Swiss Mobility Programme
Academic Year 2022/23

News: Application Process for Project Students

From 2022/23 onwards
Students doing course work or a combination of a project with mandatory course work can be nominated via the Swiss Mobility Programme. Application deadlines must be met.

Starting 1 June 2022, students doing project work only will no longer be part of the Swiss Mobility Programme. They will be regarded as «Project mobility students»:
- No nomination is required.
- No tuition fees.
- Students receive a mobility student status at ETH Zurich.

Detailed information will be on our website in February 2022.

Requirements: Course Work
- Minimum of 20 ECTS/semester for coursework; or for course and project work. Credit points are granted in case students successfully pass their exams.
- Most courses (generally 2/3) must be attended within the range of courses offered by the department of enrolment.
- A workload of 30 ECTS and over may be overwhelming, students not always being used to ETH’s highly demanding academic environment.
- The combination of a project and courses that together exceed a total of 30 ECTS is not recommended. A master thesis is regarded as full-time work.
- Students must have completed at least 2 years/120 ECTS worth of studies at university level in a relevant field of study by the time they begin the exchange.
- The hosting department assesses all applications. The department decides on the admission of the exchange student according to academic criteria, mainly the ability to attend selected courses at ETH Zurich with success.
- More details are available in the Study Plan Guidelines and in Conditions set by the departments.

Academic Calender
Semester dates
- Check dates on the web: www.ethz.ch/semester-dates
Examination periods
- ETH Zurich has unusually late examinations periods: cfr. session examinations

Requirements: Project/Thesis Work
1. Within the exchange agreement in the form of project plus courses
   - Students must find a supervising professor at ETH Zurich themselves.
   - They must be nominated before applying.
   - The combination of course work and a thesis/project must be discussed with the supervisor at ETH in advance.
   - In the latter case the application must be evaluated by ETH department exchange coordinator as well.
   - The combination of a project and courses that together exceed 30 ECTS is highly discouraged. At ETH a master thesis is regarded as full-time work.

2. For projects only (research project/thesis)
   - Projects starting before 1 June 2022: apply as usual within the Swiss Mobility exchange agreement.
   - Project starting on/after 1 June 2022: students register as a project mobility student and are not Swiss Mobility students.
     - Students must find a supervising professor at ETH Zurich on their own before applying.
     - Project/thesis work is expected to be full-time, i.e. a workload of 20 to 30 ECTS.
     - Project duration must entail min. 3 & max. 12 months.
     - No study fees at ETH.
     - Application is submitted 2 months before the start date. Short-notice applications might be taken into consideration after checking with the programme manager.
Nomination

1. Nomination deadline
There is no official deadline for the nomination. Nominations must reach the Student Exchange Office by the time the student submits the application at the latest. This implies, however, that local coordinators shall, in good time, inform their students about the application process (see § Application and deadlines).

2. Form of nomination
Send nominations by mail to francesca.broggi@akd.ethz.ch (applies to course students and to course & project students).

3. Content of nomination
Student’s full name, date of birth, email address, number of exchange semesters; field of studies at home and host university, purpose of exchange (courses/project/thesis).

Learning Agreement and Transcript of Records

1. Learning Agreement
   • ETH issues an electronically signed Learning Agreement based on the study plan approved by the Departmental Exchange Coordinators. We usually do not issue any other form of learning agreements for course work.
   • The Learning Agreement can be revised two weeks into the semester. Students will be reminded. A final electronically signed Learning Agreement will be issued again.

2. Transcript of Records
   • Grades are published at the latest 6 weeks after the end of the examination sessions.
   • Transcript of Records must be requested by the student at the study administration office of the department.
   • They are entitled to order up to three transcripts of records free of charge.

3. Grading System
   • For more information see ETH Zurich’s Grading System and ECTS Grades

Languages

1. Language of instruction
   English: 2nd cycle, partially 1st cycle
   German: mostly 1st cycle
   For more details on the language of instruction, see the course catalogue.

2. Required language level: C1 recommended, min. B2

3. Language Certificate
   No language certificates required. We trust our partners to nominate students with language level B2 or higher in English and/or in German, depending on the courses chosen (learning agreement).

4. Language courses
   Language courses prior to and during the semester.

Additional information

1. Housing
   Detailed information about housing will be sent to the students after their application has been processed. Further information can be found here: Living in Zurich: Accommodation cfr. also the Housing Office.

2. Students with disabilities
   For information and support see the website of the Disability Advisory Service

Application and deadlines

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<td>Students with projects only that begin before 1 June 2022</td>
<td>Up to two months before the planned project starts. Short notice applications may still be processed. Students will apply with the link for the Swiss Mobility programme (see below).</td>
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Online application

Application information for students is on the Swiss Mobility site where the document «Information about the application» contains the relevant link to the application. Admission will be communicated to the students within approximately 5 weeks after the application deadlines.

*Students may apply until the overall deadline set by the Swiss mobility programme at national level (November 30); however, after October 31, students will no longer qualify for some of the services (e.g. housing).