

OST Eastern Switzerland University of Applied Sciences
Student Exchange Program

Fact Sheet

Academic Year

2024/2025

Schools of Technology / Computer Science / Architecture,
Civil Engineering, Landscape Architecture, Spatial Planning

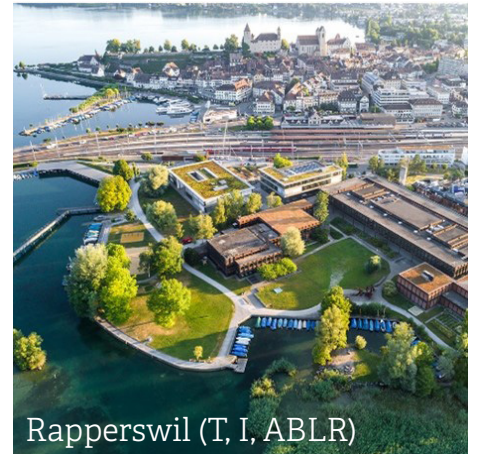


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Eastern Switzerland
University of Applied Sciences

General Information

Name OST - Eastern Switzerland University of Applied Sciences
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Fact Sheet for:
 School of Technology (T)
 School of Computer Science (I)
 School of Architecture, Civil Engineering, Landscape
 Architecture, Spatial Planning (ABLR)



Rapperswil (T, I, ABLR)

Academic Calendar

Semester Dates	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Welcome Week	Week 37	Week 7
Classes	Weeks 38 - 51	Weeks 8 - 23
Exams	Weeks 3 - 5	Weeks 25 - 27

Programs and Courses

School of Technology
 Programs offered in [School of Technology](#)

School of Computer Science
 Programs offered in [School of Computer Science](#)

**School of Architecture, Civil Engineering,
 Landscape Architecture, Spatial Planning**
 Programs offered in [School of Architecture, Civil Engineering,
 Landscape Architecture, Spatial Planning](#)

Master of Science in Engineering (MSE) with 12 profiles:
[Study program](#)

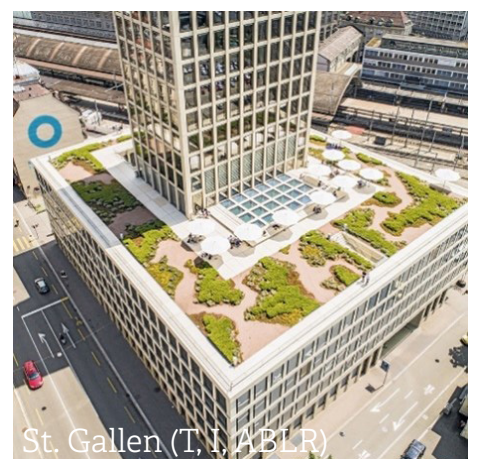
Business Engineering	Information and Cyber Security
Civil Engineering	Mechanical Engineering
Computer Science	Mechatronics & Automation
Data Science	Medical Engineering
Electrical Engineering	Photonics
Energy and Environment	Spatial Development and Landscape Architecture

German Beginner and Refresher
 German beginner class is offered every semester free of charge.
 A 3-week intensive [German refresher course](#) (B2/C1) is offered
 before the start of each fall semester. Cost: CHF 700.

Check our
Course Offer
here



Buchs (T)



St. Gallen (T, I, ABLR)

Language of Instruction English or German

Course Load according to home university requirements. A full time study load is 30 ECTS per semester. The academic level and study load at OST are high.

Nomination and Application

Nomination 15 May / 15 Oct
Upon nomination through your home university, you will receive the application link and instructions.

Application 1 Jun / 1 Nov
Apply online and submit application documents.

Admission 30 Jun / 30 Nov
You will receive a letter of acceptance and a welcome package upon application approval.

Preparation Jul-Aug / Dec-Jan

- Apply for visa if needed
- Sign the student dorm rent agreement or apply for housing on your own
- Check your health insurance coverage
- Obtain a liability insurance
- Finalise your choice of courses
- Make your travel plans
- Get in touch with your Swiss Buddy!

Arrival Sep / Feb
Moving into the student dorm and Welcome Week!

Application Documents

Application form
Proof of enrolment at home university
Official transcript of records
Proof of language proficiency*
Learning agreement
Passport-sized photo
Copy of passport or ID card

Additional Requirements for Master Students

Enrolled as Master student at home university
Very good grade average (best third of students)
Letter of Motivation
Curriculum Vitae
2 reference letters
English C1

*Language Requirements and Accepted Language Certificates

English: TOEFL pbt 550, ibt 79; IELTS 6.0; PTE Academic 50 pts, CEFR level B2 or equivalent

German: CEFR level B2 or equivalent

In the absence of a formal language certificate, confirmation of a student's language skills at the required level issued by the home institution may be accepted.

Deadlines

Deadline	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Nomination	15 May	15 October
Application	1 June	1 November

Accommodation

Campus Rapperswil: The student hall of residence is conveniently located, just a five-minute bus ride from campus and a brief five-minute walk to the lake. Shared apartment of 3 or 6 rooms with exchange students. Current cost is CHF 680 per month. Application is submitted together with the student exchange application. More information: [Student Dorm Rapperswil](#).

Campus Buchs: No on-campus accommodation. Rooms in shared flats and private accommodation in or near Buchs, approx. CHF 400 - 700 monthly.

Campus St.Gallen: No on-campus accommodation. Rooms in shared flats and studios with other exchange students, CHF 550 - 700 monthly. Application deadlines: 15 May/15 October.

SEMP Grant

Exchange students from European partner universities will receive funding from the Swiss-European Mobility Program.

Incoming students from Europe

AT, BE, BG, CY, CZ, DE, EE, GR, ES, FR, HR, HU, IT, LT, LV, MK, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, RS, SI, SK, TR
CHF 2200.- / semester

DK, FI, IS, IE, LI, LU, NO, SE, UK
CHF 1900.- / semester

Green travel top-up for travel without airplane
CHF 100.-

Money Matters

Example of a monthly budget

	CHF
Accommodation	500 – 700
Groceries	400
Public transport	70
Books	60
Health insurance (can be waived)	65
Entertainment	150
Total per month appr.	1300 – 1600

Further Information

Visa

EU/EFTA: No visa required for students who are EU/EFTA citizens.

Non-EU/EFTA Students: will receive documents from the International Office at OST to apply for a Swiss visa in their home country. For country-specific requirements, please refer to the website of the Swiss Embassy/Consulate in your home country. The cost for the visa is paid by the student.

Residence Permit

All students must apply for a residence permit L upon arrival. The cost for the residence permit is paid by the student.

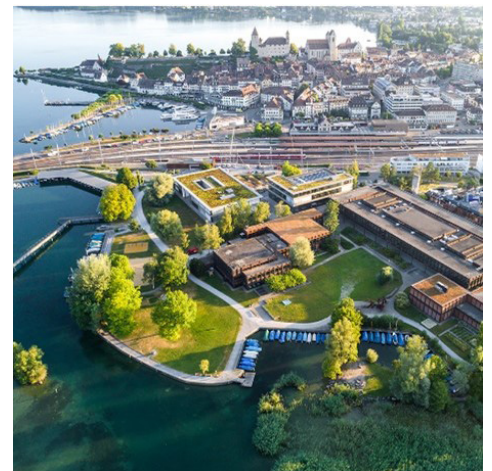
Health Insurance

All residents in Switzerland must possess a health insurance which is valid in Switzerland.

EU/EFTA: European Health Insurance Card, EHIC.

UK: Global Health Insurance Card, GHIC.

Non-EU/EFTA Students: Proof of health insurance valid in Switzerland. Health insurance provider in home country signs an exemption form together with a copy of the insurance policy in English, both documents will be evaluated by the local authorities in Switzerland. If the documents are not accepted by the local authorities, students are obliged to sign up for a Swiss health insurance (starting at appr. CHF 65.00/month).



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