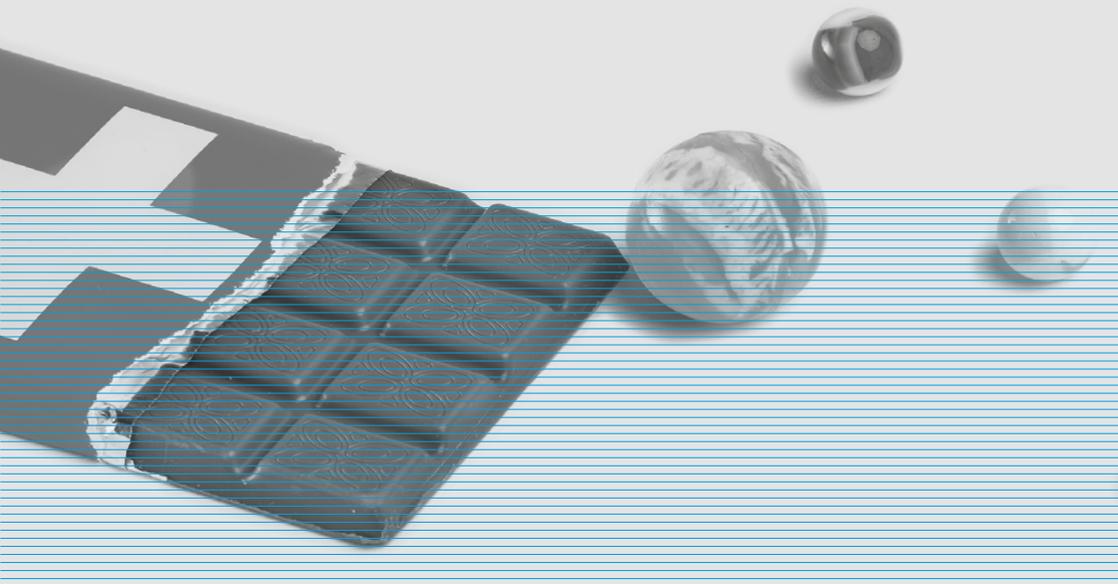


# PH Zug

Mobility programmes in  
Teacher Education



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University of Teacher Education Zug

## Welcome to PH Zug

The University of Teacher Education Zug (PH Zug) is situated at an idyllic place in the city of Zug, in the heart of Switzerland between Zurich and Lucerne. With approximately 350 students, the university is a transparent institution with a lively culture, personal atmosphere and future-oriented philosophy. PH Zug is also a young, modern and internationally oriented place that offers programmes in basic teacher training, research and development, as well as other services. Life on campus is marked by short distances and un-bureaucratic processes.

# International orientation

PH Zug is internationally oriented: It prepares student teachers for the increasingly heterogeneous and international professional environment and supports them by offering appropriate training programmes. When it comes to establishing international relations with other learning centres, PH Zug is first and foremost committed to developing pedagogic and specialised expertise and to promoting the competencies that teachers need in order to cope in a heterogeneous environment. Accordingly, PH Zug has exchange programmes with approx. 30 partner institutions in about 20 other countries, and it thus uses cooperation as a means for further developing its offers in all areas.

## Partnership clusters

PH Zug selects its partner universities based on their areas of specialisation and in line with its strategic goal of providing competency-oriented programmes. It has therefore developed partnership clusters in which the respective institutions work together under a framework designed

around particular regional, content-based or level-specific dimensions. This arrangement is intended to address the specific concerns and requirements of the various programmes at PH Zug. By providing for mobility among the clusters, PH Zug expects students and lecturers to develop a stronger motivation with respect to content by enabling them to choose «their» partner university. It also enables visiting student teachers to strengthen a particularly relevant and important set of competencies during their stay.

«At PH Zug, fostering international partnerships that provide opportunities for exchanging ideas is a top priority. In view of this, PH Zug continuously develops its network of partnerships in accordance with the key areas of its strategy.»

Prof. Dr. Esther Kamm, Rector of PH Zug



# Staff mobility

Colleagues in the fields of teaching, research, university management, administration and other areas are welcome to visit PH Zug. Furthermore, we are generally able to arrange for school visits in the region.

Staff members of PH Zug have a strong interest in developing a dialogue with their colleagues in other fields and often attend professional development courses and workshops at partner universities. When it comes to mobility in teaching, lecturers of PH Zug are open to the idea of hosting teaching events at partner universities and to working together with colleagues on specialised modules at PH Zug, such as thematically linked block events. Contacting the International Office at an early stage helps to ensure that such arrangements are of optimum benefit.

We would be happy to show you the PH Zug campus and to meet with you to discuss the possibilities that our mobility programmes offer.



«Exchanges in London, Prague, Brno and Vienna have allowed me to work with top practitioners in the field of drama in education. When hosting my colleagues at the PH Zug, their expertise is always an additional benefit for our students and staff alike. The rich and open exchange of ideas and experiences with international colleagues continues to be a source of inspiration for my own research and teaching practice.»

Eva Göksel, Research Assistant, Center for Oral Communication, PH Zug

«The research cooperation between the University of Teacher Education Zug and the South East European University Tetovo throughout the Learner Autonomy project was very enriching and intensified our long-standing partnership.»

Prof. Dr. Gëzim Xhaferri, Dean Faculty of Languages, Cultures and Communication, South East European University Tetovo, Macedonia

# Student mobility



Approximately 15% of the students at PH Zug spend an exchange semester during their studies at another university or as a school intern abroad. Under a bilateral agreement, students from other universities can enrol in a varied and enriching exchange semester at PH Zug or in a four-week teaching practicum at a school in the Zug region. Visiting students often mention the strong emphasis there is on applied studies in the form of numerous school internships during their stay, as well as all the support and the high quality lessons they receive. The autumn semester (beginning of September to mid-December) is particularly suited for a stay at PH Zug.

«Personally I feel that this programme was well thought out and executed. Both staff and students at PH Zug were very accommodating, friendly, and helpful. My eyes have been opened to new ways of teaching.»

Laura Henry, Utah Valley University, USA

«Utah Valley University and PH Zug collaborate to engage our students and faculty in meaningful professional learning and experiences. Our partnership provides valuable opportunities to explore education and teaching from a global perspective.»

Ass. Prof. Vessela Ilieva, Utah Valley University, USA

## Course programme

Teacher Education students on primary level can choose from a variety of English or bilingual (English/German) courses in the autumn semester. Our courses place a strong emphasis on practical classroom experience, teaching methodologies, education, and the social sciences. A mandatory course supports incoming students with guided reflection about intercultural issues. A German language course for beginners can be organised upon request. In addition, students can attend a range of specialised modules, depending on their interests. They can also select from a range of additional offers, such as choir or sports. Flexibility and individually-tailored offers are just some of the strengths of PH Zug.

## Accommodation

PH Zug is usually able to offer relatively affordable accommodations within walking distance from the campus, and it helps students to find suitable housing.

## Finances

Visiting students from European Erasmus+ programme countries are eligible for a stipend directly from PH Zug. In addition, they receive a half-fare card, which gives them a significant discount when using public transport.

## Orientation and support

Visiting students will receive relevant organisational information during the welcome events at the beginning of their stay. PH Zug is committed to providing personal support, and incoming students have easy access to staff members who are happy to answer questions. In addition, visiting students will have a student buddy assigned to them who can provide them with useful tips and take them on joint excursions.

## Application

As part of a first step, visiting students must be selected and nominated by their home university. They then receive information about the application procedure from the International Office of PH Zug.

## Application deadlines

- 15 April for the following autumn semester
- 1 November for the following spring semester (only German courses)

«Coming to Switzerland has been 100% worthwhile. It has opened up my eyes and allowed me to experience a whole new perspective on education, teaching, learning and life in a diverse and new environment. It has been inspiring, motivating and engaging.»

Laura Grant, Deakin University, Australia





## Programmes

The programmes at PH Zug provide student teachers with a comprehensive learning experience and closely link theory with practice as encountered in daily life at a school. In the three-year Bachelor programmes for the kindergarten/lower primary and primary levels, student teachers receive all the training they will need in order to be effective in the respective levels up to grade six. Visiting international students will find the broadly varied options of PH Zug's applied programme to be particularly appealing.

## Facilities

PH Zug has very attractive facilities: A media resource centre featuring specialised literature in pedagogy and materials on didactics. Working spaces for students, a computer room, music rooms, freely accessible teaching materials, as well as a wide selection at the excellent cafeteria. PH Zug also has an attractive sports programme, a choir, a vocal ensemble, a theatre workshop and a range of leisure activities that students and staff members can join.



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