

# Criteria for the selection of applications

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In order to ensure a fair allocation of places for study exchange, Università della Svizzera italiana selects applications based on a set of merit-based criteria. Numerical values are assigned to the evaluation criteria, and Mobility Online then generates a ranking and allocates destinations accordingly.

The Academy of Architecture compiles the ranking based solely on the weighted average, while the faculties of the Lugano Campus assign scores based on the following criteria:

## Points for matriculation year

Bachelor	Points	Master	Points
Second year	10	First year	10
Third year	10	Second year	10
Repeating	5	Repeating	5
Fuori corso	0	Fuori corso	0

## Bachelor: Points for ECTS obtained at the time of application (February/September)

ECTS AS	Points	ECTS SS	Points
81.00 – 90.00+	10	111.0 – 120.00	10
60.00 – 80.99	5	60.00 – 110.99	5
42.00 – 59.99	1	42.00 – 59.99	1
00.00 – 41.99*	0	00.00 – 41.99	0

### Master: Points for ECTS obtained at the time of application (February/September)

ECTS AS	Points	ECTS SS	points
24.00 – 30.00+	10	48.00 – 60.00+	10
13.50 – 23.99	5	39.00 – 47.99	5
00.00 – 13.49	0	00.00 – 38.99	0
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### Overall Weighted Average Grade

The overall weighted average grade is added to the corresponding points

9.5 – 10.0	40
9.0 – 9.49	38
8.5 – 8.99	36
8.0 – 8.49	34
7.5 – 7.99	32
7.0 – 7.49	30
6.5 – 6.99	28
6.0 – 6.49	26

### Points for structured agreement

A student applying to a university where a structured agreement is in place for their study programme is awarded an additional 50 points as they have priority over other candidates. Any remaining unoccupied positions may be allocated to candidates from other study programmes if the agreement allows for it.

### Points for language certificate

Detailed information about the proof of foreign language proficiency are available at the following link: <https://www.desk.usi.ch/en/usi-students-mobility-organizational-aspects> (tab "Proof of foreign language proficiency").

B1 = 2	B1+ = 3	B2 = 5	B2+ = 7	C1 = 10	C1+ = 12	C2 = 13
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- Native speakers receive 14 points. A student is considered a native speaker if they have completed the entire secondary education cycle and obtained the relevant diploma in the country or school where the language under consideration is considered an official language. Proof of this status must be enclosed to the application.
- It is the responsibility of the student who has acquired multiple language proficiency certificates to attach the most advantageous one for evaluation purposes to the application. Only one proficiency level for one language will be considered for each destination indicated in the application.

**Doubtful or problematic applications**

In the case of uncertain or problematic applications (e.g., abnormal study plans in terms of content or number of expected exams, situations of equality, applications for highly preferred locations, specific curricular needs), the decision will be discussed in the appropriate forums.

**Tiebreaker**

In the event of a tie, priority will be given to students who have not previously participated in a mobility program compared to those who have already done so.

It is also emphasized that, in order to participate in an exchange period, formal requirements set by the faculty Regulations must be satisfied in any case:

- Academy of Architecture: Rules for academic mobility (only in Italian)
- Faculty of Economics: Study abroad / Mobility programme Guidelines
- Faculty of Communication, Culture and Society: Regulations for student mobility
- Faculty of Informatics: Study Regulations

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