

Studying in Switzerland

Education and knowledge have become very important resources , therefore Switzerland claims to have one of the world's best education systems. The most popular of the educational facilities for foreign students, are the Swiss Hospitality Schools. In the past, and even today, people from all over the world visit Europe and Switzerland for its natural beauty and quality of service. This tiny nation with a population of 7 million has 5600 hotels which provide accommodation for more than 35 million guests every year!

Switzerland is home to several outstanding special institutes in the areas of international affairs, public administration, finance, and hotel management. There is a vast choice of educational opportunities for international students with many programs, especially at the master's degree and Ph.D. levels, taught in English.

Switzerland has a long established and outstanding reputation for excellence in Hospitality education and training. Many of the world's successful hoteliers have been educated in this beautiful and safe country.

Studying in Switzerland means:

- High-quality education
- World-leading research environment
- Low tuition fees (the universities are mainly publicly funded)
- Wide spectrum of study programs
- Many study programs in English
- Ph.D. candidates are paid workforce
- Low student/faculty ratio and small working groups
- Excellent facilities

Apart from that, Switzerland is an excellent location for living, studying, and working. It is located in the heart of Europe and its cultural variety, beautiful landscape, and innovative environment offer first-class surroundings both for your well-being and career advancement. Certainly, chocolate and mountains will be part of your experience, but you will quickly discover

the country's international setting offers numerous premium opportunities for studying and researching.

The Swiss academic year and degrees is divided into two semesters: the winter semester begins the last week in October and runs until mid-February; the summer semester runs from mid-March or mid-April through to mid-June or mid-July, depending on the university.

The total length of study up to the first academic diploma is generally 4 to 5 years, depending on the program, and 6 years for medical studies. However, given the number of students currently enrolled, it is almost impossible to get enrolled in the faculties of medicine and pharmacy.

Swiss academic degrees are the Licentiate, the Diploma and the Ph.D. The Licentiate and the Diploma correspond to the American Masters degrees. As a general rule, most Swiss universities ask for a Licentiate, or even a Diploma, as a prerequisite for higher education

Pre-dominantly three languages are spoken in Switzerland: German, French and Italian. There are 12 universities in Switzerland and depending on where they are located, the language of instruction varies. Having said that, in the recent years, there is a conscious effort to attract students who are English language speakers. Knowledge of German and French is recommended, It should also be remembered that students are likely to find maximum programs at Masters level taught in English.

Switzerland demonstrates greatness in its precision approach to detail. That is why so many Swiss corporations rank among the world's finest research institutes. Switzerland is also home to some of the world's leading laboratories. Majestic mountains, green woodlands, crystal clear lakes, roaming vineyards, breathtaking landscapes and enchanting cities - Switzerland has it all.