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**ZHAW School of Life Sciences and Facility  
Management Wädenswil (LSFM)**

# ZHAW School of Life Sciences and Facility Management (LSFM), Wädenswil

Wädenswil is a delightful small town with 22,000 inhabitants. Although Zurich is only a short distance away, Wädenswil has its own identity with a broad range of activities and cultural events. Its advantageous location on the left bank of the Lake of Zurich and its proximity to leisure areas of national importance make Wädenswil an attractive place to live and study.

“ The School of Life Sciences and Facility Management in Wädenswil is one of the leading centres of expertise for food, health, society, and the environment. Its researchers are actively involved in international networks in these fields and frequently participate in EU projects. Exchange students from all around the world profit from its attractive study programmes and summer schools. ”

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## Degree programmes, modules and academic advisers

With seven [Bachelor's](#) and four [Master's](#) degree programmes, the ZHAW LFSM offers a large selection of courses to exchange students.

## English courses

On this [link](#) you will find all of our degree programmes that offer also English modules. In some study programmes, English modules are only offered to some extent and during certain semesters, **so please keep an eye out for the indicated notes.**



**ERASMUS-ID-CODE: CH WINTERT03**

## Student exchange information

**COST OF LIVING.** The cost of an academic year depends on several factors. Based on the experiences of previous incoming exchange students the cost of living average is between CHF 900 and CHF 1200 per month.

**VISA.** Depending on their nationality, visitors must fulfil different entry conditions. All foreign students are required to register with the Residents Registration's Office within 14 days of their arrival. If they intend to work, they need a work permit. More information on the VISA application procedure can be found in our [Visa-Guidelines](#)

**INSURANCE.** Visiting students from abroad who are interested in spending an exchange semester or doing an internship at the ZHAW take personal responsibility for all matters related to insurance, including health, accident and liability insurance. The ZHAW accepts no liability. More information you can find [here](#).

**HOUSING.** In Wädenswil and surrounding area, various organisations offer reasonably priced accommodation for ZHAW students. The WOKO Student Housing Cooperative has the widest range and is the first place to look. More accommodation links please see on the LSFM [marketplace](#) area on here.

**Note:** ZHAW LSFM exchange students may rent out their shared rooms while abroad for incoming students. You find these ad's [here](#).

### EVENTS FOR STUDENTS/SERVICES.

- Welcome day (orientation and introduction)
- Get together - Event
- Fondue - (winter) and BBQ Event (summer)
- Farewell and Feedback - Event
- Buddy service (from ESN)
- German language course - free of charge (2 ECTS)
- Fitness and cardio centre
- Library, Canteen and Microwaves

### GRADING SCALE.

ZHAW grades versus ECTS grades:

6	A	Excellent
5.5	B	Very good
5	C	Good
4.5	D	satisfactory
4	E	Sufficient
3.5 / <3.5	FX/F	fail, very poor or incomplete

### Application deadlines:

Autumn semester: **30 April**

Spring semester: **31 October**

### Terms / semester dates:

Spring term starts: Calendar Week 8 – CW 26\*

Fall term starts: Calendar Week 38 – CW 5\*

\* Exam weeks included

### Nomination & Online application:

Each student exchange requires an official nomination by the International Office of the home university. After that, all students will have to apply online. The IO of the ZHAW LSFM will then get in touch with the nominated students directly in order to provide them all the necessary information and send them the registration link. **Please send the nomination to:** [international.lsfm@zhaw.ch](mailto:international.lsfm@zhaw.ch)

### Language requirements:

The recommended level is B2 for bachelor level and B2+ for master level. The international coordinator at the home university is responsible for confirming the ability in the language(s) required.

### Transcript of Records ToR:

The ZHAW LSFM will issue the Transcript of Records (ToR) no later than 6 weeks after the assessment period has finished. The ToR will be sent to the student and his/her home institution by e-mail only (unless the original is requested).