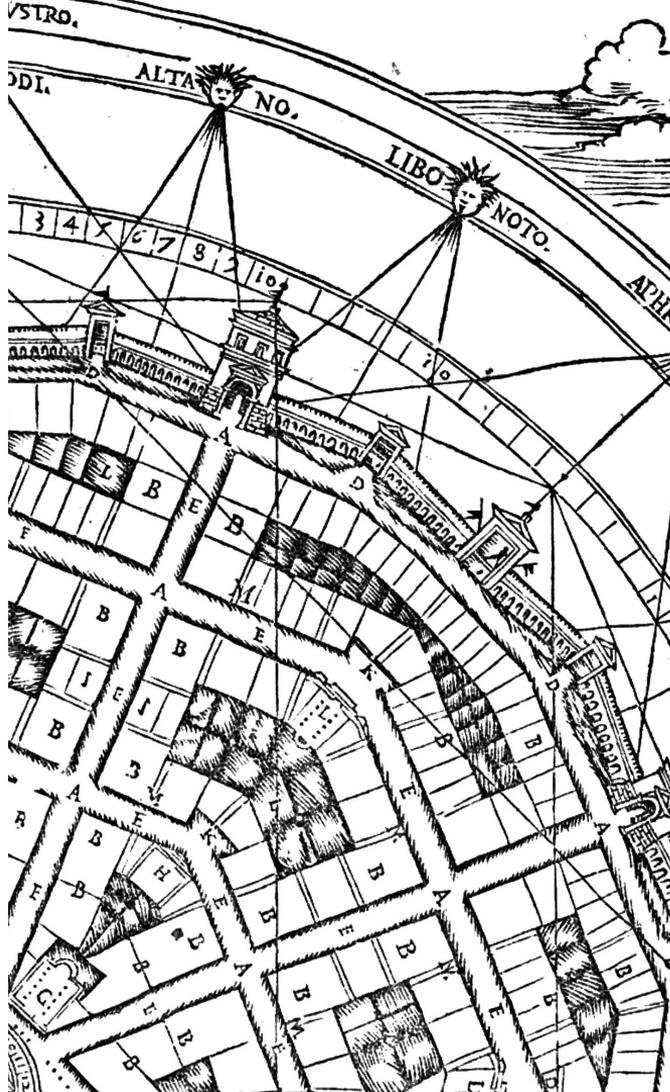




Welcome Day

Master Students in
Digital Humanities

5 September 2025



Agenda

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Who we are

Digital Humanities

Section

	<p>Daniel Gatica-Perez Director of the DH Section</p>			<p>Frédéric Kaplan Foundations of Digital Humanities</p>		<p>Jérôme Baudry History and the Digital</p>
	<p>Kathleen Collins DH Section Deputy</p>		<p>Sarah Kenderdine Cultural Data Sculpting</p>		<p>Maud Ehrmann Historical Document and Media Processing</p>	
	<p>Isabelle Hügli DH Section Admin + internships</p>		<p>Nicolas Henchoz Design research for digital innovation</p>		<p>Martin Rohrmeier Digital Musicology</p>	
	<p>Kevin Baumer DH Section Deputy as of October 2025</p>		<p>Daniel Gatica-Perez Computational Social Media</p>			

Master Program

Master Cycle

Block 1 –
Computer Science
22 credits

Block 2 – Digital
Humanities
27 credits

Options Group
41 credits

Internship
Credited with the PDM

Total: 90 credits

+

PDM – Master
Thesis Project
30 credits

Total: 120 credits

Duration of the Master Program

Options	Semester 1 (Fall)	Semester 2 (Spring)	Summer period	Semester 3 (Fall)	Semester 4 (Spring)	Summer period	Semester 5 (Fall)	Semester 6 (Spring)
Shortest options	▶							
Option 1	■	■	■	■	■			
Option 2	■	■		■	■			
Shortest options with full semester internship	▶							
Option 3	■	■		■	■		■	
Option 4	■	■		■	■		■	
Other options	▶							
Option 5	■	■	■	■	■		■	
Option 6	■	■		■	■		■	
	▶							
Option 7	■	■		■	■		■	■
Option 8	■	■		■	■		■	■
Option 9	■	■	■	■	■		■	■
Option 10	■	■		■	■		■	■

Duration of studies

Minimum 3 semesters of courses (with an average of 30 credits per semester). Maximum 6 consecutive semesters of courses to complete the 90 credits master's cycle.

If internship done over a full semester: duration is extended by one semester.

One semester for the Master thesis project. Either 18 weeks (including 1 vacation week) if completed at EPFL, or 26 weeks (including 1 vacation week) if done in a company or in another university (30 credits).

Index

■	Duration of studies
■	Courses
■	8-week summer internship
■	4 to 6 month internship over a full semester
■	Master Thesis project at EPFL or in a company/institution
■	Master Thesis project in a company/institution

Blocks

- A **block is passed** (and thus all the credits associated with the block are acquired) when all the subjects it contains have been examined at least once and the **weighted average of the block is 4,00 or above**.
- When a block is **passed** (and thus all the credits associated with the block are acquired) it is no longer possible to register to courses in this block.

Groups

- A **group is passed** when **enough subjects in the group are passed** (final grade 4,00 or above) **to reach the number of credits** associated with the group. Although an average is calculated, it has no bearing on the passing of the group.
- When a group is **passed** (and thus all the credits associated with the group are acquired) it is no longer possible to register to courses in this group.

Optional DH classes in study plan

- Fall semester
 - Ethics and Law of AI – DH-415 – Johan Rochel – 4 ECTS
- Spring semester
 - Game design & prototyping – DH-414 – David Javet – 4 ECTS

Optional classes in study plan given by CDH lecturers

- Spring semester
 - AI for urban history – URB-409 – Isabella Di Lenardo – 4 ECTS
 - Science and technology in urban transformation – URB-407 – Jérôme Baudry & Florence Graezer Bideau – 3 ECTS
 - Urban digital twins – URB-410 – Frederic Kaplan – 4 ECTS

GenAI

- Each DH class has set up its own guidelines on how to use GenAI in class.
- Each professor will explain it in class.

GenAI - Recommendations for use - Summary

- GenAI tools must be used in an informed, responsible and transparent manner, while never forgetting to exercise critical thinking.
- These tools should be used primarily to obtain help on form rather than substance.
- These tools should not be used if the skills are not available to verify the veracity of the results produced or their form (for example: results in a foreign language that one does not master).
- Confidential, private or personal information should never be transmitted when using these tools.
- The legal status (intellectual property, copyright, etc.) of the results produced by these tools is currently the subject of intense debate.

Martin Rajman (EPFL, I&C)

« Stay away from plagiarism » workshop

- **Mandatory**
- Tuesday 7 October, 2025
- 09h00 to 10h30
- BC410

Credited courses outside the study plan

- 15 credits maximum can be taken outside of the DH study plan and credited in your options group.
- Authorization to take these courses must be obtained before registering for the courses in IS-Academia.
- Requests are to be sent by e-mail to master-dh@epfl.ch

Credited courses outside the study plan

UNIL Courses

- Most UNIL courses are given in French.
- All information can be found on our website :
<https://go.epfl.ch/DHcourseregistration>
- Note that these courses count for the 15 credits max outside the study plan.
- Most UNIL classes will be approved, but not if the subject is also given at EPFL.

Credited courses outside the study plan

Bachelor Courses

- Not authorised

Doctoral School Courses

- Doctoral school courses are considered as outside the study plan.
- They count in the maximum 15 credits authorized outside the study plan.
- Authorization must be obtained by the section and by the Professor.

All information

<https://go.epfl.ch/dhprojects>

- 12 ECTS – in the options group
- Projects can be done in DH labs
- For projects in other labs, please submit project description to the DH Section for approval before registering
- Only 1 credited semester project possible

- SHS Project (Sciences Humaines et Sociales)
 - The SHS project must be done over 2 semesters.
 - Always starting in the Fall semester.
- We strongly recommend you start it now (Fall 2025).
- List of all the available SHS classes:

<https://edu.epfl.ch/studyplan/en/master/humanities-and-social-sciences-program>

Registration to courses & exams

Start of
semester
08.09.25

Deadline registration to
courses
19.09.25

Latest withdrawal from
exams
21.11.25



- Registration to courses and projects is mandatory in order to be able to take the exams.
- Registration to a course automatically generates the registration to the exam.
- After the deadline for registration, it is impossible to withdraw from a course. You must withdraw from the exam before the deadline.

All other information

- Please be sure to visit the Registrar's Office website for all details

<https://www.epfl.ch/education/studies/en/epfl-studies>

- Requirements for passing the Master's degree

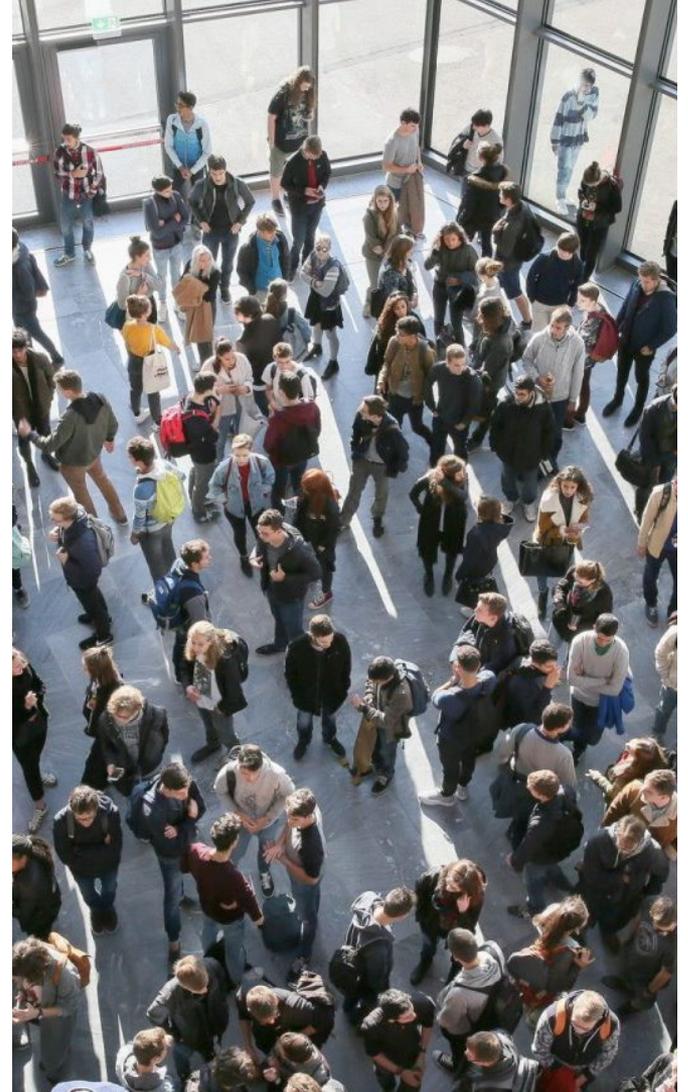
<https://www.epfl.ch/education/studies/en/rules-and-procedures/pass-conditions/requirements-passing-master-degree/>

Contact person for
internships is
Isabelle Hügli
(isabelle.hugli@epfl.ch)

- Internships are mandatory.
- Internships can be done at the earliest after your second semester of studies. The earliest possibility for you is Summer/Fall 2026.
- The options for your internship are the following:
 - An 8-week summer internship
 - A full semester internship (4 to 6 months)
 - A Master Thesis project carried out in an institution/company
- It is your responsibility to find an internship.

Internships

- EPFL internship portal available through IS-Academia
- Also take a look at places where our previous students have done internships:
<https://go.epfl.ch/dhinternships>
- Internship page of the registrar's office:
<https://www.epfl.ch/education/studies/en/rules-and-procedures/internships/>
- Contact the section if you encounter problems finding an internship



Places where our students have done their internship

- Cultural & academic institutions - Switzerland
 - EPFL Pavilions
 - e-Research @ UNIGE (service department)
 - Archives de l'Etat du Valais
 - EBU – European Broadcasting Union
- Cultural & academic institutions - Abroad
 - Institut national d'histoire de l'art, Paris
 - Harvard Library, Cambridge, USA
 - Fondazione Giorgio Cini, Venice
 - BnF - Bibliothèque Nationale de France, Paris
 - Dunhuang Academy, China
 - DFK Paris (German Center of Art History in Paris)
 - Bibliotheca Hertziana – Max Planck Institute for Art History (Rome)
- Non-governmental organizations - Switzerland
 - The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (“IFRC”), Geneva

- Industry - Switzerland

- CERN - European Organization for Nuclear Research, Geneva
- Visium Technologies SA, Lausanne (start-up company)
- MET International AG, Zug (energy company)
- RTS – Swiss Radio and Television Network
- Yang Technology AG (OPPO Switzerland)
- Peter Lang Group AG (publishing company)
- Art Recognition AG (AI in the art industry)
- Axa Group (insurance company)
- Oracle (computer technology corporation)
- Philip Morris International (tobacco company)
- SNB (Swiss National Bank)
- Largo Films SA (data-driven intelligence for the movie and advertisement industry)
- OriginFood Sàrl (supply chain consultancy)

- Industry – Switzerland (continued)

- Pictet Asset Management (global financial institution)
- ABB Switzerland Power Grids Ltd. (power and automation dpt)
- Nestlé (food & beverage multinational)
- Logitech Europe SA (computer peripherals and software)

- Industry - Abroad

- DataGalaxy, France (data science company)
- Agence Mediafaune, France (digital communication agency)
- Governmental offices in big cities (China)
- Tencent AI Lab (China)
- Allegro (Poland – e-commerce platform)
- Deezer (music streaming app)
- Alibaba Group (e-commerce and technology)

Master Thesis Project (PDM)

- The Master Cycle (all course credits + internship) must be finished before starting the Master Thesis project
- The Master's project **must be successfully completed within two semesters of the successful completion of the Master's cycle**
- PDM – Master Thesis Project Duration
 - At EPFL: **17 weeks**
 - Other university or institution (e.g. museum, library, Red Cross): **25 weeks**
- 4 possibilities:
 - At EPFL, proposals from labs
 - At EPFL, your own proposal to a Professor
 - In an institution
 - In another university

Contacts

For internship questions:

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**Any questions on the
curriculum?**

Welcome to EPFL !

Vendredi 5 septembre 2025

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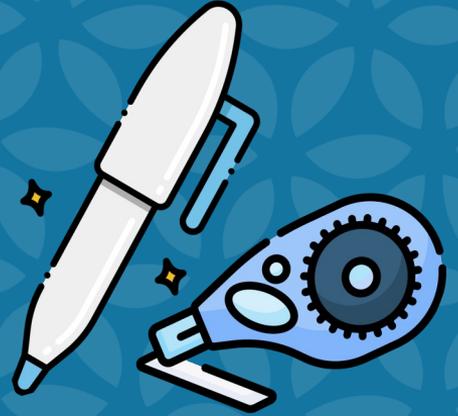


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Our shop

You can get free items like pens, Tipp-Ex, condoms and more !



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Your coaches & 2 class representatives are here for you





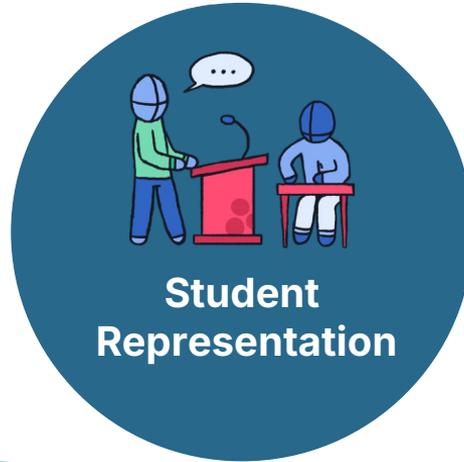




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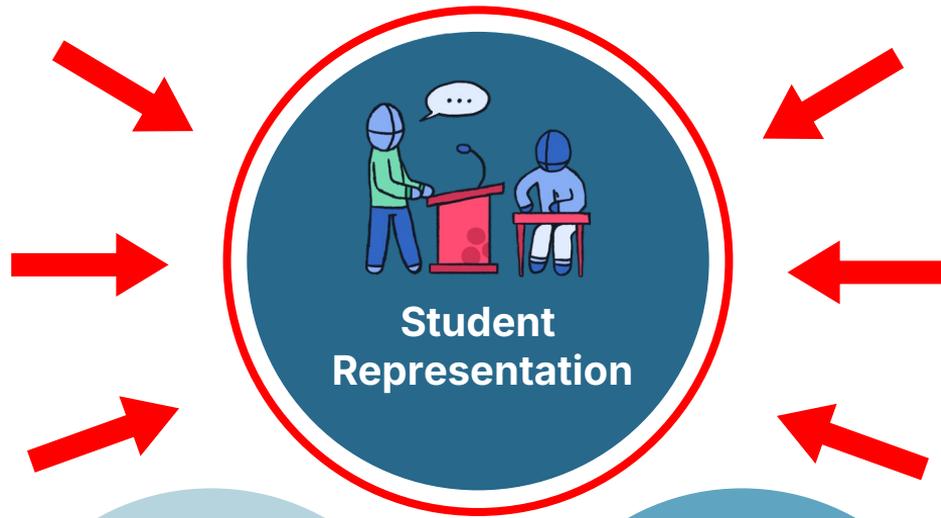
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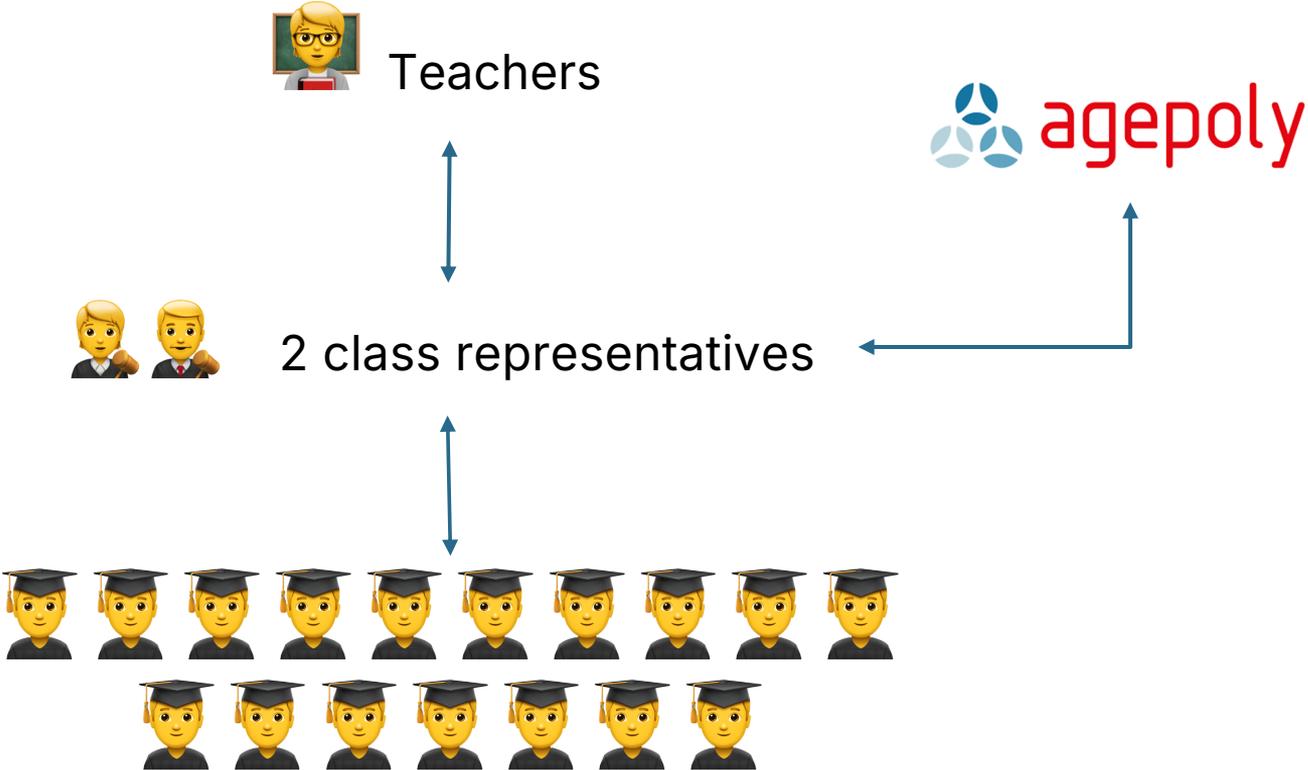
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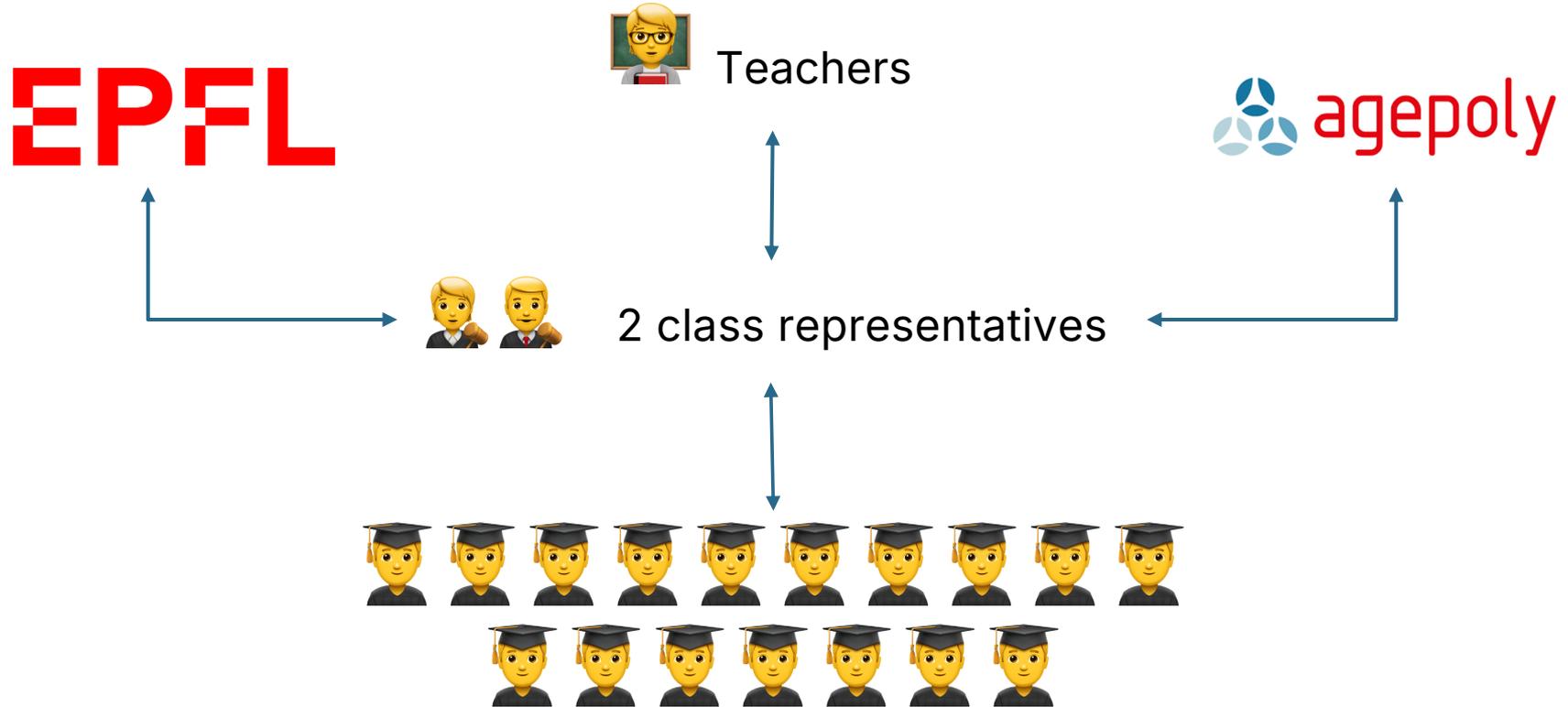
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Represent and defend the students' rights and interests

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PROMOTING EPFL'S
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**Super cool
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How to become a student representative ?



APPLY

Bachelors: sign in using **Google Forms**
Masters: sign in using **IS-Academia**

until 12th September



VOTE

Vote for 2 class representatives on **IS-Academia**

13 - 18 September



RESULTS

19 September

Apply now!

<https://go.agepoly.ch/candidature-deleg-ba1-cms>



To know more about representation

Join our **Telegram Representation Channel** to:

- Stay informed about what happens in terms of representation at EPFL
- Give your opinion on important issues



https://go.agepoly.ch/telegram_ageprepres

Ask us all of your questions !

contact@agepoly.ch

representation@agepoly.ch

Alonso Coaguila



Veronika Permamedova



**AGEPoly wishes you
an excellent academic
year !**

DH Class representatives

- **MA3 representatives**

- Yasmine Kroknes-Gomez
- Yi Ren

- **MA1 representatives**

- Maybe you?



DH peer guidance

What is DH peer guidance?

The idea of the peer guidance program is to offer informal support and the specific experience of the section's upper semester students (MA3), in order to accompany new students in their studies during their first semester at EPFL.

How will this be organised?

Meetings will be organised every week by your DH Peers.

How long will the DH peer guidance last?

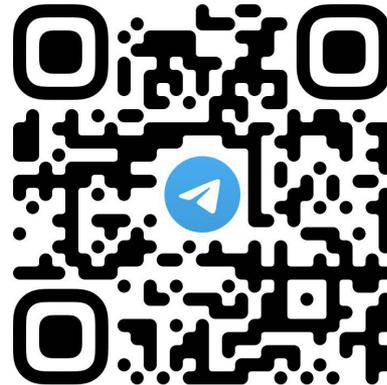
It will last for the whole first semester.

DH Peer Guidance

What is the difference between the class delegate and a DH Peer?

Class delegates represent all their peers. They ensure the link between students, AGEPoly and the various EPFL bodies. They fulfill three main functions within their class: representing their class for the teachers and during various meetings such as the Teaching Commission meetings of the section, providing information to their peers (transmission of important information) and organising events such as field trips and possible class meals.

DH Social Telegram group



Your DH Peers



**Nastaran
Hashemisanjani**



Hello everyone, and welcome to the EPFL DH family!

We're Nastaran and Ruyin, and we're super excited you're here.

We know starting out can feel like a mix of "This is awesome!" and "Wait, what's going on?"

we've been there! The good news is, you don't have to figure it all out alone. We'll be around to share tips, our experiences, and answer random questions (seriously, ask anything) to make things a little easier. Please don't hesitate to reach out. we've got your back, and we can't wait to get to know each of you!



Ruyin Feng

Dhelta UNIL-EPFL

“dhelta UNIL-EPFL” is the association of UNIL and EPFL digital humanities students.

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<https://go.epfl.ch/dhelta>



delta UNIL-EPFL

WhatsApp group



Scan or upload this QR code using the
WhatsApp camera to join this group



DHI on Social Media



Instagram

@epfldh



LinkedIn

Private Group
"EPFL DH Community & Alumni"



Please note

Please be sure to read your e-mails.
It is our only way to contact you.

It is your responsibility to attend the
information meetings that will be held
for you.

It is your responsibility to read and
understand the rules and regulations
pertaining to your studies at EPFL.

Links

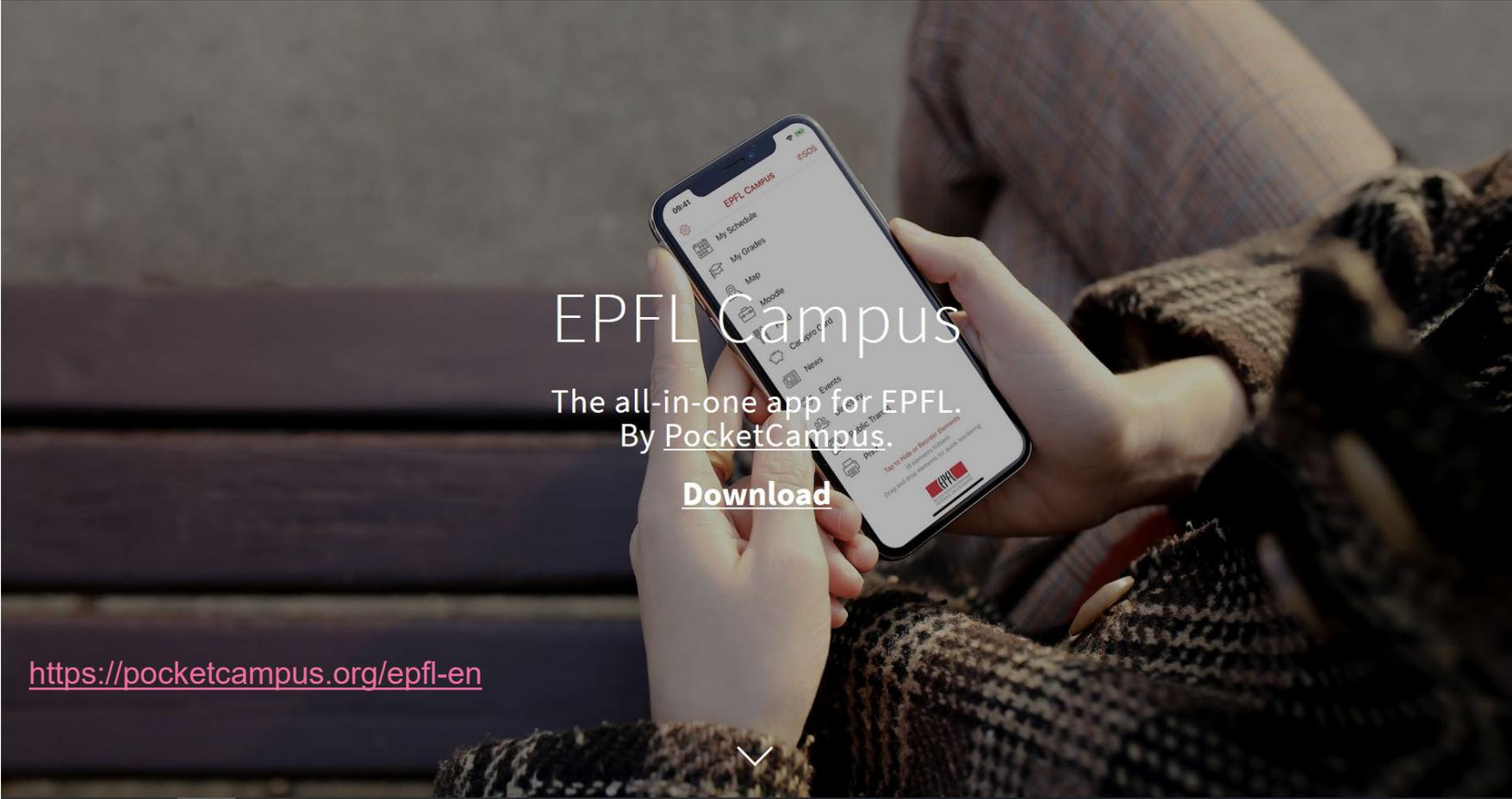
- Academic calendar:
<https://memento.epfl.ch/academic-calendar/?period=180>
- Registrar's Office, all rules & procedures:
<https://www.epfl.ch/education/studies/en/rules-and-procedures/>
- Registration and withdrawal to courses and exams:
<https://www.epfl.ch/education/studies/en/rules-and-procedures/faq/>
- Internships:
<https://www.epfl.ch/education/studies/en/rules-and-procedures/internships/>

Other information

Get your school year off to a good start

- Find out everything you need to know to start your studies on one website :

<https://www.epfl.ch/education/studies/en/equipped-for-studies/>



EPFL Campus

The all-in-one app for EPFL.
By PocketCampus.

Download

<https://pocketcampus.org/epfl-en>



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[Point Smart](#)



AGEPOLY

AGEPOLY is the EPFL student association.

<https://agepoly.ch/en/>

Trust Point

The mission is to **welcome all students, respond to their needs, foster their integration and provide support during their time at EPFL** so as to contribute to their academic success and self-development. Among other things, the Trust Point offers:

- **Individual and confidential support** in case of difficulties in daily life and in crisis situations
- **Psychotherapeutic consultation**

Do not hesitate to contact our social workers or the psychiatrists if needed.

All information: <https://www.epfl.ch/education/studies/en/support-and-health/individual-support/>



Sports

The UNIL/EPFL sports center offers a huge variety of sport opportunities.

<https://www.epfl.ch/campus/sports/en/sports/>



Library

The EPFL library offers many services to our students.

All information:

<https://www.epfl.ch/campus/library/services/services-students/>

EPFL students also have access to the UNIL library: <https://www.bcu-lausanne.ch/site/site-unitheque/>

For on-line journals, students must go to Unithèque.

Transversal Skills and Career Centre

The Career Center offers many services to EPFL students who wish to prepare their entry into the work market. They can take advantage of the services during their studies and up to 6 months after graduation.

All information: <https://www.epfl.ch/about/recruiting/career-center/students-2/>



Last but not least

A DH hoodie for you

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The first copy of “H” – CDH’s new publication



**Thank you for
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