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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Strategic & International
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1 Exchange Programmes

FULL SEMESTER EXCHANGE

Partner Universities	This exchange option allows student exchange worldwide at partner universities on Bachelor and Master level.
SWISS MOBILITY	The Swiss Mobility programme 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 freemover exchange semester.
THEMIS	The International Legal Network of Excellence offers a joint certificate programme in International and Business Law for law Master students focussing on theoretical and practical business law skills.
CEMS	CEMS 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 double degree programmes that award students two full master's degrees from the partnering institutions. Most graduate programmes in St.Gallen offer a double degree option.

AUTUMN
September to December
SPRING
February to May

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. isp.unisg.ch

AUTUMN
September to November
SPRING
January to March

DEGREE PROGRAMMES

EN = English
DE = German
DE* = some courses in English

Master	Bachelor
Banking and Finance EN	Business Administration EN & DE
Strategy and International Management EN	Economics EN & DE
Quantitative Economics and Finance EN	International Affairs EN & DE
International Law EN	Law DE *
International Affairs and Governance EN & DE	Law and Economics DE *
Marketing Management EN & DE	Computer Science DE
Accounting and Finance EN & DE	
Economics EN & DE	
Business Innovation DE	
General Management DE	
Law DE	
Law and Economics DE	
Computer Science EN	
Joint Medical Master DE	

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

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 MidTerm 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.

GRADE TRANSCRIPT

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

HSG grading scale

AUTUMN SEMESTER

Decentral & MidTerm examinations

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

Central examinations

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

SPRING SEMESTER

Decentral & MidTerm examinations

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

Central examinations

Examination period	June - July
Publication 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 1 Aug - 31 Dec
  For Spring semester 1 Feb - 30 June
- 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
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housing@unisg.ch

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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 encouraged. Students are advised to obtain the Swiss Federal Railway half-fare card 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

HEALTH INSURANCE

Full-semester guest students must either have proof of sufficient health insurance coverage for Switzerland from provider in home country or take out health insurance in Switzerland.

Insurance information

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).

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 English, no formal English 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

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.

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

6 Student Services

STUDENT MOBILITY SERVICES

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

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

BUDDYSYSTEM

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

ressortinternational.ch/buddysystem

CAREER SERVICE CENTER

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

hsgcareer.ch/en

LIBRARY

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

unisg.ch/en/university/library

UNISPORT

Sports activities on and off campus. Weight and workout rooms, gym, tennis, beach volleyball, football field. Off-campus recreation facilities nearby for skiing, sailing, golfing, climbing, etc.

sport.unisg.ch

Student Engagement

STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS & CLUBS

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

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.

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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
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, as well as social activities. No credits are awarded.

8 Contacts

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STUDENT MOBILITY SERVICES

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

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

Accreditations

EQUIS ACCREDITED · AACSB ACCREDITED · ASSOCIATION AMBA ACCREDITED

Member of

CEMS · APSIA · gbsn · PIM · BSIS BUSINESS SCHOOL IMPACT SYSTEM