants, especially people from the Balkans and European and Non-European Black Africans.

The Swiss People's Party (SWP), Switzerland's national conservative political party, "anti-immigration" platform has become more popular among government officials in recent years. The SWP has been accused of harboring views positing immigrants are ailments to Swiss Society. According to SWP, immigrants are a burden on the Swiss social security system and the perpetrators of the majority of crimes in Switzerland. The SWP continues to campaign for stricter deportation laws that would send immigrants back to their home country. The SWP is also critical of Switzerland's Islamic population. Based on a campaign headed by the SWP, mosques in Switzerland are no longer allowed to have minarets. Notes:

- Students of color should be aware of the potential for experiencing racism and xenophobia in Switzerland due in part to the rising concerns over terrorism and the increasing number of refugees from Middle Eastern and African countries.

Sexual Orientation and Identity

According to the Diversity Climate Notes, Switzerland accepts its LGBT as equal members of society. In 1942, Switzerland legalized same-sex activity. In 2000, the government took further steps to protect the rights of its gay and lesbian Swiss community by making discrimination based on a person's sexual orientation against the constitution. Seven years later, Switzerland legalized same-sex registered partnerships. Although, same-sex couples are not allowed to jointly adopt children, they may do so separately. Gay and Lesbian students studying in Switzerland will find welcoming communities in the country's major cities. Zurich and Geneva have large gay and lesbian scenes with businesses and services targeted towards the gay and lesbian community.

Religion and Spirituality

The Swiss are generally tolerant of people of various religions. The most common religions are Roman Catholicism 38.2%, Protestant 26.9%, Muslim 4.9%. 21.4% of Swiss people do not affiliate with any religion (2012 est.). Recently however, there had been an increased resistance against Islam in Switzerland. There are over 300, 000 Muslims living in predominantly mountainous and urban regions of the country. The Swiss government has implemented policies that have been criticized for being discriminatory towards Muslims. For instance, Switzerland became the first European country to establishment a referendum prohibiting the building of minarets on mosques. Students visiting Switzerland are free to practice their religious beliefs. In Switzerland's more international cities, students can find churches and other spiritual centers that have meetings for English speakers.

Health, Safety, and Security

The sections below provide information about health and safety risks and resources in country. Refer back to the **Health & Safety** section of the GLO website and the modules in Canvas for more information about preparing for and responding to health, safety, and security concerns.

Staying Healthy

Switzerland has medical care comparable to that found in the United States. Most doctors speak English, and hospitals offer treatment in a variety of specialties. GLO recommends that students utilize their GeoBlue insurance and resources to identify and schedule with GeoBlue network providers to ensure quality.

Food and water are safe in most locations, but you should always wash your hands with soap and water before eating. If you are traveling to other countries, be sure to do some research on food and water safety before you go.

Safety and Security

In addition to the **Travel Safety** information outlined on the Global Learning and Global Safety and Security websites, you are advised to follow these precautions during your time abroad. Also refer to the U.S. Department of State Country Information Sheet for Germany for safety and security guidelines: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/Switzerland.html>.

- Crime: The majority of crimes directed against foreign visitors, including U.S. citizens, involve pick-pocketing, vehicle break-ins, bicycle theft, and other forms of theft.
 - Do not leave bags unattended. Most reported thefts occur at crowded tourist sites, at airports, car rental agencies, on public buses, trams, and major railway stations.
 - Visitors to congested and popular tourist areas (e.g., museums, monuments, train stations, airports, and subways) should be particularly attentive to their surroundings.
 - Be alert to criminal schemes. Organized groups of pick-pockets operate at major tourist sites and when conferences, festivals, shows, or exhibitions occur. Thieves frequently work in pairs. One member of the pair creates a disturbance while the other steals your belongings.
- European governments have been taking action to guard against terrorist threats, but the possibility for terror activity throughout Europe remains. Students should keep their phones on, charged, and loaded with airtime, so that they are reachable in case of emergency. Students are also advised to avoid large crowds or crowded places when possible and to exercise particular caution. In the event of heightened threat, students should return to (or remain at) a safe location, such as your host university or their accommodations, until further notice.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Packing

Is there anything special that I need to pack for my program?

Swiss climate is seasonal, similar to the Midwestern climate, although it does not get as hot and as humid in the summer, nor nearly as cold in the winter. The temperature does drop at night even in warm months so be sure to pack some layered clothing appropriate for evening climate. It tends to rain more in the winter in Switzerland, so we recommend that you include a light rain jacket in your luggage.

The voltage amounts used for electronic devices is different in the US and in Europe. Most transformers for computers and cell phones will show that they will work with various voltage, but you will still need a plug adapter. Consider purchasing at least one adapter before you leave or at the airport, so that you are prepared in transit (if you have connecting flights) or upon arrival. Electrical appliances with heating elements (hot pots, water heaters, hair dryers) must be products that have been tested for use in the specific country; despite this, often items purchased in the US and taken abroad do not work. Consider purchasing these items abroad or going without them for the duration of the program.

Food & Water

Can I drink the water?

Yes. Tap water is very safe in Switzerland. Most Swiss locals drink carbonated water, so don't be shy in asking if you are not immediately offered flat water! You also will not get free water with your meal in restaurants. When you order water, it'll typically be bottled and/or carbonated.

What is the local cuisine? Is it vegetarian friendly?

In general, the food that is eaten in Swiss restaurants can have a lot of meat and starches, but there are also a fair amount of vegetarian options and ethnic cuisines, especially in larger cities.

Money

How much does the program cost?

Refer to the program website, and the last page of this handbook, for a breakdown of program costs.

Are meals included in my Program Fee?

No. All room and board costs are out-of-pocket costs for students. Only tuition, administrative expenses, and GeoBlue travel health insurance are included in the program fee billed by Northwestern.

How much money should I plan to spend?

Refer to the student budget on the GLO program website, and the last page of this handbook, for an estimate of costs for room and board, books, local transportation, and personal expenses. The figures included in the budget represent averages reported by past students spent over the entire duration of the program.

Be aware that your student budget does not include personal travel, and traveling can quickly add up. Travel costs will depend upon the nature of your trips, but travel in most countries in the region, after airfare, is quite affordable.

How much cash should I bring?

For safety reasons, you are advised to bring no more than \$200 cash with you, plus a credit card and an ATM or debit card to use for purchases and to access additional funds. It is also recommended that you bring a second credit card in case of emergency. If you choose to bring more U.S. dollars, be sure to pack safely and monitor your belongings while traveling.

Communications

How do I get a cell phone that works abroad?

You have a few options. First, you can use an international plan provided by your current carrier, though this can be expensive for a long stay. If your phone is unlocked, you can purchase a SIM. You can buy these at the airport, grocery store, post office, etc. Wi-Fi is regularly available at cafes, popular tourist destinations, and of course, on campus, to help you save data. You can also consider buying an inexpensive local phone. Ask returned students for their recommendations!

Transportation & Travel

Will I be picked up from the airport?

No, you are responsible for arranging your own transportation.

How will I get back to the airport for departure?

See above in this handbook for the best way to travel between housing and the airport.

How much free time do I have? What can I expect to do outside of class?

This is up to you and how you organize your class schedule. There are a wide variety of places for you to explore in and around the city and country. Contact the Ambassadors for your program to get suggestions for things to do in your spare time:

<https://www.northwestern.edu/abroad/student-experiences/ambassador-program/student-ambassadors.html>

Links & Recommended Reading

Program & Country Information

- NU ETH Zurich University Exchange: <https://www.northwestern.edu/abroad/study-abroad/explore-programs/europe/eth-zurich-exchange.html>
- NU Student experiences and blogs: <https://www.northwestern.edu/abroad/student-experiences/index.html>
- ETH Exchange website: <https://www.ethz.ch/en/studies/non-degree-courses/exchange-and-visiting-studies/programmes/exchange-programmes.html>
- ETH Handbook for International Student in Zurich: <https://www.ethz.ch/content/dam/ethz/main/education/internationales/pdf-en/handbook.pdf>
- Preparing an ETH Study Plan: www.ethz.ch/en/studies/non-degree-courses/exchange-and-visiting-studies/about-the-study-programmes/preparing-a-study-plan.html
- ETH Exams: www.ethz.ch/students/en/studies/performance-assessments/preponement.html
- CIA World Factbook Switzerland: <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/gm.html>

Zurich

- Zurich Tourism Office: <https://www.zuerich.com/en>
- Museums: <https://www.zuerich.com/en/visit/art-museums-in-zurich>
- Zurich Parks and Gardens: <https://www.zuerich.com/en/visit/zurichs-parks-gardens>

Travel Information/Guides

- Time Out Zurich: <https://www.timeout.com/switzerland/zurich>
- Trip Advisor Zurich: <https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g188113-Activities-Zurich.html>
- Public Transportation:
 - Transit within the city: <https://www.stadt-zuerich.ch/vbz/en/index.secure.html>
 - Transit within the canton: <http://www.zvv.ch/zvv/en/home.html>
- Swiss Railways: <https://www.swissrailways.com>
- Easyjet (low-cost airline): www.easyjet.com
- Ryanair (low-cost airline): www.ryanair.com
- Rail Europe (train travel in Europe): www.raileurope.com/

Language

- <http://dict.leo.org/>
- <http://dict.tu-chemnitz.de>

Health & Safety

- World Health Organization: Switzerland: <https://www.who.int/countries/che/en/>
- US Department of State Country Guide for Switzerland: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/Switzerland.html>

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- CDC: Health Information for Switzerland: http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/extended_student/switzerland
 - GeoBlue Health Insurance: <https://www.geo-blue.com>
 - Smart Traveler Enrollment Program: <https://step.state.gov/step/>

2019-2020 Program Cost Information ETH-Zurich Exchange (Zurich, Switzerland)

FEES CHARGED BY NORTHWESTERN			
	Fall 2019	Full Year 2019-20	Winter/ Spring 2020
Program Fee Students are charged a program fee equivalent to the Northwestern University tuition rate. The program fee covers program expenses, including academic fees, program administration, and orientation (if applicable). It also includes GeoBlue Global Health Insurance, which is purchased by GLO on students' behalf for the full length of the program.	\$18,744 1 quarter of tuition	\$56,232 3 quarters of tuition	\$28,116 1.5 quarters of tuition
Study Abroad Administrative Fee Students are exempt from the Study Abroad Administrative Fee.	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FEES CHARGED BY NORTHWESTERN	\$18,744	\$56,232	\$28,116

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL COSTS			
International Airfare Students are responsible for making arrangements to fly round-trip to their host city. International airfares vary greatly based on the point of departure, carrier, and type of ticket purchased as well as volatility of airline industry pricing. Students may choose to take advantage of frequent flyer or other airline awards available to them, which could significantly lower their travel costs.	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Room & Board Students are responsible for making their own accommodations arrangements, based on suggestions from GLO and the host institution (if applicable). Costs can vary by housing type. Housing and meal costs provided here represent expected averages.	\$8,200	\$17,700	\$9,500
Visa Fees	\$400	\$400	\$400
Books & Supplies	\$100	\$200	\$100
Local Transportation	\$300	\$600	\$300
Personal Expenses Personal expenses vary based on individual spending habits and budgets. Figures represent student-reported averages and include incidentals and living expenses, such as clothing, toiletries, entertainment, and communication expenses. Students who plan to travel outside of their program location should estimate an additional \$500-\$2,000.	\$1,400	\$3,050	\$1,650
TOTAL ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL COSTS	\$11,900	\$23,450	\$13,450

TOTAL STUDENT BUDGET (Fees + Estimated Additional Costs)	\$30,644	\$79,682	\$41,566
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For more information about billing, finances, and financial aid for study abroad, please refer to the Money Matters resource page of the Global Learning website or contact Krista Buda Bethel (krista@northwestern.edu) in the Financial Aid Office. Also refer to the Financial, Withdrawal & Cancellation Policies section of the Global Learning website for information about refunds in the case of withdrawal or dismissal.