Université de Lausanne, Switzerland  
Dates & Costs 2019/2020

For related study abroad information, please refer to the “Helpful Links” section at the end of this document.  

Costs

Students pay UR tuition, but not room and board, to UR for the semester abroad.

Students pay housing fees directly to the accommodation office of their host institution.

Students pay food costs themselves. Meals are “self-catered”, meaning that students shop and cook for themselves, and/or eat in student restaurants or cafeterias on the campus of their host institution.

Amounts below are listed in US dollars unless indicated otherwise. Refer to oanda.com to convert amounts given in foreign currency to US dollars.

*Costs below are the best approximate average figures. Actual costs vary depending on personal preferences and habits.*

Currency in host country: Swiss Francs (CHF)

Housing

- **Standard housing type:** Room in residence hall with shared kitchen
- **Fees (used for financial aid purposes) per semester:**
  - Fall: CHF 2700 (average)
  - Spring: CHF 4050 (average)

  - **Additional housing options & fees:** n/a
  - **Housing deposit required?** Usually 1 month’s rent
  - **Utilities:** Included in housing fees
  - **Other housing fees (required liability insurance, etc):** n/a
  - **Can students arrange independent housing on this program?** No

Food per semester

- Fall: CHF 2700 (average)
- Spring: CHF 4050 (average)

Books & academic supplies per semester: CHF 150

Other program/university fees not paid by UR (gym fees, student activities fees, optional field trips, etc): n/a

- **Local public transportation (bus, metro, etc) per semester:**
  - Fall: CHF 240 (average)
  - Spring: CHF 360 (average)

Roundtrip airfare from major US east coast cities: $1550 USD

US passport application fees: [U.S. State Department > Passport fees](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html)
Immigration fees

Visa: $68
Residence permit: n/a
Residence taxes:
  Fall: CHF 120 (average)
  Spring: CHF 180 (average)

Insurance

UR health & travel insurance: Paid by UR. Click here for details.
Additional insurance expenses:
  Fall: CHF 300 (average)
  Spring: CHF 450 (average)

Dates for Fall 2019 at Université de Lausanne

Link to host program/institution's calendar: https://www.unil.ch/central/en/home/menuinst/organisation/documents-officiels/calendriers-academiques.html

Arrival: no later than 8 Sept 2019
Housing move-in: date to be provided by UNIL's accommodations office
Orientation: 9 – 13 Sept 2019
Pre-Semester Language Course: see study abroad advisor for Switzerland
Classes Begin: 17 September 2019
Mid-Term Exams: dates at the discretion of instructors
Semester breaks and holidays: 16 Sept 2019
Classes End: 20 Dec 2019
Exam period: Fall-only participants: dates at the discretion of instructors. Academic year participants: 10 Jan – 1 Feb 2020
Housing move-out: date to be provided by UNIL’s accommodations office
Semester Ends: 20 December 2019

Dates for Spring 2020 at Université de Lausanne

Link to host program/institution’s calendar: https://www.unil.ch/central/en/home/menuinst/organisation/documents-officiels/calendriers-academiques.html

Arrival: Feb 2020
Housing move-in: date to be provided by UNIL’s accommodations office
Orientation: Feb 2020
Pre-Semester Language Course: Jan or Feb 2020
Classes Begin: 17 Feb 2020
Mid-Term Exams: dates at the discretion of instructors
Semester breaks and holidays: 10 – 17 April 2020, 21 May 2020, 29 May 2020, June 1 2020
Classes End: 29 May 2020
Exam period (for Academic Year participants and spring-only participants): 8 June – 4 July 2020
Housing move-out: date to be provided by UNIL’s accommodations office
Semester Ends: 4 July 2020

Helpful Links

Finances for study abroad
Parent information about study abroad
Passports and Visas
Study Abroad Handbook
UR Room and Board fees (for cost comparison)