



University of St.Gallen

Student Exchange

# Fact Sheet



**STUDENT  
MOBILITY  
SERVICES**

## Why University of St.Gallen?

- integrative and practice-relevant education
- promotion of entrepreneurial spirit
- inspiring campus in the heart of Europe
- global networks
- top-rankings and renowned accreditations
- partnerships with 200 universities worldwide
- student life (140 clubs and associations)
- life-long community (>42.000 alumnae/i)

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# 1 Exchange Programmes

## FULL SEMESTER EXCHANGE

Partner Universities	This exchange option allows student exchange worldwide at <a href="#">partner universities on Bachelor and Master level</a> .
SWISS MOBILITY	The <a href="#">Swiss Mobility programme</a> enables Bachelor and Master students to study at another university within Switzerland.
FREEMOVER	Students enrolled at a university that is not a HSG partner university can apply for a <a href="#">freemover exchange semester</a> .
THEMIS	The International Legal Network of Excellence offers a <a href="#">joint certificate programme</a> in International and Business Law for law Master students focussing on theoretical and practical business law skills.
ECOL	<a href="#">ECOL (European Common Online Learning)</a> is a network of six leading European business schools offering a virtual exchange programme on undergraduate level.
CEMS	<a href="#">CEMS</a> is a global alliance of academic and corporate institutions dedicated to educating and preparing future generations of international business leaders. Can be combined with all our Master programmes.
DOUBLE DEGREE	The University of St.Gallen offers several <a href="#">double degree programmes</a> that award students two full master's degrees from the partnering institutions. Most graduate programmes in St.Gallen offer a double degree option.
START FELLOWSHIP	<a href="#">START Fellowship</a> is an accelerator programme for young entrepreneurs from low- and middle-income backgrounds, focused on Latin American and African students. It offers online and offline sessions with experienced investors, classes at the University of St.Gallen, mentoring, and coaching with experts. (Spring semester only.)

## SPECIALISED SHORT-TERM PROGRAMMES

ISP	This 10-week programme requires students to be enrolled in an MBA at their home university and have significant work experience. The programme can accomodate a maximum of 35 students. Courses are taught entirely in English. <a href="#">isp.unisg.ch</a>
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**AUTUMN**  
September to November

**SPRING**  
January to March

**AUTUMN**  
September to December

**SPRING**  
February to May

## DEGREE PROGRAMMES

EN = English  
GER = German  
GER\* = some courses in English

Master	Bachelor
Banking and Finance <sup>EN</sup>	Business Administration <sup>EN &amp; GE</sup>
Strategy and International Management <sup>EN</sup>	Economics <sup>EN &amp; GER</sup>
Quantitative Economics and Finance <sup>EN</sup>	International Affairs <sup>EN &amp; GER</sup>
International Law <sup>EN</sup>	Law <sup>GER *</sup>
International Affairs and Governance <sup>EN &amp; GER</sup>	Law and Economics <sup>GER *</sup>
Marketing Management <sup>EN &amp; GER</sup>	Computer Science <sup>GER</sup>
Accounting and Finance <sup>EN &amp; GER</sup>	
Economics <sup>EN &amp; GER</sup>	
Business Innovation <sup>GER</sup>	
General Management <sup>GER</sup>	
Law <sup>GER</sup>	
Law and Economics <sup>GER</sup>	
Computer Science <sup>EN</sup>	
Medical Master in St.Gallen <sup>GER</sup>	

# 2 Courses

## COURSE INFORMATION

Courses are offered in English in Business Administration, Economics, International Affairs, Social Sciences and Law. The definite course programme is available approximately one month before the semester starts. Guest students are strongly recommended to attend courses that correspond to their level of study at their home university.

### Bachelor

Bachelor students attend bachelor courses and may only attend master’s courses if necessary and if prerequisites are fully met. Master’s core courses are not open for guest undergraduate students.

### Master

Master students attend master courses and may attend Bachelor courses if necessary.

### CEMS MIM

The course programme and descriptions can be found on:  
[cems.org/academic-members/schools-list](https://cems.org/academic-members/schools-list)

[HSG Course Catalogue](#)

## COURSE REGISTRATION

Course registration takes place through an online course registration procedure (bidding) about three weeks before the semester begins. Student Mobility Services will inform guest students about the process well in advance.

### Further information

Courses take place throughout the entire semester (13 weeks) and/or in block seminars.

## REQUIRED WORKLOAD

The workload per semester averages 24-30 ECTS credits. Guest students are required to take at least 16 ECTS credits and may not exceed 40 ECTS credits (THEMIS max. 33 ECTS) per semester. Credits are awarded only for successfully passed courses.

Special workload requirements apply to CEMS and THEMIS according to their corresponding curriculum regulations.

1 ECTS = 30 course-related working hours (in and out of class)

# 3 Examinations

Examinations may be taken only for successfully allocated courses.

## FORMAT

Examinations may be oral and/or written. Presentations/course participation may also constitute part of the final grade. The examination format is indicated in the course information sheet available on:

[HSG Course Catalogue](#)

## EXAMINATION PERIODS

At the HSG there are two different types of examination periods:

- Decentral and Mid-Term examinations take place within or at the latest at the end of the lecture period.
- Central examinations take place after the end of the lecture period.

Guest students are entitled to take all examinations within the lecture period (= same time frame as decentral examination period).

The examination type of each course is indicated in the course information sheet.

## GUEST STUDENTS ENROLLED FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE SEMESTERS

Students staying for two consecutive semesters must take examinations for their first semester courses as specified in the course information sheet. If a “central examination” is specified, guest students may schedule a “decentral guest examination” if the course instructor permits.

## GRADE TRANSCRIPT

Notification of Grades and Academic Record (transcript) will be published on the Compass student platform.

[HSG grading scale](#)



## AUTUMN SEMESTER

### Decentral & Mid-Term examinations

Examination period - September - December  
Notification of grades - End of January  
Academic Record - End of January

### Central examinations

Examination period - January - February  
Notification of grades - End of February  
Academic Record - End of February

## SPRING SEMESTER

### Decentral & Mid-Term examinations

Examination period - February - May  
Notification of grades - Early July  
Academic Record - Early July

### Central examinations

Examination period - June - July  
Notifications of grades - Early August  
Academic Record - Early August

# 4 Living in St.Gallen

## HOUSING

The Housing Office provides off-campus housing. Housing is assigned on a first come, first served basis.

- Contract durations:  
For Autumn semester 01 Aug. - 31 Dec.  
For Spring semester 01 Feb. - 31 May
- Non-refundable application fee:  
CHF 250 (required)
- Housing price per room: CHF 700 to CHF 1050 or higher per month, depending on personal requirements
- Liability insurance: approx. CHF 20

Students may arrange housing on their own.

### Housing Office

T: +41 71 224 22 00  
housing@unisg.ch

[More](#)

## MONTHLY LIVING EXPENSES

Accommodation (rent plus utilities) CHF 700 to CHF 1050; Food CHF 600; Communication (telephone, internet, TV) CHF 70; Transport (public and private) CHF 180; Insurances (liability, health) CHF 100 to CHF 280; Leisure activities CHF 150; Other CHF 100 to CHF 150.

## TRANSPORTATION

In Switzerland, travelling by public transport is very convenient and it is encouraged. Students are advised to obtain the Swiss Federal Railway half-fare card in order to save 50% on all tickets for trains, buses, trams, ferries. It is available from CHF 120 (under 25 years old) and valid for one year.

[sbb.ch](http://sbb.ch)



## HEALTH INSURANCE

Full-semester guest students must either have proof of sufficient health insurance coverage for Switzerland from provider in home country or purchase health insurance in Switzerland. Acceptable proof varies according to nationality.

### Insurance information

Courses take place throughout the entire semester (13 weeks) and/or in block seminars.

## FEES FOR VISA & RESIDENCE PERMIT

Students are responsible for any visa and/or permit-related documents (fees vary: CHF 66 to CHF 240 depending on nationality). (in and out of class)

### Visa information

# 5 Language

## LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

German and English (course availability will vary depending on degree programme).

## LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

### German

For courses taught in German, no formal German certificate is required, but guest students are expected to have a language level equivalent to B2 (CEFR).

### English

All programmes (except ISP): For courses taught in German, no formal German certificate is required, but guest students are expected to have a language level equivalent to B2 (CEFR).

**ISP:** For the ISP, non-native English speakers must provide a valid TOEFL score of 89 (iBT) or IELTS score of 6.5. This requirement is waived for students enrolled in an English-taught MBA at their home university.

## LANGUAGE COURSE

Incoming exchange students are welcome to enrol in regular language courses offered by the University of St.Gallen during the semester.

A variety of languages is available — such as Chinese, English, French, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish, and Russian — and these courses are open to guest students.

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# 6 Student Services

## STUDENT MOBILITY SERVICES

Student Mobility Services handles all administrative issues related to guest students.

[exchange.unisg.ch](https://exchange.unisg.ch)

## DIVERSITY, EQUALITY, INCLUSION

Students with a disability or a chronic illness may face particular challenges during their studies and may require special assistance. Contact Student Mobility Services at the University of St.Gallen well in advance.

[diversity.unisg.ch](https://diversity.unisg.ch)

## BUDDYSYSTEM

The BuddySystem organises various events for guest students bringing local and international students together and promote the Swiss culture.

[ressortinternational.ch/buddysystem](https://ressortinternational.ch/buddysystem)

## CAREER SERVICE CENTER

Guest students have access to information on internships and may participate in recruitment fairs.

[hsgcareer.ch/en](https://hsgcareer.ch/en)

## LIBRARY

561.000 volumes; 471.000 E-books; 1 20.000 E-journals.

[unisg.ch/en/university/library](https://unisg.ch/en/university/library)

## SPORTS OFFICE

Full-semester guest students must either have proof of sufficient health insurance coverage for Switzerland from provider in home country or purchase health insurance in Switzerland. Acceptable proof varies according to nationality.

[sport.unisg.ch](https://sport.unisg.ch)

# Student Engagement

The Student Union is the official student representative body at the HSG and the umbrella organisation of all the student associations and clubs. Its representatives and the students work towards the realisation of their ideas and contribute to the development of the university.

[shsg.ch](https://shsg.ch)

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## EVENTS OF INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE ORGANISED BY HSG STUDENTS

[The St.Gallen Symposium](#)

[The oikos Model WTO](#)

[HSG TALENTS Conference](#)

[START Summit](#)

## HSG ENTREPRENEURSHIP

HSG actively supports entrepreneurship with numerous consultations and events.

[More Information](#)

# 7 Application

## STEP 1: ONLINE NOMINATION BY PARTNER UNIVERSITY

Nominations must be entered in our online portal Mobility-Online using the personal login provided. Login data should be kept on record for future nominations.

Nominated students must be enrolled at their home university in study fields similar to degree study fields of the University of St.Gallen (Management, Business Administration, Economics, Political Sciences and Law).

### Autumn term nomination period

1 February to 15 April

### Spring term nomination period

1 February to 15 April and  
15 May to 15 September\*

\*Late nominations may be possible but require prior verification with Student Mobility Services. Swiss Mobility Spring nominations only: 31 October at the latest.

### ECOL Autumn term nomination period

1 June to 5 July

### ECOL Spring term nomination period

1 November to 30 November

## STEP 2: STUDENT ONLINE APPLICATION

After a nomination is entered in the Mobility-Online portal, Student Mobility Services will provide the student with further instructions and information about completing the online application.

### Autumn term application period

1 February to 15 May

### Spring term application period

15 August to 30 September

### Swiss Mobility Spring applications only:

Until 15 November

### ECOL Autumn term application

1 June to 10 July

### ECOL Spring term application

1 November to 5 December

## STEP 3: PREPARATION

### Optional German Language Integration Workshops

Student Mobility Services organises an optional intensive German language course prior to the start of each semester. All students with beginner, intermediate and advanced levels of German are welcome to attend free of charge. No credits are awarded for this course.

ISP students may take part in an ISP German language course for beginners as one of their electives.

## MANDATORY ORIENTATION DAY

A mandatory Orientation Day takes place prior to each semester. This day includes general orientation, HSG student ID card as well as social activities. No credits are awarded.



# 8 Contacts

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# 9 Term Calender 2026/2027

## AUTUMN SEMESTER 2026

**8 September - 19 November 2026**  
ISP Autumn 2026 (programme for MBA students  
from partner universities)

**30 August - 4 September 2026**  
CEMS block seminar  
(one week, starting Sunday)

**2 - 10 September 2026**  
Optional German language course for guest  
students

**10 September 2026**  
Mandatory Orientation Day for Autumn semester  
guest students

**14 September 2026**  
Mandatory CEMS semester kick-off  
(for CEMS students)

**14 September - 19 December 2026**  
Autumn semester 2026 (includes exams for guest  
students staying only one semester)

**27 August 2026**  
Course registration - bidding starts  
(CEMS students 20 August 2026)

**26 October - 8 November 2026**  
Break Autumn semester 2026  
(block courses and CEMS requirements may take  
place)

**December 2026**  
Farewell Event for guest students

## Accreditations



## SPRING SEMESTER 2027

**12 January - 18 March 2027**  
ISP Spring 2027 (programme for MBA  
students from partner universities)

**10 - 18 February 2027**  
Optional German language integration workshops  
are available in week 36.

**18 February 2027**  
Mandatory Orientation Day for Spring semester  
guest students

**22 February 2027**  
Mandatory CEMS semester kick-off  
(for CEMS students)

**22 February - 29 May 2027**  
Spring semester 2027 (includes exams for guest  
students staying only one semester)

**4 February 2027**  
Course registration - bidding starts  
(CEMS students 28 January 2027)

**22 - 26 February 2027**  
CEMS Business Project Kick-Offs

**5 - 18 April 2027**  
Break Spring semester 2027  
(block seminars and CEMS requirements may take  
place)

**May 2027**  
Farewell Event for guest students

## Member of

