

**Global Business Center**  
**MBA Direct Exchange Opportunities**

**SWITZERLAND – University of Zurich**

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**Overview:**

University of Zurich (UZH) is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> of 123 European Universities and 23<sup>rd</sup> of 500 worldwide by Shanghai's Jiao Tong University, which developed one of the first worldwide university rankings. The new efforts of the Finance Department make the University of Zurich a major player for finance education in Europe. This expansion is also reflected in the number of courses offered in English.

The Swiss Banking Institute (SBI) of the University of Zurich sets the engagement in internationally competitive theoretical, analytical, empirical and applied research in Banking and Finance as its research goal. SBI aims at providing an internationally competitive education in finance and banking at the bachelor's, the master's and the PhD. levels, and encourages the development of high level knowledge transfer activities such as seminars, conferences and executive master programs that are meant to sharpen the financial expertise available within the Swiss financial services industry.

**Terms & dates:**

- Summer: no courses available
- Fall: mid-Sept through mid-Dec, exams in Jan\*
- Winter: schedule does not align with UW calendar

\*Exchange students leave the winter semester in December to start classes in January in the Foster School. UZH arranges with professors to ensure that students earn credits, usually by taking an oral exam or writing a paper. The GBC can proctor exams in January with prior approval from the UZH professors.

**Academics:**

UZH follows the "European Credit Transfer System". Credit equivalencies are as shown:

13 ECTS = 10 UW credits	16 ECTS = 12 UW credits
19 ECTS = 14 UW credits	21 ECTS = 16 UW credits

Students take a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 30 ECTS credits while on exchange at UZH.

The majority of courses in the following programs are taught in English:

- Master of Advanced Studies in Finance: [www.msfinance.ch](http://www.msfinance.ch)
- PhD in Finance: [www.phd-finance.unizh.ch](http://www.phd-finance.unizh.ch)
- Master of Arts in Finance: [www.isb.unizh.ch](http://www.isb.unizh.ch)

Students fluent in German may take any courses they wish from university offerings:

[www.vorlesungen.uzh.ch](http://www.vorlesungen.uzh.ch).

**Housing:**

Housing for exchange students is usually organized before their arrival by the assistants of the Swiss Banking Institute. The housing situation in Zurich is difficult. More information at the links below:

- University Housing Services [www.wohnen.ethz.ch/index\\_EN](http://www.wohnen.ethz.ch/index_EN)
- [www.marktplatz.uzh.ch](http://www.marktplatz.uzh.ch) (apartment-sharing communities and studios, Zürich and suburbs)
- [www.ums.ch](http://www.ums.ch) (furnished temporary apartments in Zürich)
- <http://www.wgzimmer.ch/home.cfm?land=CH&lang=EN> (apartment-sharing communities)
- [www.maximilianeum.ch/english](http://www.maximilianeum.ch/english) (convenient residence hall, very close to UZH)
- <http://www.woko.ch> (students rent a single room, which is part of a communal living situation)

**Career Services:**

Contact the UZ exchange coordinator to inquire about services available to exchange students.

**Exchange Office Services:**

All exchange partners offer course registration and housing assistance, transcripts, orientations, and paperwork necessary to obtain a student visa. School will provide additional details to accepted students.

For non-visa nationals (e.g.: U.S.): No visa required if stay in Europe does not exceed 90 days.

Proof of adequate health insurance is required by UZH for course registration.

**Language courses:**

The University of Zurich also offers free German classes to all exchange students at any language level. Information: [www.sprachenzentrum.uzh.ch/index.en.php](http://www.sprachenzentrum.uzh.ch/index.en.php). Language classes do not count toward UW MBA elective credits.

**Additional information:**

Exchange coordinator, Beat Affolter: <http://www.isb.uzh.ch/institut/staff/affolter.beat>

U.S. Dept of State Switzerland Information Page: <http://www.state.gov/p/eur/ci/sz>