

Global Business Center MBA Direct Exchange Opportunities



SWITZERLAND – University of Zurich

<https://www.oec.uzh.ch/en/studies/general/mobility/incoming.html>

Overview:

Zurich is the most important center for higher education in Switzerland and one of the world's most popular university sites. Students and researchers at the Faculty of Business, Economics and Informatics of the University of Zurich know what awaits them: one of Europe's leading faculties and a city where the quality of life is among the best in the world. In the 2020 U.S. News & World Report rankings, the University of Zurich (UZH) ranked 58th globally.

Terms* & dates:

- Fall: mid-Sept through mid-Dec, exams in Jan**
- Winter: schedule does not align with UW calendar
- Summer: UZH International Summer School (2-3 week intensive)

*Partner school terms shorter than 9 weeks during the Academic Year, and shorter than 4.5 weeks during Summer Quarter, do not qualify for federal Financial Aid.

**Exchange students leave the Fall semester in December to start Winter quarter 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:

Fall: 30 ECTS equates to a full-time studies while on exchange at UZH. Course options can be reviewed here: www.courses.uzh.ch.

Summer: [UZH International Summer School](http://www.uzh.ch/en/summer-school)

Each summer, UZH offers 2-3 week modules on specific topics. These modules are open to international students from around the world, creating a multinational and multicultural experience in the heart of Europe. Topics in the past include "Deep Dive into Blockchain", "How Switzerland got rich", and "Finance for the Future". Each module is worth 6 ECTS. Read testimonials from past participants here: <https://www.news.uzh.ch/en/articles/2019/Summer-Schools-UZH.html>.

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 may transfer up to 16 credits (21 ECTS) toward their UW MBA degree. *Check with the UW MBA Program Office to determine your overseas course load.*

Housing:

The University of Zurich does not provide on campus student dormitories. However, the International Relations Office may be able to help students find accommodation. Students can find other useful addresses at www.uzh.ch/studies/studentlife/accomodation.

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:

Students can participate in an intensive German course that takes place two weeks before the beginning of the semester. Other courses are offered during the semester. The application deadlines are binding and the number of participants is limited: www.sprachenzentrum.uzh.ch. Language classes do not count toward UW MBA elective credits.

Additional information:

[U.S. Dept of State Switzerland Information](#)