



Bern University
of Applied Sciences



Change Your View

Study in Switzerland

Welcome – Grüessech – Bonjour – Buongiorno – Bun Di

Experience this culturally diverse country while studying at the Bern University of Applied Sciences, BFH; a practice-oriented learning environment committed to academic excellence with a strong focus on real-world practice in all courses. Learn, have fun and be part of a community!

What will make your exchange at the BFH Business School awesome:

Welcome Days

Our Welcome Days are a great opportunity to learn more about university life and Switzerland. Socialise with other students and BFH staff members before your studies begin. This is a perfect way to start your exchange experience!

International Family Mentor Programme

You will be allocated to a Buddy family, connecting you and your fellow international students to BFH students. You will be provided support in discovering life at the BFH and in Bern, making for an excellent exchange experience. Forge new friendships as you discover the real Switzerland through the eyes of a local.

Intensive Personal Support

You will find a low students-lecturer ratio which leads to open and frequent communication with professors and BFH staff.

Free Language Course

Exchange students are eligible to receive 2 ECTS credits for our German for Beginners course.

Events

You have the possibility to attend a whole host of events organized by the Student Services, UELI (Students association) and ESN (European Student Network).

Outstanding Sports Facilities

You will find outstanding sport facilities at your reach for a very reasonable membership fee.



BFH Business School Degree Programmes 2022

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Bachelor Degree Programmes

BSc Business Administration
BSc International Business Administration
BSc Business Information Technology

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Master Degree Programmes

MSc Business Administration
MSc Digital Business Administration
MSc Business Information Technology

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Double Degree Agreements

with selected institutions in
various countries

973

Bachelor Degree Students

674 BSc Business Administration
87 BSc International Business Administration
212 BSc Business Information Technology

160

Master Degree Students

88 MSc Business Administration
48 MSc Digital Business Administration
24 MSc Business Information Technology

33%

of new students

starting BSc International Business
Administration in English

Academic Year Structure

Autumn semester

	September			October				November				December				January				February			
Calendar week	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Induction Days and Welcome Days																							
Face-to-face study																							
Non-attendance																							
Special weeks																							
Examination weeks (regular / repeat exam.)																							

Spring semester

	February		March					April				May				June				July				August					Sept.		
Calendar week	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37
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Lectures commence in calendar week 38 in the autumn semester and in calendar week 8 in the spring semester.

During the 14 week lecture period you will be expected to attend face-to-face lessons. In addition you are required to do individual and guided self-study (including exam preparation) during the semester. Certain modules may take place in the special weeks.

Please note:

* The repeat date for the examinations in the autumn semester are the two weeks around Easter holidays. These weeks move accordingly each calendar year.

Lesson-free days:

- Easter (Friday to Monday)
- Ascension (Thursday to Saturday)
- Whitsun (Monday)

About Switzerland

4 official languages

German, French, Italian and Romansh.
As a matter of fact, English is our first language for business and research

8.5 million inhabitants

coming from a range of different ethnic and cultural backgrounds

25% foreign nationals

Switzerland is one of Europe’s nations with the highest proportion of foreign residents

Living in Bern

It’s an excellent place to live, study, and work. With our cultural diversity, beautiful landscapes, and innovative environment, an ideal surrounding is offered for both personal wellbeing and career advancement.

Accommodation

We do not have onsite accommodation facilities. Even though you are responsible for your own housing needs, we recommend staying in the student lodging (vbsl.ch), where we hold a few places reserved for international students (first come, first served).

Cost of Living

We recommend a monthly budget (including food, accommodation, transport and entertainment etc.) in the region of CHF 1540–2320, see breakdown below.

Rent/shared accomodation costs/other accomodation costs (electricity, telephone/radio/TV/Internet, home contents and personal liability insurance)	CHF 550–1000
Food	CHF 400–500
Insurances / health / taxes	CHF 330–360
Pocket money (mobile phone etc.)	CHF 250–350
Public transportation	CHF 10–110
Total cost per month	CHF 1540–2320

5 neighbours

In the heart of Europe, Switzerland is optimally located to travel all over Europe. Switzerland shares its borders with Italy, France, Germany, Austria and the Principality of Liechtenstein

1500 lakes

in Switzerland

The alps cover 60%

of Switzerland’s total surface area



Distance from Bern to:
Zurich: 50 min, Basel: 1 h, Geneva: 1 h 45 min, Milan: 3 h,
Frankfurt: 4 h, Munich: 6 h, Paris: 4 h 50 min

Tuition Fees

Additional fees for course literature may apply depending on the modules you choose. If you are a student from a partner university of the “Swiss-European Mobility Programme SEMP”, you are eligible for grants between CHF 1800 and CHF 2100 per semester, depending on the country where your home university is located.

5 Easy Steps to Your Exchange Experience!



Get nominated by the Mobility Coordinator of your home university

Nominations should be sent by the home university coordinators to international.business@bfh.ch

Nomination deadlines are:

31 March for the following autumn semester, 30 September for the following spring semester



Complete and submit the application form online*

We will send you a link to the application form.

Application deadlines are:

15 April for the following autumn semester, 15 October for the following spring semester



Wait for your Letter of Acceptance

Once applications have been assessed, we will send you a Letter of Acceptance and further information about your exchange semester in Bern.



Get your visa

We will provide you with general information on applying for a visa. However, you should inform yourself at the Swiss embassy or consulate in your country about visa requirements.



Start your exchange semester at the BFH with Welcome Days

The Welcome Days of the autumn semester take place in calendar week 37.

The Welcome Days of the spring semester take place in calendar week 7.

*Required Documents:

Photo (JPG-format, colored, min. 196×245 Pixel), Copy of your Passport, Transcript of Records of past semesters at your home university (at least 60 ECTS), Confirmation of English language skills: B2, Confirmation of German language skills: C1 (if you choose modules conducted in German)

Contact us

How to find us

The campus can be reached on foot from Bern train station in just 10 minutes. From Bundeshaus-West, the Marzili funicular railway travels down into the Marzili neighbourhood located on the river Aare. The Business School is located 450 meters westwards from the station at the bottom of the line.

Directions by car

Take motorway exit 12 Bern-Ostring and drive towards Zentrum. On Freudenbergerplatz, turn right on to Ostring. At the roundabout, take the second exit on to Thunstrasse. At Thunplatz (roundabout), take the second exit on to Jungfraustrasse. At the end of Jungfraustrasse, take a left on to Marienstrasse. Take the right turn on to Schwellenmattstrasse. Travel over the Dalmazibrücke bridge, take the fourth exit on the roundabout on to Aarstrasse, make a right turn on to Brückenstrasse. We regret that no parking spaces can be provided for students.



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