# FACT SHEET



# **General Information**

# Name of University

University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland - School of **Business** 

Fachhoschule Nordwestschweiz (FHNW) - Hochschule für Wirtschaft

#### **Erasmus Code**

CH Bruggo2

#### Homepage

https://www.fhnw.ch/en/degreeprogrammes/business

### **Semester Dates**

Autumn: September - January Spring: February - June

# **Accessibility**

Wheelchair accessible

# Course Offer

Information on courses: http://web.fhnw.ch/plattformen/iobusiness/ exchange/courses







# International Office

# International website

https://www.fhnw.ch/en/degree-programmes/business/internationalexperience/exchange-students

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# Nomination and Application Procedure

Applicants must have completed one academic year on a bachelor's level. Further students must be officially nominated by their home university. Once nominated students will receive an e-mail inviting them to apply.

A study programme of at least 15 ECTS per semester is required by our university.

- **1. Step:** Student nomination (only from partner universities)
- 2. Step: Online application

Application deadline: Autumn semester: May 30

> Spring semester: November 30

- 3. Step: Confirmation e-mail
- 4. Step: Letter of Acceptance
- 5. Step: SEMP/Allowance application
- 6. Step: Plan your arrival (all students are expected to arrive before the Info Session Day.)



Non-EU/EFTA citizens will need to apply for a student visa shortly after receiving their acceptance package, which will be sent to their home coordinator.

A residence permit is needed for EU and for non-EU/EFA citizens.

For further information, please check this website: https://www.studyinswitzerland.plus/visas-permits/





To apply as an exchange student, students must fulfill our language requirements:

# For degree programmes and courses taught in English

Either a certificate from an acknowledged examiner (one of Cambridge First A-B, Cambridge Advanced, TOEFL iBT 79; paper based: 540; computer based: 213, TOEIC 780, IELTS 6, ELP B2, Bec Vantage) or a personally signed letter from a lecturer or international coordinator confirming the student has achieved a B2 level in English.

### For degree programmes and courses taught in German

Either a certificate from an acknowledged examiner (e.g. Goethe-Zertifikat B2, telc B2) or a personally signed letter from a lecturer or international coordinator from the home university confirming the applicant has achieved a B2 level in German.



# Cost of Living

# **Approximate Expenses (all prices in Swiss Francs)**

Accommodation 400-900 CHF/month Food 300-400 CHF/month Transportation 200-300 CHF/month Health insurance (swisscare) 65-80 CHF/month Other expenses 200-300 CHF/month

Total per month: 1,165-1,980 CHF



#### Grants and allowances

**Erasmus+ Programme:** exchange students from a European partner university studying and living in Switzerland may be eligible to receive a **SEMP grant** from the Swiss Government.

**Rest of the World:** exchange students from a non-Erasmus+ programme country partner university may be eligible to receive an **allowance** of max. CHF 2200.- which is directly used to support student exchange.

Incoming students will receive further information after the acceptance procedure.



## Accommodation

The International Office and/or the Accommodation Officer at the different campuses will assist exchange students to find accommodation.

Accommodation options can be found here: https://www.fhnw.ch/en/degree-programmes/business/international-experience/exchange-students/accommodation

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# Student Council, ESN FHNW & Buddy System

At the FHNW there is a strong presence of student organisations. The FHNW has several student organisations such as the Student Council and the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) FHNW. Local students run these organisations on a voluntary basis and organise activities, trips, the buddy system and social events for and with exchange students throughout their stay at our university.



