

Costs for the Master of Science in Applied Information and Data Science

Academic Year 2025/26

The following table provides an overview of the approximate outlay during the course and is intended as an aid in drawing up individual budgets. The fees are based on the corresponding regulations of the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts¹. Please note that fees may be subject to change and that non-fee figures should be taken as approximations only.

- The application fee is charged during the online application process. There will be no refund if you cancel your application or if you are not admitted into the programme.
- Tuition fees must be paid in full by all students who are registered at the beginning of semester. Such fees are also owed in case of deregistration after the start of the semester (even if no classes have been attended).

Expenses	Due	Amount (in CHF)
Non-recurring items		
Application fee	once	250
Fee for HSLU Student Card	once	50
Fee for graduation documents	once	220
Recurring items		
Tuition fees for Swiss students	per semester	800
<i>Tuition fees for foreign students</i>	<i>per semester</i>	<i>1300</i>
Flat rate for services	per semester	60
Module examinations (up to a maximum of CHF 450)	per semester	150 ²
Fee for campus sports programs	per semester	25
Total of recurring expenses for Swiss students	per semester (approx.)	1'035
Total of recurring expenses for foreign students	per semester (approx.)	1'535
Student-union membership fee	annual	10
Possible fees depending on individual study course		
Administration fee in the event of an exchange semester	once	200
Deposit for locker	once	100
Study-trips / excursions	in total max.	2'000

The Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts does not receive any cantonal contributions for foreign students. To ensure that the tuition fees for foreign students are nevertheless not much higher than for students with Swiss citizenship, the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts covers part of the difference; the rest is offset against a slightly increased semester fee for foreign students.

¹ Regulations on Tuition Fees: Verordnung über die Gebühren an der Hochschule Luzern, FH Zentralschweiz (Gebührenverordnung) of 14 December 2012, (as at 1 March 2013), SRL Nr. 520e
Order on Administrative Fees charged by the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts, FH Zentralschweiz: Weisung betreffend die administrativen Gebühren der Hochschule Luzern, FH Zentralschweiz (Gebührenweisung) of 3 June 2014, (as at 1 July 2021)

² Module examination fees are also due during exchange semesters.

Frequently asked questions concerning financial matters:

Are there any student dormitories?

There are some student dormitories in or around Lucerne. Please find detailed information on: <https://www.hslu.ch/en/lucerne-university-of-applied-sciences-and-arts/campus/living-in-lucerne/wohnen/>

You might also find a flat together with two or three other students for about CHF 600.- to 1200.- per person and month.

Am I allowed to work in Switzerland with a student visa?

Yes, you are under certain circumstances, and subject to certain restrictions, depending on your residence status. Generally speaking, EU-nationals can work up to 30% of a normal workload from the first day on. Non-EU-nationals can work from the seventh month onwards.

Is it possible to find work without speaking German?

Some of our non-native-German-speaking students have been successful in finding a job without fluent knowledge of German. However, it is not easy to find something without any ability in the language. If you find a job, you can expect remuneration of about CHF 500 to 1000 per month when working 30% of a normal workload.

Are there scholarships to apply for?

Please find detailed information on:

- <https://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/entry-switzerland-residence/residence-switzerland/studying-switzerland/scholarships.html>

Are there any student loans to apply for?

EDUCA SWISS is a Swiss foundation that promotes education and funding. They support motivated people with their academic goals by providing free consultations for planning and budgeting, and by arranging low-interest student loans. Please find detailed information on:

- <https://educaswiss.ch/en/>