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Zurich University of the Arts
Information for International Students
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«Anyone wishing to comprehend the limitations of their homeland should travel»

Kurt Tucholsky

Dear Prospective Student,

Having an understanding of other cultures and of the conditions of cultural activities significantly increases the potential of future artists and designers. In this spirit, we warmly welcome you to Zurich.

A change of scenery presents a wonderful opportunity to broaden your outlook and to return home reinvigorated. As Max Frisch, the Zurich writer and architect put it, «That we meet people who do not think that they know us through and through so that we can learn what we are capable of in life – even that is little enough.» Here, at Zurich University of the Arts (ZHdK), we create that experience for our outgoing exchange students and we would like to offer the same experience to you as a prospective student. ZHdK offers a wide range of courses across the creative disciplines: 8 Bachelor's and 10 Master's programmes, together with an exciting variety of specializations and core subjects, are available in design, art, music, film, theatre, dance, and art education. Having all disciplines under one roof also facilitates trans-disciplinary projects and courses. Learn more about what ZHdK has to offer and about life in Zurich, a small city with the features of a global metropolis.

We look forward to welcoming you to Zurich in the near future.

Bettina Ganz, Head of the International Office

Zurich University of the Arts (ZHdK)

On 1 August 2007, one of Europe's largest arts universities was founded in Zurich: Zurich University of the Arts (ZHdK), with over 2000 students and 700 staff. ZHdK resulted from a merger between the former School of Music and Drama (HMT) and the University of Art and Design (HGKZ). We bring together a unique range of courses in the fields of design, film, art, media, music, dance, theatre, and art education under one and the same roof.

Zurich University of the Arts (ZHdK) is part of Zurich University of Applied Sciences and Arts. We are a state university and an independent legal entity. We offer taught undergraduate courses in art education, design, film, media & art, music, music and movement, theatre and contemporary dance. Postgraduate courses are available in art education, composition and theory, design, film, fine arts, music performance, specialized music performance, music pedagogy, theatre, and transdisciplinary studies. We also offer various further education programmes, leading to a Master of Advanced Studies (MAS), a Diploma of Advanced Studies (DAS), or a Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS).

Zurich University of the Arts (ZHdK) is the successor to several time-honoured institutions: Zurich's Museum of Applied Arts & Crafts was founded in 1875, followed by the Zurich School of Applied Arts in 1878. This later became the Zurich School of Design, then the Zurich Higher School of Design, and in the year 2000 Zurich University of Art and Design (HGKZ).

In 1999, Zurich School of Music and Drama (HMT) arose from a merger between the former conservatories of Winterthur and Zurich (founded in 1873 and 1875). These acclaimed institutions later became the Winterthur-Zurich College of Music, the Zurich Jazz School (founded in 1977), the Swiss Computer Music Studio (founded in 1985), the Stage Studio (founded in 1937), and the later Zurich Theatre and Acting Academy, which became the School of Drama and the Swiss Professional Ballet School (founded in 1986).

As of the summer of 2014, our new Toni Campus in Zurich's pulsating western district will be a vision come true: an arts university that brings together all the creative disciplines under one roof in an extraordinary location. Only our Theatre of the Arts, the Bachelor of Arts in Theatre, and the Museum of Design will remain at their present locations. For details, visit us at toniareal.zhdk.ch.

Courses

Department of Performing Arts

Bachelor of Arts in Film

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre

Specialization in Dramaturgy

Specialization in Directing

Specialization in Acting

Specialization in Scenography

Specialization in Theatre Education

Bachelor of Arts in Contemporary Dance

Master of Arts in Film

Specialization in Screenwriting

Specialization in Feature Film Directing

Specialization in Documentary Filmmaking

Specialization in Creative Producing

Specialization in Cinematography

Specialization in Film Editing

Master of Arts in Theatre

Specialization as a Leading Artist

Specialization in Acting

Professional Training in Stage Dance

Department of Design

Bachelor of Arts in Design

Specialization in Cast / Audiovisual Media

Specialization in Game Design

Specialization in Industrial Design

Specialization in Interaction Design

Specialization in Scientific Visualization

Specialization in Style & Design

Specialization in Visual Communication

Master of Arts in Design

Field of Excellence: Event

Field of Excellence: Interaction

Field of Excellence: Communication

Field of Excellence: Product

Field of Excellence: Trends

Department of Cultural Analysis

Bachelor of Arts in Art Education

Specialization in Aesthetic Education and Socioculture

Specialization in Teaching Baccalaureate Fine Arts

Master of Arts in Art Education

Specialization in Curating and Museum Education

Specialization in Teaching and Learning

Specialization in Publishing Studies

Master of Arts in Transdisciplinary Studies

Department of Art & Media

Bachelor of Arts in Media & Art

Specialization in Fine Arts

Specialization in Photography

Specialization in Media Arts

Specialization in Theory

Master of Arts in Fine Arts

Department of Music

Bachelor of Arts in Music

*Specialization in Instrument / Voice
(Classical Music / Jazz / Pop)*

Specialization in School Music

Specialization in Church Music
Specialization in Conducting
Specialization in Composition and
Music Theory
Specialization in Sound Engineering /
Tonmeister

Bachelor of Arts in Music and Movement

Master of Arts in Music Pedagogy

Specialization in Instrumental / Vocal Music
Pedagogy (Classical Music / Jazz / Pop)
Specialization in School Music
(School Music I / School Music II)
Specialization in Music and Movement
(Rhythmics / Elementary Music Education)
Specialization in Analysis and Teaching

Master of Arts in Music Performance

Specialization in Instrumental / Vocal
Performance (Concert / Orchestra / Opera)
Specialization in Conducting (Orchestral
Conducting / Secular Choral Conducting)
Specialization in Church Music
(Sacred Choral Conducting / Organ)

Master of Arts in Specialized Music Performance

Specialization in Soloist Studies
Specialization in Chamber Music
(Piano Chamber Music and
Lied Arrangement / Ensemble)
Specialization in Conducting
(Choral Conducting / Orchestral Conducting)
Specialization in Opera

Master of Arts in Composition and Theory

Specialization in Composition
(Composition / Composition for Film, Theatre,

Media / Electroacoustical Composition)
Specialization in Theory
Specialization in Sound Engineering /
Tonmeister

MAS, DAS, CAS

Fully embracing the spirit of «life-long learning,» Zurich University of the Arts offers a wide range of further education courses specifically designed for students with professional experience. Thanks to practical and research-oriented teaching, the courses represent a form of adult-friendly further education.

www.zhdk.ch/furthereducation

Research

In addition to providing a wide range of taught courses, Zurich University of the Arts (ZHdK) is strongly committed to undertaking cutting-edge research not only in the arts and design but also in the closely related fields of cultural studies and technology. To strengthen and focus our research activities, we have founded several research institutes, which undertake basic and applied research.

www.zhdk.ch/research

International Office

The International Office organises student exchanges jointly with the University Office and with the various subject specializations. Our mission is to help international students overcome bureaucratic hurdles and everyday problems following their arrival in Switzerland. We organise Welcome Days, arrange German language courses, and run a documentation centre holding useful books and information about Zurich, Switzerland, and the German and Swiss-German languages. City guides and books about local history are available free of charge.

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www.zhdk.ch/intl_office_en

Partner Universities

ZHdK has partnership agreements with over 160 arts universities abroad. See online for a list of these institutions. Cooperation within Europe is subject to the principles of the Erasmus programme.

www.zhdk.ch/partner_schools

Applying for Exchange and Guest Semesters

Students interested in spending an exchange or guest semester at ZHdK must apply.

Application deadlines:

1 April for the following autumn semester

1 October for the following spring semester

Please see online for application details:

www.zhdk.ch/exchange_application

Language

For details about language requirements for an exchange or guest semester, please refer to www.zhdk.ch/requirements

We offer a German intensive course before the beginning of semester. Language courses are also available during the semester.

Visa / Accommodation / Health Insurance

For your stay in Zurich, you will need accommodation, health insurance, and a visa where applicable. For more information, please refer to the relevant section of our International Reader.

Applying for Full-time Degree Studies

The International Office offers expert advice on full-time degree studies at ZHdK. The Central University Office is responsible for processing applications from prospective full-time students. Further information and language requirements: www.zhdk.ch/studium_zulassung

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After Your Arrival in Zurich

You will need to check the University course directory to find out which classes you will need to attend in your chosen specialization. Registrations for modules and specializations must be submitted to the responsible department office.

vorlesungsverzeichnis.zhdk.ch

The International Office organises Welcome Days in the week immediately before the beginning of semester. You are expected to be in Zurich by then. The Welcome Days provide an excellent opportunity to gain first-hand information about living and studying in Zurich and to meet people around and beyond campus. Attendance is expected.

During the Welcome Days, you can bring along all your documents and papers, register with the University Office (Office 5.C02, Toni-Areal, Pfingstweidstrasse 96), collect your student pass, register with the local authorities, apply for a residence permit (see International Reader), and ask any remaining questions. The Welcome Days also include a trip to the mountains or to another city in Switzerland.

Student Pass

Once you have completed all the paperwork, you will receive your student pass. It is an all-in-one identity card, copy card, and badge that provides access to various campus facilities.

ECTS

At the end of your stay / semester you will receive your transcript of records from the responsible department office. Your credits will be recorded in the ECTS European Credit Transfer System.

www.zhdk.ch/generalinformation

Communication

As soon as your place at ZHdK has been confirmed, you will receive your own University e-mail address. All course-related information will be sent to this address. To ensure smooth communication, you are expected to check your e-mails on a regular basis.

Tuition Fees

Exchange students remain enrolled at their home university and continue to pay tuition fees there. In Zurich, you will only be required to pay membership fees for the Academic Sports Association Zurich (ASVZ) and the sturZ (Student Union), as well as the costs of your student pass.

Full-time students are formally matriculated at ZHdK and are required to pay full tuition fees, ASZV and sturZ fees, and the costs of their student pass. International students pursuing full-time studies are required to pay additional semester fees of CHF 500.

www.zhdk.ch/generalinformation

Services

Campus Addresses and Sites

The International Office and the University Office are located on the 5th floor of the Toni Campus.
www.zhdk.ch/standorte

Academic Calendar

The Swiss academic year is divided into two semesters. The autumn semester begins in September, the spring semester in February.
www.zhdk.ch/semesterdaten

Borrowing of Technical Equipment

ZHdK allows students and employees to borrow an extensive range of technical equipment for their own work. Everything needed for the production of art is available (clapperboards and megaphones, spotlights and microphones, mixing desks and record players, etc.). We have our own photography studio, a sound studio, and several video-editing suites. For advice and assistance regarding events equipment and production technology, please contact the Information Desk.
pz.zhdk.ch

Media and Information Centre

The Media and Information Centre (MIZ) houses a comprehensive collection of materials on all disciplines taught and researched at Zurich University of the Arts (ZHdK). MIZ holdings include books, journals and periodicals, online text and image databases, manifold archival materials,

DVDs, CDs, musical scores, e-journals, and web-streams. Our archives include documents concerning the history of ZHdK, as well as a media archive of the arts and a materials archive.

We also offer information retrieval courses and provide academic staff and students with the support needed to successfully pursue their teaching and research.

miz.zhdk.ch

Buddy System

You will be assigned a buddy to support you on arrival. Usually this is a student from the same specialization. He or she will assist you especially during the initial period here in Zurich and will answer the hundreds of questions that you are bound to have.

Mac Shop and IT Support

The Mac Shop (MacITZ) of the ZHdK is highly popular with students. It supplies Apple computers and software packages at unbeatable prices.

The service is run by the Information Technology Centre (ITZ), which also develops software for University members and maintains our IT infrastructure. ITZ employees are available if you have any computer problems. The ITZ also offers a range of IT training courses (e.g., Photoshop, video editing, musical notation, etc.).

itz.zhdk.ch

Museum of Design

Our Museum of Design is internationally renowned for its design, visual communication, and architecture exhibitions. Its predecessor was the Zurich Museum of Applied Arts, founded in 1875. The Bellerive Museum, situated on Lake Zurich, is also affiliated with the Museum of Design.

The Museum of Design holds between nine and eleven temporary exhibitions each year, as well as various small shows and projects, which are dedicated to design-related themes. Its collections in the fields of poster art, graphics, and design and applied arts are of international significance. The museum is closely involved in the teaching and research undertaken at the University. Free admission for ZHdK students.

www.museum-gestaltung.ch

Musikklub Mehrspur

Since 2005, the University's Mehrspur Music Club has hosted concerts in various genres, ranging from jazz and funk through trip hop and pop to classical and electronic music. The club promotes up-and-coming musicians in all styles of music. It is a popular meeting place for music lovers and students from other universities and subjects. The Mehrspur Music Club is open from 8 pm on Wednesdays (Jam Night), Thursdays (miscellaneous), Fridays (Jazz Night), and Saturdays (Pop, World, Urban). At the weekends, DJs spin the disks after the concerts.

www.mehrspur.ch

Sport

ZHdK students have access to the sports facilities of the Academic Sports Association Zurich (ASVZ). Football, boxing, fencing, and yoga are just some of many sports on offer. Fitness rooms and gyms are also available at the ETH Centre (Polyterrasse), ETH Irchel, and ETH Hönggerberg. www.asvz.ch
See our website for information about ZHdK sports courses at the Toni Campus.

Students with Children

ZHdK offers a limited number of childcare places at the Toni nursery. The nursery is open to all University members with children from the age of 6 months to pre-school.

Student Organisation SturZ

The student organisation SturZ represents student interests in various University bodies and committees. It advises students on all matters related to their studies, provides useful contacts, and promotes the exchange of ideas among students.

sturz.zhdk.ch

Theatre of the Arts

Our Theatre of the Arts at Gessnerallee in central Zurich boasts three state-of-the-art stages for public performances. Performances feature both acting majors and students from other departments. Stage sets, props, and scenery are made in the University's own workshops. Free admission.
www.theaterderkuenste.ch

Cafeteria Food

The various campus cafeterias offer a range of nutritious foods at affordable prices.

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