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## SWISS HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM AND POLICY

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### SWITZERLAND

#### The country and its people

Switzerland is a small country of 41 284 square kilometres located in Europe between France, Germany, Austria, the Principality of Liechtenstein (FL), and Italy. Its capital is Bern. The country is one of the most mountainous in Europe: the Alps, Pre-Alps, and Jura occupy more than two-thirds of its land area. Contrasting with these mountainous regions is the Swiss plateau, which is home to a majority of the country's 7.4 million people.

Over two-thirds of the population live in urban areas. Zurich is Switzerland's largest city, with about 345 000 people. Four other cities have populations in excess of 100 000: Geneva, Basel, Bern, and Lausanne. Zurich, Bern, and Geneva are all three placed on the second rank with respect to European cities' public safety and offer high quality of life which makes them to popular places of residence.

Geographically diverse, Switzerland is also diverse in terms of its spoken languages. This small country recognises no fewer than four national languages. German is spoken by 64% of the population, French by 20%, Italian by 6.5%, and Romansh by less than 1%. About 9% speak other languages. A fifth of the population is made up of resident foreigners.

#### Economy

Switzerland's unique dual education and training system provides a vast range of educational options, from vocational training and apprenticeships to university-level education, thereby producing a well qualified workforce at all levels. On account of Switzerland's high-quality education system and its multicultural society, a large part of the population is fluent in several languages. As the workforce is generally highly motivated, Switzerland ranks fifth among the world's leading national economies with respect to overall productivity.

Switzerland's size has enabled well-developed networks between the various fields of expertise in research, development, and industry. Its location in the heart of Europe is another advantage. Situated at the nexus of European technologies and cultures, Switzerland is equidistant between America and Asia. Close ties with the EU assure direct links to European science and innovation programmes. Bilateral contracts with the EU provide Swiss-based companies with excellent market access to more than 450 million consumers. And last but not least, Switzerland has an almost ideal size – and spirit – to qualify as a pilot market in which manufacturers can analyse market response to new products.

### Political organisation

Switzerland is a confederation comprising 26 cantons. In 1848, Switzerland adopted a new constitution marking the power of the central government while at the same time leaving a relative degree of sovereignty in the hands of the cantons. It constituted a decisive step towards a modern democracy. It promoted centralisation without rejecting liberalism, in line with Swiss traditions. This federalist system is still in force today.

Endowed with their own constitutions, their own governments and their own laws, the cantons have the right to legislate in quite a lot of areas. In areas such as education they enjoy broad powers.

Direct democracy is entrenched firmly at each level (Confederation, cantons, communes). Citizens do not only elect the members of their parliaments, but also the members of their governments, except for the Federal Council. Moreover, important questions are submitted to popular elections – for constitutional questions, or following the exercise of the popular right of initiative and referendum. In Switzerland, members of Parliament are not professionals; they fulfil their local or federal mandates along with other jobs.

## THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IN SWITZERLAND

Education has always been an overriding priority in Switzerland, as evidenced by an outstanding level of resources allocated to Swiss schools and different types of universities. Switzerland's unique dual education and training system provides a vast range of educational options, from vocational training and apprenticeships to university-level courses.

Pre-school education (kindergarten) and compulsory schooling (primary and lower secondary) both take place in the communes. The Confederation ensures that primary education satisfies standards of quality, and guarantees compliance with the principle of free education. At the upper secondary level, the Confederation is responsible for vocational training. Recognition of the relevant certificates – the Federal Certificate of Competence and the Professional School-Leaving Certificate – is also a federal matter. General education at the upper secondary level and in the gymnasia, in particular, is the responsibility of the cantons which regulate the school-leaving examinations marking the completion of these academically oriented secondary-school studies. The Confederation recognises these diplomas insofar as they satisfy the relevant conditions. The diplomas certify that their holders have the required general knowledge and aptitudes to take university-level studies.

Higher education in Switzerland, fitting into the general dual system, covers the range from academic to applied studies by charging two types of institutions with the different training tasks. Twelve doctoral/research universities (ten cantonal universities and two Federal Institutes of Technology) offer theoretically oriented, scientific bachelor's,

master's and doctoral degrees. Professionally oriented studies are offered at the 8 universities of applied sciences («Fachhochschulen» /«Hautes écoles spécialisées») and at the 15 universities of teacher education («Pädagogische Hochschulen» /«Hautes écoles pédagogiques»). In the universities of applied sciences integrated are also the top education in music, theatre, and fine arts.

At all the different types of universities the Bologna declaration is implemented.

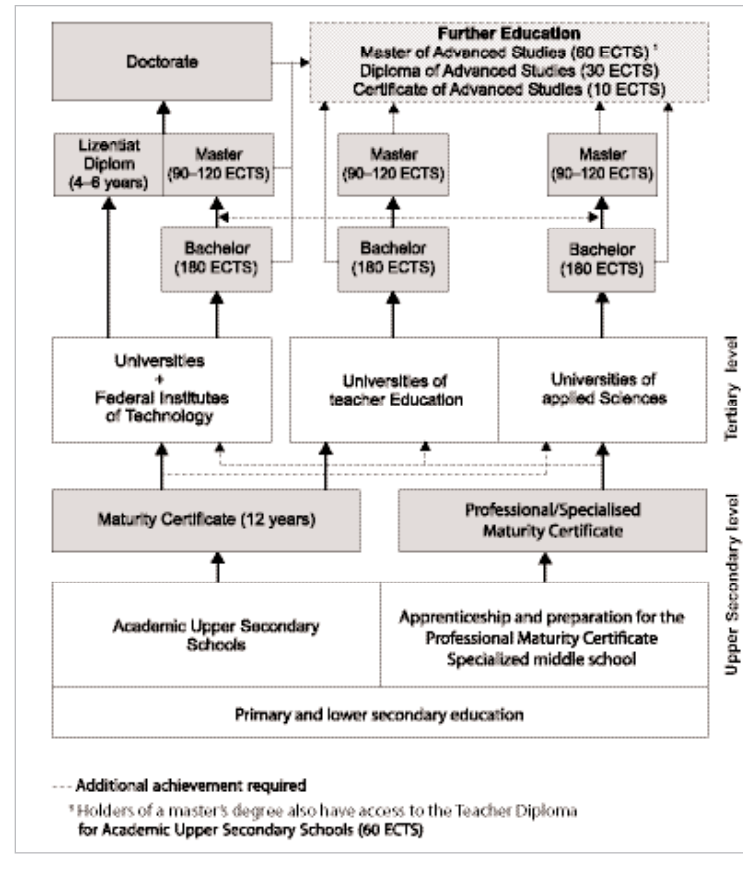
Holders of a maturity certificate («gymnasiale Matura») have access to the doctoral/research university or a university of teacher education. They also can enrol, after completing a one-year internship or work placement, in a university of applied sciences.

Holders of a professional maturity certificate («Berufsmaturität») are entitled to study at a university of applied sciences or, after passing a supplementary examination, at one of the doctoral/research universities. Holders of a professional maturity must sit for a further examination to be admitted to a university of teacher education.

The modern, diversified but coherent system of Swiss higher education is perfectly suited to the needs of students, the scientific community, modern society, and the economy and it is directly compatible with other European educational systems.

A perfect example for the coherence of the Swiss Higher education system is the harmonisation of the semesters: Switzerland is the first and only country in which all higher education institutions start their courses in the same weeks of each year, beginning in September 2007. The autumn semester begins in week 38 and the spring semester in week 8 (in each of the following years). Today, other European countries are discussing on how to follow the Swiss example.

The Swiss Higher Education System



**DOCTORAL/RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES**

Ten cantonal universities and two Federal Institutes of Technology are labelled swissuniversity.ch. They are currently the only research universities in Switzerland that are allowed to confer doctoral degrees. The ten cantonal universities are in Basel, Bern, Fribourg, Geneva, Lausanne, Lucerne, Neuchâtel, St. Gallen, Italian-speaking Switzerland, and Zurich. Most of them have been evolving over a number of centuries in step with societal and economic needs, always in harmony with a humanist ideal. Since the mid-19th century, the Confederation has played an active role in national science policy. While it began by creating its own polytechnic in Zurich, the Confederation now has six institutions comprising the two Federal Institutes of Technology in Lausanne

(EPFL) and in Zurich (ETHZ) and four research institutes, the Paul Scherrer Institute, the Federal Institute for Woodland, Snow and Landscape Research, the Federal Laboratory for Materials Testing and Research, and the Federal Institute for Water Supplies, Waste Water Treatment and Water Resources Protection. The two Federal Institutes of Technology (ETHZ and EPFL) are known worldwide and have brought forth many Nobel Prize laureates.

In addition to the federal institutes, Switzerland’s cantonal universities also have excellent reputations on account of their high-quality research. In recent worldwide rankings at least five of the Swiss universities (depending on the ranked area) have always been amongst the 50 best universities of the world, which means they guarantee to all potential students the possibility of choosing among high-quality courses in different universities and in different cultural regions of Switzerland within a reachable distance. Although each of the universities has its own characteristics, they all basically have the same structure combining research and education (a prerequisite for those students, who intend to follow their studies up to a doctorate level). The twelve Swiss universities are divided into faculties or departments, including theology, law, economic and social sciences, arts, natural science, and medicine (Fribourg and Neuchâtel offer but basic medical courses). St Gallen is renowned for economics, social sciences and law ? especially in German-speaking Europe, but also in the US and Asia. Lucerne, the youngest institution to qualify as a Swiss university, in 2004, succeeds in offering Catholic theology, humanities, and law. The second youngest Swiss university, the Università della Svizzera italiana (USI) in the Italian-speaking canton of Switzerland, is not only famous for its courses in architecture with Prof. Mario Botta, but also offers economics, communication sciences, and informatics. The two Federal Institutes of Technology are well known for producing highly qualified engineers, architects, and scientists and work closely together with their counterparts, the University of Zurich and the University of Lausanne, respectively, in study areas such as the human sciences.

In addition, there are some smaller institutions offering a limited curriculum which confer diplomas in association with a traditional university. The following are considered as public institutions of higher education: the Graduate Institute for International Studies (Institut universitaire de hautes études internationales, IUHEI) in Geneva, the Graduate Insitute for Advanced Public Administration (Institut de hautes études en administration publique, IDHEAP) in Lausanne, and the Graduate Institute of Development Studies (Institut universitaire d’études de développement, IUED) in Geneva. They are not allowed to confer doctoral degrees without specifically associating to one of the twelve doctoral/research universities.

For more information see [www.swissuniversity.ch](http://www.swissuniversity.ch), [www.crus.ch](http://www.crus.ch), [www.proff.ch](http://www.proff.ch). Specific information for doctoral candidates and researchers on: [www.sbf.admin.ch/eracareers](http://www.sbf.admin.ch/eracareers).

## UNIVERSITIES OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Switzerland has since 1997 seven public-funded universities of applied sciences (UAS), which are organised regionally. Since 2005 there is also a private UAS which is recognised by the Swiss authorities.

Practice-oriented university-level education is offered by seven universities of applied sciences regulated by public law (as well as one private university of applied sciences). These universities are organised regionally and all have several campuses.

The universities of applied sciences in the German-speaking part of Switzerland are:

- Berne University of Applied Sciences (BFH, Berner Fachhochschule) with campuses in Berne, Burgdorf, Biel, Zollikofen, and Magglingen
- University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland (FHNW, Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz) with campuses in Brugg/Windisch, Olten, Basel, and Muttenz
- University of Applied Sciences of Eastern Switzerland (FHO, Fachhochschule Ostschweiz) with main campuses in St. Gallen, Rapperswil, Buchs, and Chur
- University of Applied Sciences of Central Switzerland (FHZ, Fachhochschule Zentralschweiz) with campuses in Lucerne and Horw
- University of Applied Sciences of Zurich (ZFH, Zürcher Fachhochschule) with campuses in Zurich, Winterthur, and Wädenswil

The university of applied sciences in the Italian-speaking part of Switzerland is:

- University of Applied Sciences of Southern Switzerland (SUPSI, Scuola Universitaria Professionale della Svizzera Italiana) with campuses in Lugano, Manno, Canobbio, and Verscio

The university of applied sciences in the French-speaking part of Switzerland is:

- University of Applied Sciences Western Switzerland (HES-SO, Haute Ecole Spécialisée de la Suisse Occidentale) with main campuses in Geneva, Lausanne, Sion\*, Sierre\*, Fribourg, Yverdon-les-Bains, Changins, Neuchâtel, La Chaux-de-Fonds, and Le Locle.

The universities of applied sciences (UAS) cover the following areas of knowledge and research:

- Engineering and Information Technology (all UAS)
- Architecture, Building Engineering and Planning (all UAS)
- Agriculture and Forestry (BFH and HES-SO only)
- Chemistry and Life Sciences (all UAS except FHO, SUPSI and FHZ)
- Design (all UAS except FHO)
- Social Work (all UAS)
- Health (all UAS except FHZ and FHNW)
- Business, Management and Services (all UAS)
- Applied Psychology (ZFH and FHNW only)

(\*offering, in part, degree programs in German)

- Applied Linguistics (ZFH only)
- Sports (BFH only)

A distinctive feature of Swiss universities of applied sciences is their integration of artistic courses of study in

- Theatre Arts (ZFH, BFH, and SUPSI only)
- Music (all UAS except FHO)
- Fine Arts (all UAS except FHO).

Universities of applied sciences provide a practice-oriented education, accommodating the needs of both students and the job market. They offer an excellent learning environment: small campuses, a communal atmosphere, a good learning infrastructure, well-equipped laboratories, a good student/faculty ratio, small study groups, student-oriented classes, and highly qualified teachers who are often involved in research and/or professional practice.

In addition to their bachelor's and master's degree programs, the UAS offer a wide range of federally recognised courses in continuing education to facilitate lifelong learning among graduates. Their flexible organisation allows UAS to respond quickly to the needs of both students and the professional environment.

In all departments, the UAS also conduct distinguished research which aims at solving problems related to their professional fields. With their research, the UAS form an important link in the innovation chain. Research at the UAS is also connected to instruction, with students gaining research expertise in their respective professional fields. In the artistic courses of study, the main emphasis is on the development of students' artistic identity.

As the education they receive is practice-oriented, students graduating from UAS have very good prospects on the job market. The most recent studies show that 96% of students find employment in their professional field within twelve months of graduating. The education supplied by the UAS meets the demands of the job market. A UAS degree also serves as an entry qualification to further studies at universities both in Switzerland and abroad.

## UNIVERSITIES OF TEACHER EDUCATION

The universities of teacher education were created in 2001 and train teachers in Switzerland. The universities of teacher education have the same principals like the universities of applied sciences – they offer a practice-oriented education – but are for the most part independent establishments.

In most cases, teachers working at the different levels of the school system (initial and continuing education) are trained in the universities of teacher education which are financed by the cantons. In some cases the teachers are trained in universities or in other tertiary institutions.

Today, Switzerland has fifteen<sup>1</sup> universities of teacher education which train teachers for the pre-school, primary, secondary I, and, to a large extent, secondary II level and also for some specialized domains like special needs education, speech and language therapy, and psychomotor therapy.

Thirteen of them are independent establishments (Bern; Biel/Porrentruy/La Chaux-de-Fonds; Brig/St-Maurice; Chur; Freiburg/Fribourg; Kreuzlingen; Lausanne; Locarno; Luzern/Schwyz/Zug; Rorschach; Schaffhausen; St.Gallen; Zurich<sup>2</sup>) while two universities of teacher education form part of universities of applied sciences (in Basel/Brugg/Solothurn and in Zurich). In Geneva, the university trains future pre-school and primary school teachers.

The University of Fribourg and a Geneva cantonal teacher education institute offer training courses for secondary levels I and II. In Zurich, training of teachers for secondary level II is provided by an institute which is managed jointly by the university, the Federal Institute of Technology and the university of teacher education.

The Swiss Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training is responsible for the training and further education of teachers for the vocational education. By autumn they will provide a Master of Science in vocational training.

The universities of teacher education award bachelor's or master's degrees for the following domains: pre-primary education, primary education, secondary education, special needs education, speech and language therapy, and psychomotor therapy. Besides this, the universities of teacher education provide a master of advanced studies and are currently working on master study courses as well. The universities of teacher education are responsible for tuition (initial and continuing training), applied research, development and evaluation; they also provide other services like consultation, introduction to the profession, mobility and others.

## RELATIONS BETWEEN UNIVERSITIES, UNIVERSITIES OF APPLIED SCIENCES AND UNIVERSITIES OF TEACHER EDUCATION

Cooperation and transfer possibilities between the different types of Swiss higher education institutions are essential. A perfect balance between cooperation and division of tasks are the objective of Switzerland's higher education institutions. The Rectors' Conference of the Swiss Universities (CRUS), the Rector's Conference of the Swiss Universities of Applied Sciences (KFH), and the Swiss Conference of Rectors of Universities of Teacher Education (SCTE) therefore encourage exchange programmes and work together readily.

<sup>1</sup> By September 2007 there will be fourteen universities of teacher education because of the fusion between Rorschach and St.Gallen.

<sup>2</sup> For special needs education.

## INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY

Switzerland participates as an «indirect partner» in the European Union's education programmes (Lifelong Learning Programme, [LLP], Leonardo da Vinci, Youth Programme). Swiss participation and scholarships awarded to foreign students who come to Switzerland are temporarily financed by the State Secretariat for Education and Research, SER.

The Information and Coordination ERASMUS Switzerland (ICES) agency, hosted by CRUS, is responsible for allocating the resources for ERASMUS student mobility grants to the participating higher education institutions.

The higher education institutions introduced the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), which seeks to foster student mobility by ensuring the recognition of credits obtained elsewhere.

Lastly, with the entry into force of the bilateral agreements between Switzerland and the EU, Swiss scientists will have access to EU programmes to encourage mobility for researchers.

## RESEARCH IN SWITZERLAND

Switzerland has superior qualities and skills in education, science and technology which are recognised internationally. The competitiveness of Switzerland is due to the considerable investment into research. On a percentage basis, the amount Switzerland spends on research and development in relation to gross domestic product (GDP) puts this country near the top of the list. More than two-thirds of these resources come from the private sector with the major interest coming from the chemical, pharmaceutical, electronics, and metallurgical industries.

The federal legislation puts the onus for the promotion of scientific research on the Confederation, which in turn has created various instruments including in particular the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) and the Swiss Innovation Agency (Commission for Technology and Innovation, CTI) to carry out this task.

The Swiss National Science Foundation is the most important instrument of the Confederation for the promotion of research and the development of a new generation of scientists. The foundation which was set up in 1952 supports scientific research at Swiss higher education institutions and independent research institutes. The main thrust of the foundation's activity is the financial backing of high-quality individual projects in the sphere of general basic research. The promotion of young scientific talent is achieved through grants for future and advanced researchers and exchange programmes with various partner countries. The SNSF is also responsible for carrying out the National Research Programmes (NRP) and for the National Centres of Competence in Research

(NCCR). A special programme of the SNSF called DORE promotes the research in the fields of social sciences, health sciences, school education, music, and fine arts.

The Swiss Innovation Agency (CTI) is the federal agency promoting applied research and development of economic interest. The CTI promotes the development and application of new technologies and methodology. It brings dynamic companies and institutions and researchers at all types of universities together by supporting their cooperation in applied research and development. CTI services range from action programmes in different fields of the economy, the public services, and cultural life to the support for setting up of new firms and services. The tools of the CTI can also be used by small and medium-sized enterprises or other institutions with needs in new knowledge.

Basic research is carried out in Switzerland mainly by universities and the Federal Institutes of Technology. The universities of applied sciences on the other hand concentrate on applied research and development and pursue the establishment of close contacts between their research units and those in the private sector. Research is one of the emphases at the universities of teacher education as well. The main research at the universities of teacher education will be developed in the context of the professional didactics and the master study courses.

Efforts to integrate Swiss research activities into those taking place internationally began in the early 1950s; since then these efforts have been consistently reinforced through Swiss membership in the most important international research organisations and Swiss participation in the main international research programmes.

## KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

Switzerland ranks fifth among the world's leading national economies with respect to overall productivity. Cooperation and synergies on the cantonal, national, and international levels make Switzerland an almost ideal place to identify solutions designed to develop products to market maturity.

There are a large number of institutions and tools in Switzerland for promoting and supporting research and establishing contacts to promote exchanges between Swiss universities, universities of applied sciences, and businesses. During the last ten years, the cantonal universities, Federal Institutes of Technology and the four research institutes have either created technology transfer departments or designated officers responsible for relations with industry.

The universities of applied sciences act as a transmission belt between research and industry. All of the universities of applied sciences have a technology transfer service. The cooperation between the UAS and the private sector has developed rapidly over the past 10 years.

Besides the activities of the CTI, an important instrument for the creation of synergies between the public and private sectors is the so-called European Union Framework

Programme for Research and Technological Development. These programmes encourage cooperation on a European level between universities and firms, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises. Swiss participation in these programmes is one of the most important priorities of this country's international science policy.

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Internationality begins on campus, amongst students. Switzerland has the highest share of international students in Europe (17%), on bachelor and advanced studies levels, most of them coming from other European countries.

Internationality means also promoting the mobility of students and researchers, and hence depends on cooperation. Swiss higher education institutions are reliable partners in European exchange and research programmes. Bilateral agreements ensure and facilitate cooperation between higher education in Switzerland and European partners. Higher education institutions themselves have numerous bilateral agreements with countries throughout the world. The international relations of universities are generally managed both by rectorates and their international officers and by faculties, depending on the type of cooperation. A good example for cooperation is the host of the Annual EAIE Conference (European Association for International Education) in 2006, the University of Basel, which is situated in the so-called «Dreiländereck», the international triangle of countries formed by Switzerland, Germany, and France. Here, internationality is a regional feature. Thousands of people cross one of the borders every morning to reach their workplaces. Since 1991, seven universities located on the Upper Rhine and close to national borders have formed EUCOR, the cross-border Confederation of Upper Rhine Universities. The joint EUCOR student card grants unhindered mobility and access to the seven partner universities. Through joint programmes and courses, and through joint research initiatives and staff exchanges, internationality has become a matter of everyday life at the EUCOR universities. A similar programme also takes place at the universities of applied sciences of north-western Switzerland with homologous higher education institutions in France and Germany.

Active participation on the level of the three Swiss higher education rectors' conferences is secured by membership in organisations such as the European University Association, the Academic Cooperation Association, and the Network of the Universities of Applied Sciences and on platforms such as the above-mentioned EAIE and the NAFSA, an association of international educators and an organisation promoting international education and providing professional development opportunities to the field in the USA. These efforts ensure Switzerland's integration in the process of promoting visibility as well as quality of higher education.

In view of the increasing importance of international exchange in the area of science, the State Secretariat for Education and Research will be concentrating its efforts in



2008-2011 on the networking of Switzerland internationally as a university and research location. The focus on cooperation areas conducive to the mobility of students, teaching staff, and researchers will be confined to Europe as well as to non-European partners. Increasing efforts are geared to collaboration with suitable non-European partner countries and regions amongst which the most important will be China, India, Russia, and South Africa.

## RECOGNITION OF DIPLOMAS

In neighbouring countries ...

In addition to these multilateral relations, Switzerland also attaches great importance to bilateral agreements, in particular with neighbouring countries, in order to ensure student mobility and mutual recognition of diplomas. It has concluded bilateral agreements with Austria, Germany, Italy, and France. These agreements govern the recognition of the diplomas of all higher education institutions.

...and elsewhere

Switzerland acceded to the university conventions of the Council of Europe and UNESCO in 1991 and ratified a new joint convention, the Lisbon Convention, in 1998. Among other measures, this convention provides for a «Diploma Supplement» (DS), which is a description of the qualification to be attached to each diploma awarded by a university or university of applied sciences.

In general, foreign universities recognise the Swiss maturity certificate as a qualification giving access to university studies. Both the Lisbon Convention and the Bologna Declaration recommend the introduction of the Diploma Supplement. The universities of applied sciences and the universities of teacher education have introduced Diploma Supplements.

## REFORMS IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

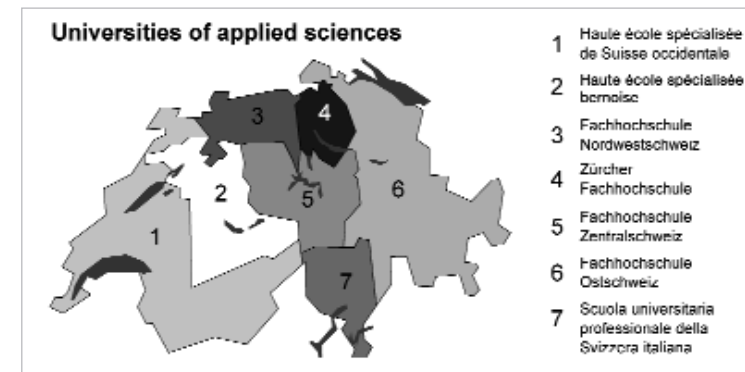
Internationalisation, and mainly the implementation of the Bologna Declaration, is the major reforming factor in Switzerland. The implementation of quality assurance and accreditation procedures on the basis of international criteria and standards are some of the most important elements in the frame of the Bologna implementation process Switzerland is now pursuing.

A structural reorganisation of the Swiss higher education system is being prepared for the period after 2012. It is planned to introduce a framework law to regulate the universities, universities of applied sciences, and universities of teacher education, and to apply uniform funding principles to them. Responsibility at federal level is to be concentrated in a single department, with joint bodies being created to take on overall steering of the higher education system.

## INFORMATION FOR FOREIGNERS WISHING TO STUDY IN SWITZERLAND

### GENERAL INFORMATION

In Switzerland there are 7 regional Universities of Applied Sciences UAS (Fachhochschulen, Hautes Ecoles Spécialisées, Scuole Universitarie Professionale), one in the Italian-speaking part, one in the Frenchspeaking part and 5 in the German speaking part of the country. In the Italian speaking region of Switzerland, the language of instruction is Italian, otherwise it is French and/or German. Some parts of the curricula may also be offered in English. Each UAS is made up of several colleges (Hochschulen/Hautes Ecoles) or schools (Departemente, département).



The programmes at the UAS are approved by the Federal Department of Economic Affairs (FDEA). Für the programmes in teacher education the approval body is or the Swiss Conference of Cantonal Ministers of Education (EDK).

Since 2005 the UAS introduce the Bachelor and Master degree structure in accordance with the Bologna Declaration. The education offered by the UAS lays stress on close contacts with business, industry and services, especially at the regional level.

### ORGANISATION OF UAS STUDY PROGRAMMES

#### Academic year

The academic year is divided into two semesters: the autumn semester starts midseptember (week 38), and the spring semester mid-february (week 8). The semesters

generally last 16 weeks. The periods in which no instruction takes place is intended for evaluating and consolidating what has been learned, and are often used for practical training.

#### Standard duration of studies

The duration of a bachelor programme is 3 years (6 semesters, 180 ECTS credit points), and includes a practically oriented undergraduate dissertation and sometimes a period of practical training. Parttime studies (combined with employment) require a minimum of 4 years to complete.

#### Basic and advanced studies

The bachelor programmes are often divided into a period of basic or introductory studies, which lasts 2 semesters, and a period of advanced studies.

In many subjects, the programme includes one or two practical semesters spent in business, industry or the civil service, accompanied by tuition at the UAS to complement the knowledge students have gained in practice.

UAS programmes end now with the award of a Bachelor respective a Master degree (the former programmes had ended with a Diploma). Both types of degree count as a professional and academic qualification.

The study and examination regulations differ from institution to institution. Each UAS, college or school will be pleased to provide its study and examination regulations on request.

Every UAS, college or school also publishes a course catalogue and offers study counselling.

#### Postgraduate studies

All UAS offer a number of postgraduate courses, including degree courses (Master of Advanced Studies MAS or Executive Master of Business Administration EMBA) for professional development and continuing education. Since they lead to an advanced qualification, these courses are of particular interest to students from abroad. Full-time study on a Master of Advanced Studies programme lasts a minimum of one year (60 ECTS credit points).

## COST OF STUDIES

Tuition fees at the UAS vary between CHF 500 and CHF 1 200 per semester. Some schools charge much higher fees for international students.

Living expenses in Switzerland come to between CHF 18 000 and CHF 28 000 a year (depending on location and personal needs).

## ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

The minimum entrance requirement is an upper secondary education either an apprenticeship with a professional maturity certificate (Berufsmatura/ maturité professionnelle) or a general (academic) maturity certificate (gymnasiale Matura / bac général) plus one year of professional practice in form of an internship or work placement.

There is no national system of application to enter the UAS. Each UAS, and generally each college or school within it, determines its own selection criteria and selects its own students. In some subjects (for example, social work, art or music) applicants must pass an entrance examination.

A good knowledge of German, French or Italian depending of the chosen UAS and school or department is imperative for anyone who wishes to study at an UAS.

All foreign students planning to study at a Swiss UAS should contact the chosen institution direct, preferably a year before they plan to begin studies.

When you have received confirmation of acceptance by an UAS, please contact the Swiss embassy in your country for information on entry formalities for Switzerland. You will have to show proof that you have adequate financial means to support yourself during your studies.

## RESIDENCE PERMIT

After your arrival in Switzerland, you will have to apply to the police department dealing with aliens to obtain a residence permit. You will have to present the following documents:

- a valid passport, if necessary with a visa
- confirmation that you have been accepted by a Swiss UAS
- a guarantee of sufficient financial means to support yourself during your studies (e.g. bank statement)
- a statement of address in Switzerland.

The residence permit will only be issued if your financial means are guaranteed. In addition, you will have to renew the residence permit annually. It is almost impossible for foreign students to obtain a work permit in Switzerland, other than in exceptional cases during holidays.

## INFORMATION SERVICES FOR FOREIGNERS

Information on studying in Switzerland is generally available from the following sources:

### in your home country:

The Swiss diplomatic missions abroad (embassies, consulates) provide general information on study opportunities and on relevant entry formalities and conditions.

### in Switzerland

- Universities of Applied Sciences (Fachhochschulen/Hautes Ecoles Spécialisées)
- Swiss Federal Office for Professional Education and Technology OPET
- Swiss Conference of Cantonal Ministers of Education (EDK)
- Rector's Conference of the Swiss Universities of Applied Sciences (KFH)
- Rector's Conference of the Swiss Universities, Information and Documentation Service (CRUS)
- Swiss Conference of Rectors of Universities of Teacher Education (SCTE)

Applicants wishing to come to Switzerland on an exchange programme (e.g. Socrates/Erasmus) can obtain information from the international adviser at their own institution or at their chosen UAS in Switzerland. Additional information about institutions is also available through Information and Coordination ERASMUS (ICES).

Information on academic recognition is available from the Universities of Applied Sciences, the Swiss Federal Office for Professional Education and Technology OPET, the Swiss Conference of Cantonal Ministers of Education (EDK), or, in some cases, from the Swiss Information Centre for Academic Recognition Matters (SWISS ENIC)

(For addresses, see below)

## INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY

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### THE INTERNATIONAL ASPECT OF THE SWISS HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

Although Switzerland is not a member of the European Union, its higher education system is highly internationalised. Over 17% of the students at traditional Swiss universities and over 7% of those studying at the universities of applied sciences come from abroad. To date, Swiss higher education institutions have signed numerous agreements for exchange and co-operation with other universities throughout world and are participating in a number of bilateral and multilateral mobility and co-operation programmes. If you as an institution are interested in signing a mobility agreement with a Swiss institution, or if you as an individual would like to study in Switzerland, we advise you to contact the institution of your choice direct.

### INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY BETWEEN SWITZERLAND AND THE COUNTRIES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Close ties have always existed between Switzerland and its European neighbours in terms of academic exchanges. Since the beginning of the 1990s, these have been strengthened even further through the education programmes of the European Union. Switzerland is currently a member of neither the EU nor the EEA. This means that, if it is to participate in EU education and training programmes, a bilateral agreement must be concluded between the EU and Switzerland.

To facilitate participation in international co-operation agreements among universities, the State Secretariat for Education and Research SER has allocated resources so that Swiss education and training bodies can at least become involved as a «indirect partner». The Swiss measures follow as closely as possible the rules laid down for the programmes of the European Union.

## STUDENT GRANTS

A national agency, Information and Coordination ERASMUS Switzerland (ICES), is responsible for awarding mobility grants to exchange students from both partners. These include grants for students both leaving and entering Switzerland. So far it has been possible to provide visiting students from EU countries with grants of about CHF 250 (€ 160) per month. Grants for students leaving Switzerland to study abroad are the same. Since 2002, these grants have been awarded for exchanges with all participating countries.

## POTENTIAL SWISS PARTNER INSTITUTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY

The 12 Universities, the 7 Universities of Applied Sciences («Fachhochschulen», «Hautes écoles spé-cialisées») and the 15 Universities of Teacher Education («Pädagogische Hochschulen», «Hautes écoles pédagogiques») are interested in international co-operation and exchange. A number of other higher education institutions are also participating or wish to do so.

Higher education institutions interested in co-operation with Swiss institutions are asked to contact these direct. For further information, please contact:

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## STUDY PROGRAMMES OFFERED AT THE SWISS UNIVERSITIES OF APPLIED SCIENCES

The UAS offer a wide spectrum of study programs, including technical, economic and social topics, as well as study courses such as Art, Design, Music, Food Technology, Agriculture, Wood Engineering, Oenology, Health, Sports, and even exclusive fields like Restoration and Technical Preservation. All the programs offer a high quality professional education. The diploma of these programs will open you many opportunities for a successful career.

### Swiss Universities of Applied Sciences (Abbreviation of names):

BFH	Berner Fachhochschule
FHNW	Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz
FHO	Fachhochschule Ostschweiz
FHZ	Fachhochschule Zentralschweiz
HES-SO	Haute Ecole Spécialisée de Suisse Occidentale
SUPSI	Scuola Universitaria Professionale della Svizzera Italiana
ZFH	Zürcher Fachhochschule

### Agriculture and Forestry

Degree Courses	UAS	School, Departement	Degree	Homepage
Agriculture	BFH	7	Ba	<a href="http://www.shl.bfh.ch">www.shl.bfh.ch</a>
	HES-SO	8	Ba	<a href="http://www.hesge.ch/eil">www.hesge.ch/eil</a>
Forestry	BFH	7	Ba	<a href="http://www.shl.bfh.ch">www.shl.bfh.ch</a>

### Applied Linguistics

Degree Courses	UAS	School, Departement	Degree	Homepage
Translating	ZFH	1	Ba	<a href="http://www.zhwin.ch">www.zhwin.ch</a>

### Applied Psychology

Degree Courses	UAS	School, Departement	Degree	Homepage
Applied Psychology	FHNW	1	Ba	<a href="http://www.fhnw.ch/ap/index.php">www.fhnw.ch/ap/index.php</a>
	ZFH	6	Ba	<a href="http://www.hapzh.ch">www.hapzh.ch</a>

**Architecture, Building Engineering and Planning**

Degree Courses	UAS	School, Departement	Degree	Homepage
Architecture	BFH	2	Ba, Ma	www.ahb.bfh.ch/hsb/de/architektur
	FHNW	2	Ba, Ma	www.fhnw.ch/habg/index.php
	FHZ	1	Ba, Ma	www.hta.fhz.ch
	HES-SO	7, 3a	Ba, Ma	www.eig.ch; www.eif.ch
	SUPSI	1	Ba	www.dacd.supsi.ch
	ZFH	1, 3	Ba, Ma	www.zhwin.ch, www.hsz-t.ch
Civil Engineering	BFH	2	Ba	www.ahb.bfh.ch/hsb/de/bau
	FHNW	2	Ba	www.fhnw.ch/habg/index.php
	FHO	2, 3	Ba	www.hsr.ch; www.fh-htwchur.ch
	FHZ	1	Ba	www.hta.fhz.ch
	HES-SO	7, 3a	Ba	www.eig.ch; www.eif.ch
	SUPSI	1	Ba	www.dacd.supsi.ch
	ZFH	1, 3	Ba	www.zhwin.ch, www.hsz-t.ch
Civil Engineering	FHNW	2	Ba	www.fhnw.ch/habg/index.php;
Geomatics	FHNW	2	Ba	www.fhnw.ch/habg/index.php
	HES-SO	21a	Ba	www.heig-vd.ch
Landscape Architecture	FHO	2	Ba	www.hsr.ch
	HES-SO	8	Ba	www.hesge.ch/eil
Spatial Planning	FHO	2	Ba	www.hsr.ch
Wood Engineering	BFH	2	Ba	www.ahb.bfh.ch/hsb/de/holz

**Business, Management and Services**

Degree Courses	UAS	School, Departement	Degree	Homepage
Business Administration	BFH	3	Ba	www.wirtschaft.bfh.ch
	FHNW	8	Ba	www.fhnw.ch/wirtschaft/index.php
	FHO	1, 3	Ba	www.fhsg.ch; www.fh-htwchur.ch
	FHZ	2	Ba	www.hsw.fhz.ch
	HES-SO	1b, 3b, 11, 21c, 16a	Ba	www.he-arc.ch/economie; www.heg-fr.ch; www.hesge.ch/heg; www.heig-vd.ch; www.hevs.ch
	SUPSI	2, 5	Ba	www.dsas.supsi.ch; www.ffhs.ch
	ZFH	1, 2	Ba	www.zhwin.ch; www.fhfwz.ch

**Business, Management and Services**

Degree Courses	UAS	School, Departement	Degree	Homepage
Business Information Technology	BFH	3	Ba	www.wirtschaft.bfh.ch
	FHNW	8	Ba	www.fhnw.ch/wirtschaft/index.php
	FHO	1	Ba	www.fhsg.ch
	HES-SO	1b, 10, 16a	Ba	www.he-arc.ch/economie; www.hesge.ch/heg; www.hevs.ch
	SUPSI	5	Ba	www.ffhs.ch
	ZFH	2	Ba	www.fhfwz.ch
Business Law	ZFH	1	Ba	www.zhwin.ch
Communication	ZFH	1, 2	Ba	www.zhwin.ch; www.fhfwz.ch
Facility Management	ZFH	4	Ba	www.hsw.ch
Hospitality Management	HES-SO	20	Ba	www.ehl.ch
Information Science	FHO	3	Ba	www.fh-htwchur.ch
	HES-SO	11	Ba	www.hesge.ch/heg
Tourism	FHO	3	Ba	www.fh-htwchur.ch
	HES-SO	16a	Ba	www.hevs.ch

**Chemistry and Life Sciences**

Degree Courses	UAS	School, Departement	Degree	Homepage
Biotechnology	ZFH	4	Ba	www.hsw.ch
Chemistry	HES-SO	3a	Ba	www.eif.ch
	ZFH	4	Ba	www.hsw.ch
Environmental Engineering	HES-SO	8	Ba	www.hesge.ch/eil
	ZFH	4	Ba	www.hsw.ch
Food Technology	BFH	7	Ba	www.shl.bfh.ch
	ZFH	4	Ba	www.hsw.ch
Life Sciences Technologies	FHNW	4	Ba	www.fhnw.ch/lifesciences/index.php
Life Technologies	HES-SO	16c	Ba	www.hevs.ch
Molecular Life Sciences	FHNW	4	Ba	www.fhnw.ch/lifesciences/index.php
Oenology	HES-SO	19	Ba	www.eichangins.ch

**Design**

Degree Courses	UAS	School, Departement	Degree	Homepage
Cinema	HES-SO	22, 10	Ma	www.ecal.ch; www.hesge/esba
	ZFH	5	Ba, Ma	www.hgkz.ch
Conservation	BFH	6	Ba	www.hkb.bfh.ch/ konservierung.html; www.abegg-stiftung.ch/ d/ausbildung.html
	HES-SO	1a	Ba	www.he-arc.ch/artsappliques
	SUPSI	1	Ba	www.dacd.supsi.ch
Visual Communication	BFH	6	Ba	www.hkb.bfh.ch/viskom.html
	HES-SO	22, 17, 9	Ba	www.ecal.ch; www.ecav.ch; www.hesge.ch/hea
	FHNW	3	Ba	www.fhnw.ch/hgk/index.php
	FHZ	4	Ba	www.hgk.fhz.ch
	SUPSI	1	Ba	www.dacd.supsi.ch
HyperWerk	FHNW	3	Ba	www.fhnw.ch/hgk/index.php
	FHNW	3	Ba	www.fhnw.ch/hgk/index.php
Interior Design	HES-SO	9	Ba	www.hesge.ch/hea
	SUPSI	1	Ba	www.dacd.supsi.ch
	SUPSI	1	Ba	www.dacd.supsi.ch
Product and Industrial	HES-SO	9, 22	Ba	www.hesge.ch/head; www.ecal.ch
	FHNW	3	Ba	www.fhnw.ch/hgk/index.php
	FHZ	4	Ba	www.hgk.fhz.ch
	ZFH	5	Ba	www.hgkz.ch

**Engineering and IT**

Degree Courses	UAS	School, Departement	Degree	Homepage
Automobile Engineering	BFH	1	Ba	www.ti.bfh.ch/automobil
Aviation	ZFH	1	Ba	www.zhwin.ch
Computer Science	BFH	1	Ba	www.ti.bfh.ch/informatik
	FHNW	7	Ba	www.fhnw.ch/technik/index.php
	FHO	2	Ba	www.hsr.ch
	FHZ	1	Ba	www.hta.fhz.ch
	HES-SO	7, 1c, 21a, 3a	Ba	www.eig.ch; www.he-arc.ch/ ingenierie; www.heig-vd.ch; www.eif.ch
	SUPSI	3, 5	Ba	www.dti.supsi.ch; www.ffhs.ch
Electrical Engineering	ZFH	1, 3	Ba	www.zhwin.ch; www.hsz-t.ch
	BFH	1	Ba	www.ti.bfh.ch/elektro
	FHNW	7	Ba	www.fhnw.ch/technik/index.php
	FHO	2	Ba	www.hsr.ch

**Engineering and IT (continued)**

Degree Courses	UAS	School, Departement	Degree	Homepage
Electrical Engineering	FHZ	1	Ba	www.hta.fhz.ch
	HES-SO	1c, 21a, 3a	Ba	www.he-arc.ch/ingenierie; www.heig-vd.ch; www.eif.ch
	SUPSI	3	Ba	www.dti.supsi.ch
	ZFH	1, 3	Ba	www.zhwin.ch; www.hsz-t.ch
Energy and Building Technology	FHZ	1	Ba	www.hta.fhz.ch
Microengineering	BFH	1	Ba	www.ti.bfh/mikro
	HES-SO	7, 1c, 21a	Ba	www.eig.ch; www.he-arc.ch/ ingenierie; www.heig-vd.ch
Media Engineering	HES-SO	19a	Ba	www.heig-vd.ch
Mechanical Engineering	BFH	1	Ba	www.ti.bfh.ch/maschinen
	FHNW	7	Ba	www.fhnw.ch/technik/index.php
	FHO	2	Ba	www.hsr.ch
	FHZ	1	Ba	www.hta.fhz.ch
	HES-SO	7, 1c, 3a	Ba	www.eig.ch; www.he-arc.ch/ ingenierie; www.eif.ch
	SUPSI	3	Ba	www.dti.supsi.ch
Mechatronics	ZFH	1, 3	Ba	www.zhwin.ch; www.hsz-t.ch
	FHNW	7, 3	Ba	www.fhnw.ch/Technik/index.php; www.hsz-t.ch
	FHNW	7, 3	Ba	www.fhnw.ch/Technik/index.php; www.hsz-t.ch
Telecommunications	FHO	3	Ba	www.fh-htwchur.ch
	HES-SO	7, 21a, 3a	Ba	www.eig.ch; www.heig-vd.ch/ www.eif.ch
Systems Engineering	FHNW	7	Ba	www.fhnw.ch/technik/index.php
	FHO	4	Ba	www.ntb.ch
	HES-SO	21a, 16c	Ba	www.heig-vd.ch; www.hevs.ch
	ZFH	1	Ba	www.zhwin.ch
Engineering and Management	FHNW	7	Ba	www.fhnw.ch/technik/index.php
	ZFH	1	Ba	www.hta.fhz.ch
	HES-SO	21a	Ba	www.heig-vd.ch
	SUPSI	5	Ba	www.ffhs.ch
Designing Engineer	ZFH	1	Ba	www.zhwin.ch
	HES-SO	1c	Ba	www.he-arc.ch/ingenierie

**Health**

Degree Courses	UAS	School, Departement	Degree	Homepage
Medical Radiology Technology	HES-SO	23b, 12a	Ba	www.hecvssante.ch; www.hesge.ch/heds
Midwifery	BFH	4	Ba	www.gesundheit.bfh.ch
	HES-SO	12a, 23c	Ba	www.hesge.ch/heds; www.hecvssante.ch
	ZFH	1	Ba	www.zhwin.ch
Nursing	BFH	4	Ba	www.gesundheit.bfh.ch/pflege
	FHO	1	Ba	www.fhsg.ch
	HES-SO	16b, 12a, 1d 24, 23c, 4	Ba	www.hevs.ch; www.hesge.ch/heds www.he-arc.ch/sante; www.ecolelasource.ch; www.hecvssante.ch; www.heds-fr.ch
	SUPSI	4	Ba	www.sanita.supsi.ch
	ZFH	1	Ba	www.zhwin.ch
Nutrition and Dietetics	BFH	4	Ba	www.gesundheit.bfh.ch
	HES-SO	12a	Ba	www.hesge.ch/heds
Occupational Therapy	HES-SO	25	Ba	www.eesp.ch
	SUPSI	4	Ba	www.sanita.supsi.ch
	ZFH	1	Ba	www.zhwin.ch
Physiotherapy	BFH	4	Ba	www.gesundheit.bfh.ch/ physiotherapie
	HES-SO	12a, 23a, 16b	Ba	www.hesge.ch/heds; www.hecvssante.ch; www.hevs.ch
	SUPSI	4	Ba	www.sanita.supsi.ch
	ZFH	1	Ba	www.zhwin.ch
Psychomotricity	HES-SO	13	Ba	www.ies-geneve.ch

**Music, Theatre and other Arts**

Degree Courses	UAS	School, Departement	Degree	Homepage
Fine Arts	BFH	6	Ba	www.hkb.bfh.ch
	FHNW	3	Ba	www.fhnw.ch/hgk/index.php
	FHZ	4	Ba	www.hgk.fhz.ch
	HES-SO	10, 22, 17	Ba	www.hesge.ch/head; www.ecal.ch
				www.ecav.ch
	ZFH	5	Ba	www.hgkz.ch
Literary Writing	BFH	6	Ba	www.hkb.bfh.ch

**Music, Theatre and other Arts (continued)**

Degree Courses	UAS	School, Departement	Degree	Homepage
Music	BFH	6	Ba	www.hkb.bfh.ch
	FHZ	5	Ba	www.mhs.fhz.ch
	HES-SO	14, 6, 2, 18, 26	Ba	www.cmusge.ch; www.fr.ch/cof; (conservatoire.ntel@ne.ch); www.hemvs.ch; www.cdml.ch
	SUPSI	6	Ba	www.conservatorio.ch
	ZFH	8	Ba	www.hmt.edu
Music and Movement	BFH	6	Ba	www.hkb.bfh.ch
	FHZ	5	Ba	www.mhs.fhz.ch
	SUPSI	6	Ba	www.conservatorio.ch
	ZFH	8	Ba	www.hmt.edu
Teaching in Design and Art	BFH	6	Ba	www.hkb.bfh.ch
	FHNW	3	Ba	www.fhnw.ch/hgk/index.php
	FHZ	4	Ba	www.hgk.fhz.ch
	ZFH	5	Ba	www.hgkz.ch
Theatre	BFH	6		www.hkb.bfh.ch
	HES-SO	27	Ba	www.hetsr.ch
	SUPSI	7	Ba	www.scuolateatrodimitri.ch
	ZFH	8	Ba	www.hmt.edu

**Social Work**

Degree Courses	UAS	School, Departement	Degree	Homepage
Social Work	BFH	5	Ba	www.soziale-arbeit.bfh.ch/studium
	FHO	1	Ba	www.fhsg.ch
	FHNW	6	Ba	www.fhnw.ch/sozialearbeit/ index.php
	FHZ	3	Ba	www.hsa.fhz.ch
	HES-SO	13, 25, 16b, 5	Ba	www.ies-geneve.ch; www.eesp.ch www.hevs.ch; www.hef-ts.ch
	SUPSI	2	Ba	www.dsas.supsi.ch
	ZFH	7	Ba	www.hssaz.ch

**Sports**

Degree Courses	UAS	School, Departement	Degree	Homepage
Sports	BFH	8	Ba	www.ehsm.ch

### Teacher Training

Degree Courses	UAS	School, Departement	Degree	Homepage
Teaching in the Kindergarten	FHNW	5	Ba	<a href="http://www.fhnw.ch/ph/index.php">www.fhnw.ch/ph/index.php</a>
	ZFH	9		<a href="http://www.phzh.ch">www.phzh.ch</a>
Teaching in Elementary Schools	FHNW	5	Ba	<a href="http://www.fhnw.ch/ph/index.php">www.fhnw.ch/ph/index.php</a>
	ZFH	9		<a href="http://www.phzh.ch">www.phzh.ch</a>
Teaching in Secondary Schools	ZFH	9	Ba	<a href="http://www.phzh.ch">www.phzh.ch</a>
	FHNW	5	Ba	<a href="http://www.fhnw.ch/ph/index.php">www.fhnw.ch/ph/index.php</a>
Teaching in High Schools	FHNW	5	Ma	<a href="http://www.fhnw.ch/ph/index.php">www.fhnw.ch/ph/index.php</a>
Speech and Language Therapy	FHNW	5	Ba	<a href="http://www.fhnw.ch/ph/index.php">www.fhnw.ch/ph/index.php</a>
	ZFH	10	Ba	<a href="http://www.hfh.ch">www.hfh.ch</a>
Psychomotoric Therapy	FHNW	5	Ba	<a href="http://www.fhnw.ch/ph/index.php">www.fhnw.ch/ph/index.php</a>
	ZFH	10	Ma	<a href="http://www.hfh.ch">www.hfh.ch</a>
Special Needs education	FHNW	5	Ma	<a href="http://www.fhnw.ch/ph/index.php">www.fhnw.ch/ph/index.php</a>
	ZFH	10	Ma	<a href="http://www.hfh.ch">www.hfh.ch</a>
Heilpäd. Früherziehung	FHNW	5	Ma	<a href="http://www.fhnw.ch/ph/index.php">www.fhnw.ch/ph/index.php</a>

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### UNIVERSITIES OF APPLIED SCIENCES

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