



International Office



# Swiss Winter School

Teaching and Learning in Switzerland  
January 3–25, 2025

ZURICH UNIVERSITY  
OF TEACHER  
EDUCATION



«I am thankful for this experience as it has changed me for the better both as an educator and as person.»

**Amanda C., Metropolitan State University of Denver**



**This 3 week winter school program consists of workshops on Switzerland and Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL/ TESOL), followed by 12–13 days of school experience placements with class observation in Swiss local schools.**

### **Arrival**

Suggested arrival is on Friday, January 3, 2024.

Trains run from Zurich Airport to Zurich Main Station (Zurich Hauptbahnhof/HB) approx. every 10 minutes and take about 15 minutes.

### **Workshop venue**

The workshops will take place at Zurich University of Teacher Education (PHZH) next to Zurich Main Station: [phzh.ch](http://phzh.ch)

### **Tuition and credits**

Participating students will remain enrolled at their home university for the duration of the winter school program. PHZH will issue a certificate upon successful completion of the program. Course credits are defined and awarded by the home university in consultation with the PHZH International Office.

### **Program fee and costs**

Students from PHZH partner universities: CHF 1790.– per person

(approx. USD 2040.–/AUD 3080.–)\*

Students from other institutions:

CHF 2190.– per person

(approx. USD 2490.–/AUD 3770.–)\*

\*March 2024

### **The program fee includes:**

- GA Travelcard, free use of public transportation in all of Switzerland, valid for one month
- Accommodation in a host family during the school experience placement
- Accommodation in shared rooms (twin and four bed rooms) in a hostel in the city of Zurich for 6 nights (5 nights starting on Friday, January 3, 2025 and 1 night on Friday, January 24, 2025)
- Accommodation for 1 night during an overnight trip in shared four-bed room (Saturday, January 11, 2025)
- Welcome dinner and 2 lunches at the PHZH cafeteria
- Meals with the local host families on working days
- Farewell drink and snack
- Guided tour of Zurich
- On PHZH campus: access to WiFi, the library, and reduced prices at the cafeteria

### **Not included in the fee:**

- Flights to and from Switzerland
- Insurance coverage (N.B. this is the responsibility of the participants)
- Food and beverages not specified in the program (such as lunch at local school)
- Personal expenses

### **Registration**

Please contact the international coordinator of your home institution in order to be nominated.

Registration deadline at the PHZH International Office: September 8, 2024. Priority is given to participants



«I would encourage anyone to apply for the Winter School program as you will learn about others, yourself, how you adapt and evolve.»

**Michael H., Monash University Melbourne**

from PHZH's partner universities abroad. In regards to booking flights, winter school registration will be confirmed as of **October 11, 2024**. Please await confirmation of participation and travel restrictions before booking your flights.

# Program

<b>Sat Jan 4</b>	Welcome and orientation session, Information about Switzerland, Zurich city walking tour, Swiss welcome dinner
<b>Sun Jan 5</b>	Free time, optional visit to the Swiss National Museum
<b>Mon Jan 6</b>	Workshop on Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL/TESOL)
<b>Tue Jan 7</b>	Workshop on Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL/TESOL) and school visit
<b>Wed Jan 8</b>	Transfer to the local school, meeting the class and teacher
<b>Thu Jan 9–Fri Jan 10</b>	School experience in local school
<b>Sat Jan 11–Sun Jan 12</b>	Guided outdoor activities, traditional Swiss food tasting, overnight stay
<b>Mon Jan 13–Fri Jan 17</b>	School experience in local school
<b>Sat Jan 18–Sun Jan 19</b>	Free time
<b>Mon Jan 20–Fri Jan 24</b>	School experience in local school
<b>Fri Jan 24</b>	Early afternoon transfer to PH Zurich, feedback session, official end of the program with farewell snacks and drinks
<b>Sat Jan 25</b>	Optional trip to Lucerne

## Requirements

- Students must be native speakers of English or proficient in English (minimum level C2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages CEFR).
- Applicants are required to have at least one year of previous studies at university level as well as at least 4 weeks of teaching experience.

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## Assessment

- Students are obliged to fulfill the requirements of their home university and to hand in a final report to the PHZH.



## Further Information

Please contact your local international coordinator