

# Check-in ETH – Roadmap

## Journey Preparation

## Arrival in Switzerland

## Arrival at ETH Zurich

## Studying at ETH Zurich



Check-in ETH Online Event

ETH Welcome and Introduction Day

### Get started

- ✓ Register for official ETH online event "Check-in ETH"
- ☐ Work through landing page [ethz.ch/master-checkin](http://ethz.ch/master-checkin)

### Prepare for your stay

#### Pack immigration documents:

- ☐ Valid passport or ID Card
- ☐ Get a visa if required
- ☐ Health insurance documents
- ☐ Letter of parents confirming financial support

#### Manage finances:

- ☐ Plan expenses for entire duration of studies
- ☐ Check legal restrictions for gainful employment

#### Find accommodation:

- ☐ You are required to organise your own accommodation
- ☐ Check website of ETH Housing Office for information and tips
- ☐ Beware of fraud!
- ☐ Book temporary accommodation (hostel/airbnb) if needed
- ☐ Look for a room in a shared flat as soon as you are in Switzerland
- ☐ Save money by buying second-hand furniture

### Prepare for your studies

#### Plan Master at ETH:

- ☐ Read study guide of your Master's degree programme and check department's website (also for additionally required materials)
- ☐ Start planning entire Master: Compulsory courses? Required ECTS in which category? When to take which courses? Additional requirements?
- ☐ Consult online Course Catalogue (VVZ)

#### Know sources of information:

- ☐ Read all e-mails from ETH
- ☐ Check Websites:
  - ETH Homepage
  - Department websites
  - Student portal
  - Student association

#### Bring your own device:

- ☐ Bring your own computer - check out offers for hardware for students (Project Neptun)
- ☐ Get familiar with the types of power sockets in Switzerland

#### Care for special needs:

- ☐ Contact the Counselling & Coaching Centre e.g. regarding studying with a disability/chronic disease

### Arrival in Switzerland

#### Organise stay and residency:

- ☐ Hand-over of key, sign rental agreement, understand payment terms, laundry facilities, letterbox etc.
- ☐ Label post box correctly
- ☐ Understand waste disposal rules
- ☐ Register with local authorities for residence permit
- ☐ Obtain health insurance (see ETH info event)
- ☐ Obtain private liability insurance
- ☐ Open student bank account

#### Settle in:

- ☐ Explore the town and neighbourhood. Where can you find ...
  - ... the best coffee?
  - ... a place to buy groceries?
  - ... the nearest post office, ATM?
  - ... a pharmacy? Medical help?
- ☐ Familiarize yourself with general opening hours
- ☐ Plan route to campus
- ☐ Choose suitable public transportation pass
- ☐ Buy Swiss SIM card
- ☐ Attend introductory German language course at Language Center of ETH and UZH

#### Meet up:

- ☐ Take part in social activities of ESN or ETH student associations
- ☐ Reunite with fellow students from the Check-in ETH Online Event

Students of the D-B SSE (MSc Biotechnology: programme offered in Basel only, MSc CBB: Joint Degree ETHZ/UZH/UBas, students may choose to live in Basel or in Zürich) are advised to carefully read the information on living and studying in Basel provided by the department and on the respective study programme websites.

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### Arrival at ETH Zurich

#### Complete your registration and enrol for first semester:

- ☐ Hand in required documents to Admissions Office before semester starts
- ☐ Set up ETH user account
- ☐ Verify personal data in myStudies
- ☐ Enrol for current semester in myStudies until end of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the semester
- ☐ Obtain enrolment documents: ETH student ID card and extended confirmation of matriculation (needed for residence permit)

#### Plan semester and register for courses:

- ☐ Inform yourself about semester dates and deadlines
- ☐ Choose and register for courses in myStudies as soon as possible
- ☐ Get familiar with additional requirement courses (if applicable)

#### Set up e-mail, WiFi and VPN:

- ☐ Redirect incoming e-mails from ETH account to preferred e-mail address
- ☐ Always use ETH e-mail address when communicating with ETH
- ☐ Set up free WiFi connection on campus
- ☐ Install VPN client
- ☐ Download ETH EduApp (for class schedules, campus maps, timetables etc.)

#### Attend official ETH events in Zurich:

- ☐ Welcome and Introduction Day (Monday in 1<sup>st</sup> week of semester)
- ☐ Health insurance in Switzerland (beginning of semester)
- ☐ Erstsemestrigenfest "ESF" (semester start party by VSETH)

### Navigate your studies

#### Finalise course selection and register for exams:

- ☐ Review your selection of courses in myStudies until end of 4<sup>th</sup> week of the semester
- ☐ If needed: Seek advice from your tutor or study programme coordinator
- ☐ Register for exams in myStudies (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> week of the semester) - you can still deregister later

#### Create weekly schedule:

- ☐ Create learning schedule
- ☐ Plan regular breaks
- ☐ Check out planning tools of Counselling & Coaching

#### Access learning materials, library and printing facilities:

- ☐ Access learning materials via Course Catalogue and Moodle
- ☐ Recorded lectures are accessible via ETH video portal
- ☐ Access research literature at ETH Library
- ☐ Get used books from ETH student union's book market
- ☐ Print papers via ETH Print Service

### Navigate the campus

#### Move around, 24h-access:

- ☐ Activate 24 hours building access on ETH student ID card
- ☐ Find suitable study spaces
- ☐ Use shuttle bus ETH eLink for travelling between the 2 campuses in Zurich
- ☐ Use bicycle parking stations

#### Food on campus:

- ☐ Try out on-campus canteens and cafes

#### Information for students in Basel:

- ☐ Check the department's website and the student's handbook

### Socialise

#### Immerse in networks:

- ☐ Student associations
- ☐ VSETH committees
- ☐ International student associations
- ☐ ETH community platform Point

#### Participate in extracurricular activities:

- ☐ Student Project House
- ☐ ETH week
- ☐ myPath

#### Go for some sport:

- ☐ ASVZ sports programme