Application guide

Bachelor and Master students studying at EPFL for one or two semesters or for a project in a lab

This document aims to guide you through the process of completing the online application form.

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How to fill out the [registration form]? Click on New User to create a personal account.

EXCHANGE STUDENT IDENTIFICATION

Welcome to the EPFL's Exchange Student online application. All material that you submit on this website will be treated confidentially to the extent that normal procedures allow (there are no special security measures applied to this website, and by submitting your application you agree not to hold EPFL liable for any misuse by others of the information you provide).

Please note that you are entitled to apply for an exchange, only if you have been selected for an exchange at the EPFL by your home university.

You can either complete the form during one session or sign in again later to finish it. Please be aware that your application will be erased if it has not been completed and validated after three weeks.
Enter a valid email address and password and select ok to access the registration form.
Click on New Form to open the registration form

New Form
To create a new form, click below:

+ Now

Form in process
- Your application form can be changed and has to be completed.
- Your application form has been definitely submitted and cannot be changed.
  - An email has been sent to request the validation of your nomination to the exchange coordinator that you mentioned in the application form. Your application will be considered once the exchange coordinator has validated it.
- Your exchange coordinator has validated your application. The Registrar's office will handle your application in due time.
- The Registrar's office is dealing with your application.

To modify or consult your application, select following link:
You have not created any form yet.
1. Studies planned at EPFL

**Section at EPFL**
- Select from the drop-down list the EPFL section (department) in which you plan on taking the majority of courses (not credits). This should normally be the section in which you have been nominated by your home university and for which there is an agreement between EPFL and your home university.

**Purpose of your study at EPFL**
- Select “Courses (including semester projects)” if you are coming for one or two semester of courses. If you plan on doing a semester project beside the courses, this is also the option to select.
- Select “Project/Internship” if you plan on doing a full time project in a lab and that you have already found an EPFL professor who has agreed to supervise your project/internship.
  If you plan on taking 1-2 courses beside your project, this is possible, however, please inform your EPFL professor.
- Select both boxes if you plan on doing one semester of courses followed by one semester of project in a lab or vice-versa and if you have already found an EPFL Professor who has agreed to supervise your project.
2. Personal information

**Family name**: write here your family name(s) as mentioned in your passport.

**First name**: write here your first name and middle names, if any, as mentioned in your passport.

**Maiden name**: if you are married and changed your last name, please mention your maiden name. Leave blank if this does not concern you.

**Copy of passport or ID**
Please upload a valid passport or ID in pdf format and less than 2 MB

**Email**: please note that this is the email address where we will send the acceptance letter once we have handled your registration.
If you are not a Swiss citizen, do you already hold a Swiss residence permit? Only select yes if you already have a valid residence permit.
3. Student ID Card

Please make sure to upload a picture that corresponds to the requirements (click on “passport photo quality criteria”). This picture will be used for your student card.
4. Languages

We do not require any proof of language, however, please keep in mind that Bachelor programs are mostly taught in French (depending on the program some courses are taught in English) and Master programs are mostly taught in English (depending on the program some courses taught in French).

We highly recommend a B2 level in French and/or English.

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French courses are available for all accepted EPFL exchange students prior to the beginning of the semester. For further information and registration, please refer to the Language Center website http://langues.epfl.ch.

We would like to draw to your attention that French is the everyday language spoken on the campus and in Lausanne.

* Mandatory fields
5. Current/previous studies

Federal Matricule
If you have studied or are studying in a Swiss institution, a Federal Matricule number has been assigned to you. If you are not sure where to find it, please contact the Registrar’s Office of the Swiss school/university you have studied at.

Current studies
If your home university has got an exchange agreement with EPFL (you can verify it here), please choose your university from the drop down list.

If you are coming for a project at EPFL and that your home university does not have any agreement with EPFL, please mention the name of your university under “Other university”.

Current study level
This registration form is only for Bachelor and Master students. In case you are no longer enrolled in a university or if you are a PhD student, please contact the lab in which you will do your project to inquire which form to use.
Exchange coordinator at your home university
Kindly mention here the contact details of the student exchange office or an academic advisor from your home university who is able to confirm the details mentioned in this registration form. After validate this form, an email will be sent to that person asking them to validate it.

High School Diploma / Baccalaureat
Under “Official diploma” kindly indicate the complete title of the diploma, in the original language.

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6. Studies at EPFL

a) For courses

If you are coming for courses (including a semester project):

**Academic year:**
Select from the drop-down list the academic year for which you have been nominated to study at EPFL. You can find [here](#) the academic calendar.

**Study period:**
Select from the drop-down list if you have been nominated for the full academic year, for the autumn semester or for the spring semester.

**Draft study plan:**
List here the courses and semester project (if any) you would like to enroll in at EPFL during your exchange:
- Code: ie. ME 465
- Course title: ie. advanced heat transfer
- Number of credits: ie. 3

Kindly note that your study plan must contain a majority of courses from the section in which you have been nominated and are registered at EPFL.
Visit [this webpage](#) to see the course codes and the corresponding section.
**French course:**
If you plan to enroll in a French course, kindly note that only French courses during the semester are worth 3 ECTS and can count towards the 20 ECTS minimum requirement per semester. There are no code for French courses. Simply write NA in the code field.

**Courses from the University of Lausanne (UNIL)**
If you plan to take 1-2 courses at UNIL, please mention UNIL courses, number of ECTS in total and NA for the course code.

**Semester project:**
If you wish to do a semester project that is not offered in our study plan simply write NA in the code field.

Please note that this is a temporary list and that you will have to register for courses at the beginning of the semester. This will be the opportunity to make slight changes if needed.

Finally, only fill out your priority courses in the application (no more than 35 ECTS per semester). It is a very good practice to have a list of reserved courses in case anything happens, and you will have the opportunity to make final decisions at the start of the semester. However, your reserved courses list should not appear in the application.
Students who will be registered in the Architecture section:
Year of Bachelor (or equivalent title): mention here the year in which you have obtained or will obtain your Bachelor’s Degree (ie. 2020)

Students registered in Architecture can take only one Studio and one Teaching Unit (UE) per semester

In order to allow you to register in the appropriate projects and teaching units during your exchange at the EPFL, please answer the following questions.

How many studios/projects in Architecture have you successfully attended at your home university? *

How many semesters did you achieve with success at your home university? *

Year of Bachelor (or equivalent title) *
b) For a project in a lab

If you are coming for a **project or internship** in a lab:

**Professor responsible for your project at EPFL:**
Please mention here the name of the EPFL professor in charge of the lab (it cannot be the name of a scientific collaborator, although your supervision might be delegated to them.)

**Duration of your project:**
From – to: Mention the exact start and end date of the project as previously agreed with your EPFL professor. These dates do not necessarily have to follow semester dates.

**Number of credits ECTS:**
Fill in a number between 0 and 60. If you will not get any credits for this project select 0.

Please note that this is a temporary registration of your credits and that if you do need an EPFL grade and Transcript of Records for your project, you will need to register for that on your student portal at the beginning of your project. You will then have the opportunity to confirm again the number of credits.
7. Validation

a) For courses

Make sure to validate your application form. You will then receive an email with the summary sent to the email address you mentioned under “personal information” (see page 6).

The exchange coordinator at your home institution will receive an email asking them to confirm the details of your registration form.

EPFL’s Student Exchange Office will be able to handle your registration only if it has been validated by the exchange coordinator of your home university.

The acceptance letter is sent by email:
- between May and June for exchanges starting in September
- between the end of October and December for exchanges starting in February
b) For a project in a lab

Have the Enrollment Letter signed and stamped by the student exchange office or academic advisor at your home university and upload the signed form.

Make sure to validate your application form. You will then receive an email with the summary sent to the email address you mentioned under “personal information” (see page 6).

The exchange coordinator of your home institution and the EPFL professor will both receive an email asking them to confirm the details of your registration form.

EPFL’s Student Exchange Office will be able to handle your registration only if it has been validated by the exchange coordinator of your home university and your EPFL professor.

The acceptance letter is sent by email 2-3 months before the beginning of your project which provides sufficient time for a visa request if you need one.
8. Follow up of your registration

Once you have validated your application you can follow up the status by logging in with the login details you used to register and by looking at the color of the tab.

Please note that if you are coming for a project, this page does not show whether your EPFL professor has validated your registration form.