Double Degree Programme

One Programme, two degrees!

Study your last year at the Bern University of Applied Sciences in Switzerland and get a degree from two institutions.
Studying in Bern

Bern University of Applied Sciences BFH

BFH is an international, multilingual university, with over 6,000 students enrolled in 52 degree programmes and lecturers from many different countries. We cooperate with international partners in a large number of projects and in research activities. The 30 bachelor’s degree courses, 22 master’s courses, and numerous continuing education programmes combine to give us a remarkable profile.

Portrait of the Business School

The Business School is a department of the BFH. We offer an entire package of courses, further education, applied research and development, as well as services. The Business School provides an enriching environment for the ca. 1,000 students of which international students make up 10%.

Situated in the city centre, in the Marzili district, we are not only centrally located, but also five minutes away from one of Switzerland’s most popular outdoor swimming areas and the Aare river.

Double Degree Programme

Double Degree agreements have been established with selected partner institutions, which enables bachelor students to complete their final year at the BFH Business School and graduate with two bachelor’s degrees. Obtaining two degrees not only enhances your employability prospects, but provides you with the opportunity to work and learn in an international environment. During your Double Degree year at BFH you will write your bachelor thesis within your selected specialisation.

Explore the Bachelor Degree Programmes

Bachelor of Sciences in Business Administration BScBA

The BScBA offers you the perfect link between study and career and equips you to deal with the complex world of work. We offer two specialisations in English:

International Business Management & Managing Dynamics
– Going Global: Strategy and Operations
– Going Global: Strategy and Operations – study trip
– Managing Global Supply Chains
– Negotiating in Multicultural Environments
– International Economy
– Global Corporate Sustainability
– Innovation and Business Creativity

Banking and Finance
– Security Analysis
– Derivatives
– Risk Management
– Portfolio Management
– Security Markets
– M&A and Related Transactions
– Bank and Insurance Management
– Alternative Investments

Bachelor of Science in Business Information Technology BScBIT

This study programme is the science of designing, developing and using IT and communication systems to support business processes. It is a scientific discipline that combines Business Administration and IT. The BScBIT programme provides you with the perfect combination of study course and professional experience and ensures you are capable of dealing with the complex challenges you will encounter daily during your subsequent careers.

Specializations in English
– Business Analysis
– Enterprise Architecture

“I like the fact that the teachers are highly experienced in their field of teaching and are always very supportive. In BFH, the environment is sociable and many of my classmates come from different countries. Studying at BFH has impacted me greatly, as I have become a lot more open to new things and a world bigger than just my comfort zone.”

Avdyl Bytyqi
Häme University of Applied Sciences Finland
BSc Business Administration

“The place is very nice with lots of things to explore. The school is professional and the studies are relevant for today’s business environment. Definitely the best choice of my life.”

Henri Aleksi Laitila
Häme University of Applied Sciences Finland
BSc Business Information Technology
How to Apply
Contact your home university and inform yourself about the application and selection process. We are happy to welcome and support you to manage your semester abroad successfully – making memories you will never forget.

Mehdi Saleh Alwan
Linnaeus University Sweden
BSc Business Administration

“This double degree exchange gives me the opportunity to study at a school abroad for one year and receiving two diplomas within my study period. I get to understand how the school system works here and taking part of the Swiss student culture. This exchange also teaches me how it is to live in Switzerland and I learn how to deal with the challenges and possibilities there are with being a student in a foreign country.”

Petra Britta Kristina Eklund
Linnaeus University Sweden
BSc Business Administration

Tuition Fees and Grants
You pay your regular tuition fees at your home university. Additional fees for course literature may apply depending on the modules you choose. Students from “Swiss-European Mobility Programme – SEMP” partner universities are eligible for grants between CHF 1800 and CHF 2100 per semester.

Academic Year Structure

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Please note:
* The repeat date for the examinations in the autumn semester is in the week commencing Easter Monday. The block week and the International Days event in the spring semester are always held in the week before Easter. These weeks move accordingly each calendar year.

Lesson-free days:
- Easter (Friday to Monday)
- Ascension (Thursday to Saturday)
- Whitsun (Monday)

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 block weeks.
Living in Bern

Switzerland is a small country made up of 26 cantons and approximately 8 million inhabitants coming from a range of different ethnic and cultural backgrounds. The official languages are German, French, Italian and Romansh. As a matter of fact, English is our first language for business and research and it is often used to overcome language barriers, so you will be able to communicate in English in most places and shops.

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. Switzerland is widely recognised internationally as a centre of excellence in education, research, and innovation. It is part of the global community and maintains a worldwide network of co-operations and partnerships in education and science.

The city of Bern is the capital of Switzerland. It’s ideal central position makes it a perfect point of departure for excursions throughout Switzerland and our neighbouring countries. All major cities can be reached very easily using our excellent public transport system.

Besides, Bern offers:
– the imposing Bernese Alps, an ideal backdrop for a great variety of outdoor activities, from hiking to skiing and bungee jumping.
– a lively music scene and is home to a variety of theatres, museums, galleries, concert halls and clubs.
– Swiss cuisine with German, French and North Italian influences.

Accommodation
We do not have onsite accommodation. 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 1500–2300, see breakdown below.

| Rent / shared accommodation costs / other accommodation 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 1560–2320** |

Source: www.budgetberatung.ch

Working in Switzerland

EU / EFTA citizens:
Working conditions applicable for residence in Switzerland are dependent on both your nationality as well as on the reason for your stay. Please find all relevant information in the section «useful links».

Citizens from other Countries:
Part-time employment can only be approved for students after six months of residency in Switzerland, unless the part-time employment is closely related to the area of study. In addition, you may not exceed 15 hours work per week during the semester.
Why Choose the BFH Business School?

«The real thing»
You will be immersed in the BFH experience – working with local students as well as other international students.

Intensive Personal Support
– Low student-lecturer ratio
– Open and frequent communication with professors and International Office staff
– Support in finding accommodation
– Use of outstanding university sport facilities for a very reasonable membership fee

Hands-on Education
– Strong focus on real world practice in all courses
– Free language courses and cultural/social activities

Our Services

Welcome Week
In calendar week 37, we offer all international students a Welcome Week, which is a great opportunity to learn more about Bern and university life, meet other students and BFH staff members. This allows you to better prepare for your studies at the Business School.

The Buddy Programme
You will be allocated to a Buddy family. The International Family Mentor Programme connects our students with you and fellow international students in order to provide support and an excellent exchange experience.

Certificate of Global Competence
This additional certificate offers you the opportunity to acquire further intercultural and transcultural skills as part of your regular studies, and to provide evidence of this to future employers. This unique certificate provides excellent preparation for a professional future in an international context.

Sports
The Bern University offers a wide variety of sport activities – from Aerobic to Zumba everything is possible. You can join these sport groups and courses or use the gym facilities as a BFH student.

Useful Links

Information about BFH
– in general: bfh.ch/en/home
– about Business School: wirtschaft.bfh.ch/en/homepage_en

Detailed Academic Year Structure
wirtschaft.bfh.ch/en/about_us/international/international_office (Downloads)

Module Descriptions
– BScBA: www.wirtschaft.bfh.ch/en/bachelor/business_administration_international_programme/study_content/tabs/curriculum
– BScBIT: www.wirtschaft.bfh.ch/en/bachelor/business_information_technology/study_content/tabs/curriculum

Certificate of Global Competence (CGC)
wirtschaft.bfh.ch/en/about_us/international/certificate_of_global_competence

More Information and Details on the Services Offered by the International Office
wirtschaft.bfh.ch/en/about_us/international/useful_information

Information about Switzerland
– facts and figures: www.swissworld.org/en/
– additional information: www.myswitzerland.com/en-ch/home

Information about Bern
www.bern.ch/en/

Working in Switzerland:
– Citizens from other Countries: www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/themen/arbeilt/nicht-eu_efta-angehoerige

Vacant Rooms and Apartments
– bfh.ch/en/service/life_leisure/accommodation
– www.bern.esn.ch/rooms

Student lodging:
vbsl.ch

Mobility grants:
www.bfh.ch/en/service/international_relations_office/incoming_students/exchange_semesters
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Bern – Paris  ⇢ around 500km  ⇢ around 6.5h by car
Bern – Munich  ⇢ around 450km  ⇢ around 5h by car
Bern – Vienna  ⇢ around 785km  ⇢ around 10h by car
Bern – Milan  ⇢ around 330km  ⇢ around 5h by car