

Welcome to PH Zug!

The University of Teacher Education Zug (PH Zug) has approximately 600 students and is known for its lively culture, personal atmosphere and future-oriented philosophy. It is situated at an idyllic place in the city of Zug, in the heart of Switzerland.

Our website has a [short video](#), and you can visit incoming.phzg.ch for more information about your stay.



Academic Year and Welcome Meeting

Autumn semester 2026/2027

07 September 26 - 11 December 26

(with block week until 18.12.2026)

Welcome meeting: 02 September 26

We strongly recommend that students plan to arrive in Zug about a week before the semester begins so that they can get settled and participate in the welcome meeting prior to the semester. Visiting students will receive all relevant information during the welcome meeting at the beginning of their stay.

Exams are held throughout the semester instead of during an end-of-term exam period.

Two block weeks are held during the semester (mid of October and end of December) in which

all students work on specific topics and in which no regular events are scheduled.

Course Programme

Our website incoming.phzg.ch provides an overview of the courses available to incoming students (see also document "Course programme"). Use the website www.learning-agreement.eu to register and create a Learning agreement in which you enter the courses that you want to attend. In the first two weeks of the semester, it is still possible to change the course selection.

Lessons are generally scheduled from Monday to Friday between 8:00 and 18:00, and usually last 90 minutes.

Buddy System

Incoming students will have to cope with many new situations, and the university therefore assigns student buddies who can provide them with useful tips and take them on joint excursions. Buddies are other PH Zug students who will show visiting students around the university and help them manage daily aspects of life in Switzerland. They are there to help you with whatever you may need and take you on sight-seeing trips as well.

Accommodation

PH Zug is usually able to place visiting female students in a furnished single room of the monastery "Maria Opferung" (2 min. walking distance from PH Zug, females only!) with a sink and wireless internet, shared bathroom and kitchen facilities, all within walking distance from campus. The guest area is a separate wing of the building, and you are not obliged to participate in daily life of the monastery. Once you decide on where to stay, the International Office would be happy to make the reservation.



Bed sheets and towels are available for 50 CHF, but you can also bring your own. The bathroom and kitchen (see picture) are situated in the corridor and shared with other residents, and there are also laundry rooms. The monthly rent comes to CHF 550 (approx. EUR 600). This has proven to be a very popular and convenient arrangement that we highly recommend.

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Kloster Maria Opferung
Klosterstrasse 2, 6300 Zug
Phone: +41 41 729 52 17
Email: Anna Iten: anna.iten@anima-una.ch
Website: www.maria-opferung.ch

If you choose to stay in the monastery, please inform the International Office so that we can reserve a place for you.

The PH Zug also has a so-called student flat-share next to the PH. If rooms are still available, these can also be used. However, six months'

rent would have to be paid regardless of the actual length of stay.

Rental fees are relatively high, even for Swiss standards. If you prefer to make your own living arrangements, you will need to budget between CHF 600 and CHF 1000 per month for a room in a shared flat. Furnished studio apartments, on the other hand, go for between CHF 1,000 and CHF 1,800 a month, depending on the standard. Rents are relatively high in Zug, and there is limited choice.

Financial Support

PH Zug provides incoming students from Erasmus+ programme countries with a grant of CHF 380 or CHF 440 per month. The amount depends on the country of origin and is calculated for a fixed duration of five months per semester (1900/2200 CHF). Students from countries outside Europe will receive 2500 CHF (500 CHF per month). The scholarship is paid out in cash at the beginning of the semester or via bank transfer beforehand. You can find detailed information about the grant on our [website](#).

Students who travel sustainably by train, bus or car pooling from their home country to Zug will get an extra "Green Travel" fund of 200 CHF. In addition, the PH Zug finances a travel allowance of CHF 250 for guest students under the age of 25 and CHF 300 for students aged 25 and over. This can be used to pay for a half-fare travelcard ("Halbtax"), for example. With this card you can benefit from reductions on all public transport (train, bus, tram, and even some boats and cable cars) in Switzerland. Also, a Zuger Pass Travelcard could be a good (additional) option. Please check the SBB website yourself for suitable (temporary) offers.

For using PH's infrastructure, there is a fee of 20 CHF (+ 25 CHF in addition if you choose "Art & Design" for materials) at the end of your stay. Living expenses in Switzerland are relatively high, and PH Zug will do what it can to help visiting students contain their costs, for example by providing them with affordable housing.

Facilities

PH Zug offers attractive facilities. Besides wireless internet and many copy, scan and print stations, students can use other equipment (laminator, spiral binding machine, etc.) and materials. PH Zug has a media resource centre featuring specialised literature in pedagogy and materials on didactics. It also provides working spaces for students, music rooms, freely accessible teaching materials, and a wide selection of food at its excellent cafeteria. Furthermore, it has an attractive sports programme, a choir, a vocal ensemble, a theatre workshop and a range of leisure offers that students and staff members can join.

Health, Liability and Accident Insurance

Students must ensure that they are adequately insured for any emergency costs they may incur during their stay. We therefore recommend that you find out if your health insurance meets the mandatory requirements for basic cover in Switzerland. By law, anyone staying in Switzerland for more than three months must have health insurance. Students in the mobility programme are exempt if their current insurance covers them against possible emergency costs they may incur in Switzerland. Active insurance policies are generally recognised; however, you will need to provide proof of insurance from your health insurer at home and present the European Health Insurance Card when you register with the municipality.

Visa and Entry Formalities

Students are responsible for managing the formalities concerning their visas and papers for entering Switzerland. Applications for visas must be submitted in good time to the Swiss consulate in your home country. As an EU citizen, you do not need a visa, but you do need a residence permit. The required documents (see e-mail) must be completed in full and signed and brought to the Welcome Meeting so that the

International Office send them to the Migration Office in good time.

For general information regarding entry formalities for Switzerland you can contact the Federal Administration offices. For more detailed information, summary sheets and forms, we recommend that you contact the relevant cantonal offices.

- Information on [entering Switzerland](#)
- Information on [residence permits](#)
- Information on living in [Canton Zug](#)

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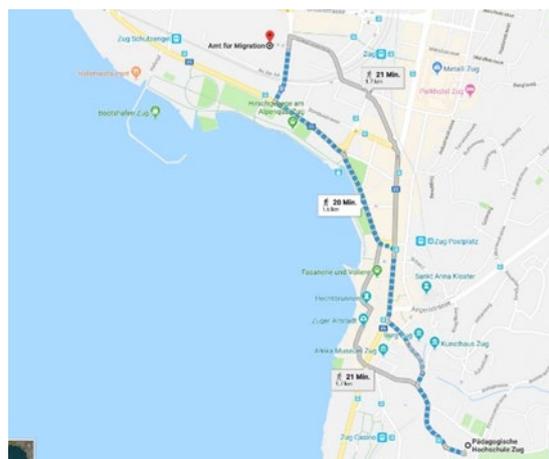
Amt für Migration (Migration Office)

Aabachstrasse 1

6301 Zug

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info.afm@zg.ch or Judith.Ulrich@zg.ch



Student Reports

We will ask you to prepare a final report during your stay, the content of which will be explained at the welcome meeting. You can find impressions of previous incoming events on our [Website](#).

Arrival

Please plan to arrive by the date of the welcome session. You will find information on how to get to PH Zug on our [website](#). We have also marked PH Zug on this [map](#).

We recommend that you use public transport. At the main station in Zug, look for the “Metalli/Bahnhof” bus stop and take bus no. 603 to “Schönegg (Zugerberg)”. You can buy a ticket from a machine in the station, from the driver, or via SBB app, and the ride takes 7 or 8 minutes. Get off at the “St. Michael” stop and walk uphill for about 50 metres. You will see the campus next to the large church across the street. For information about public transport, go to www.sbb.ch or www.zvb.ch

Please feel free to contact us if you have any further questions.

Useful Links

- [Travel connections and information about public transport in Switzerland](#)
- [Travel connections and information about public transport in Zug](#)
- [Zug Tourism](#)
- [Erasmus Student Network Switzerland](#)

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Emergency Numbers in Switzerland

Police	117
Fire department	118
Ambulance	144



Abbildung 1: View on PH Zug from above (square building next to the church)



Abbildung 2: View from our Mensa terrace

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