Organisation of your stay in Switzerland
Length of your academic stay less than 90 days

1) Visa
If you remain in Switzerland for less than 90 days, you may enter the country as a tourist. You are responsible for verifying if a tourist visa is required for your nationality. You are not allowed to work with a tourist visa.

2) Bringing your family to St.Gallen
You may bring your family, children etc. to St.Gallen but HSG is not able to assist you with applying for the necessary visas, approval procedures etc.. Information about HSG childcare options can be found under advisory services. If your school-age children travel with you to St.Gallen, you will need to make contact with schools in the area yourself.

3) Health insurance and other insurances
Regardless of the length of your stay in Switzerland, we highly recommend that you have sufficient health insurance coverage. It is your responsibility to check for your health insurance at home whether you have sufficient health insurance coverage during your academic stay in Switzerland. Please find a list below with reasonable Swiss health insurance providers.

If you would like to obtain health insurance in Switzerland, you may do so. We have listed a few examples for reasonable health insurance providers below. However, please note that you are fully responsible for researching the details of the different insurers and policies yourself.

Examples of reasonable Swiss health insurance providers

Swisscare Insurance Services (CH) AG
Phone +41 58 523 00 40
E-mail info@swisscare.com

SWICA Health Insurance
Phone +41 71 499 64 64
E-mail contact form on the website

To compare additional insurance providers, we recommend the Comparis website.

Besides health insurance, we also recommend that you have a casualty insurance and eventually, a vehicle insurance if you intend to drive a car during your guest stay.

4) Health and Safety
Illness, sickness or actual emergencies can cause disturbance and trouble. We still want you to feel save and advise you, in case of emergency, to see a doctor or a hospital. In St.Gallen we have a modern medical centre with multilingual doctors of various fields of medicine and the hospital located at Rorschacher Strasse 95 (for urgent emergencies). A general overview of the advisory services at HSG is available on StudentWeb under Services - Advisory services.
You find an overview of all Swiss emergency numbers here and on the Emergency Card of the University of St.Gallen.

As of August 2023
Switzerland is one of the safest countries worldwide. Yet we want to emphasize that the University Campus is open to the public. We therefore advise you not to leave your belongings unattended and keep your valuables with you.