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Academic Calendar

	Fall semester dates	Spring semester dates
Nomination deadlines	15 May	15 October
Application deadlines:	1 June	1 November
Orientation session:	03 Sep 2026 – 11 Sep 2026	11 Feb 2027 – 19 Feb 2027
Semester:	14 Sep 2026 – 30 Jan 2027	22 Feb 2027 – 03 Jul 2027
Examination period:	18 Jan 2027 – 30 Jan 2027	21 Jun 2027 – 03 Jul 2027

Nomination and Application Procedure

Applicants must be officially nominated by their home university for their exchange semester.

Application documents	Application form Passport-sized photo Learning agreement	Proof of health insurance Official transcript of records Scan of passport or ID card
Level / programs offered	Undergraduate / Bachelor of Science in Business Administration	
Language of instruction	English	
Language requirements	CEFR B2+ (TOEFL pb 550, internet-based 79; IELTS 6.0; PTE Academic 50 pts)	
Course selection	Course choice to be made with the international coordinator at home institution. Courses can be changed within two weeks as of the official semester start (contingent on the availability of places).	
Course load per semester	Depending on home institution's requirements. A normal ECTS load is 30/semester.	

Further Information	
Appropriate expenses per month in CHF	Accommodation: 600 – 900, food: 400, public transport: 70, books: 60, health insurance (can be waived): 80; entertainment: 150 Total per month: 1'400 – 1'600
Visa	EU/EFTA: No visa required for students from EU/EFTA countries. Non-EU Students: will receive documents from the International Office at OST to apply for a Swiss visa in their home country. For country-specific requirements, please refer to the website of the Swiss Embassy/Consulate: www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/reps.html All students: A residence permit must be obtained after entering Switzerland. The costs for the visa and the residence permit are paid for by the student.
Health insurance	Students must have a health insurance which is valid in Switzerland. EU/EFTA: European Health Insurance Card, EHIC. Non-EU students: Proof of health insurance valid in Switzerland * Health insurance provider in home country signs an exemption form together with a copy of the insurance policy in English, both documents will be evaluated by the local authorities in St.Gallen. If the documents are not accepted by the local authorities, students are obliged to sign up for a Swiss health insurance (approx. CHF 90.00 / month). * **Please note**: The insurance policy has to explicitly and clearly state that the coverage is ***unlimited.*** Otherwise it won't be accepted in Switzerland. If you have any doubts about whether your local insurance will be accepted in Switzerland, we **highly recommend** purchasing one of the Swiss options to avoid unnecessary stress. (around CHF 90/month)
Accommodation	No on-campus accommodation. Rooms in shared flats and studios between CHF 600 and CHF 900. Deadlines: 1 June / 1 November
Facilities	Canteen and cafeteria Libraries: at OST Campus St.Gallen www.ost.ch/bibliothek and at HSG University www.biblio.unisg.ch Sports facilities: at HSG University www.unisg.ch/de/hsgservices/sport
Buddy program	Each exchange student is allocated to an OST buddy. The OST student will contact the exchange student prior to arrival.
Work permits and regulations	Non-EU students are not allowed to work in Switzerland. EU students are currently permitted to work up to 15 hours per week.
Any further questions?	Please get in touch with us! io-management@ost.ch