
Fact Sheet exchange studies 2019/2020

Mendrisio campus

Accademia di architettura

General information

Erasmus ID-code	LUGANO CH01
University	Università della Svizzera Italiana, Accademia di architettura
Faculty	Architecture
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Academic calendar

2019-20

1 st semester	16 September 2019 till 20 December 2019
2 nd semester	17 February 2020 till 29 May 2020

Course catalogue

The course catalogue 2019-20 will be updated around July 2019.
The learning agreement should be prepared on the current version of the catalogue bearing in mind that changes may occur in 2019-20.

http://www.arc.usi.ch/sites/www.arc.usi.ch/files/attachments/leporello_2018-19_finale_2.pdf

http://www.arc.usi.ch/sites/www.arc.usi.ch/files/attachments/piano_studi_2018-19.pdf

Pre-selection of the studios	Information will be sent by the enrolment office in August 2019
Selections of the studios	
1 st semester	19 September 2019
2 nd semester	20 February 2020
Exams periods:	
1 st semester	20 January 2020 till 1 February 2020
2 nd semester	22 June 2020 till 4 July 2020
General session	24 August 2020 till 5 September 2020

Holidays	
Christmas	23 December 2019 till 14 February 2020 (exam period see above)
Easter	13 April 2020 till 17 April 2020
Others	1 Nov 2019, 1 May 2020

Application for exchange students	
Submission on-line	http://exchangeprogrammes.lu.usi.ch (you will receive a password to apply. Please apply under Mendrisio campus, faculty of architecture)
Deadline	
1 st semester	15 May 2019
2 nd semester	1 November 2019
Portfolio-book	Please bring a portfolio-book (hard copy + electronic format)

School fees	NO FEES for exchange students.
Extra fees	Sfr 200.- as a deposit fee for school material

Scholarship (SEMP Swiss European Mobility Program)	A scholarship is paid to students enrolled in an European university doing an exchange. Amounts can be found at this link https://www.movetia.ch/fileadmin/user_upload/Dokumente/Programme_NEU/Europ%C3%A4ische_Mobilit%C3%A4t/Terti%C3%A4r/IRO/Call_2018/2c_SEMP_Contributi_mobilit%C3%A0_out_in_2018_quer.pdf
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Welcome day	As an exchange student you will need to arrange some formal and/or practical issues. You are offered the opportunity to arrange these matters quickly before you start your studies during the first week of September/second week of February.
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Accommodation	The school has a students' house. Applications by 1 June 2019 or by 7 January 2020 Information: http://www.arc.usi.ch/en/l-accademia/campus/casa-dell-accademia application at http://form.arc.usi.ch/form/view.php?id=24369
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	Other source of information on housing: https://www.facebook.com/usialloggimendrisio http://www.client.alloggi.usi.ch/default.aspx
Language	Courses in national language (Italian) English taught in design studios Some theoretical courses in English
Language courses Italian classes for international students	Through Accademia di architettura (fabiana.bernasconi@usi.ch) Italian intensive language course in September only. In February the intensive course takes place at Lugano campus.
When	From 2 September till 13 September 2019 in Mendrisio From 3 February till 14 February 2020 in Lugano
Costs	Free for all International and Mobilité Suisse students.
Application Fall semester	http://www.italiancourse.usi.ch/
Application Spring semester	contact fabiana.bernasconi@usi.ch
Italian courses during the semesters	During the academic year Italian courses at various levels run parallel to the study program. Information at http://www.italiancourse.usi.ch/
Exchange students handbook	https://content.usi.ch/sites/default/files/storage/attachments/relint/relint-exchange-students-handbook.pdf
Swiss Visa request	Students who need a Swiss student Visa are strongly advised to apply as soon as they received the confirmation letter from the Accademia di architettura, since it may take up to 3 months to get the visa https://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/entry-switzerland-residence/visa-requirements-application-form.html
Health Insurance	EU/EFTA students must hold the 'European health insurance card', issued by their own insurance provider or by the Social Security Service. Students who have the European health insurance card can usually be exempted from compulsory Swiss health insurance. https://www.desk.usi.ch/en/health-insurance-students Non EU/EFTA students who already have a health insurance coverage in their home country which meets the Swiss requirements can apply for exemption from the Swiss health insurance obligation. In order to provide students not eligible for exemption with an appropriate coverage at a more affordable price, USI has negotiated with Groupe Mutuel a convenient collective insurance policy named "Academic Care". www.desk.usi.ch/en/academic-care

Cost of living per month	Food and personal care: CHF 650.- Accommodation : CHF 600.-/800.-- Books and study material: CHF 350.- Transportation: CHF 200.- Health insurance NON EU/EFTA students until 25yrs age: CHF 105.-/month.
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Credit & grading system	
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ECTS	30 credits per semester / 60 credits per year
Grade scale	Ranking: 6-10 / = passing grade, 1 - 5 / = not sufficient Some exams are evaluated with a simple Pass/Fail grade.

Academic structure	3 years of Bachelor study + 2 years of Master study+ 9 months of compulsory professional practice
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Degrees achieved	Bachelor and Master of science in Architecture
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Special facilities for disabled persons	
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