

## Institutional Factsheet 2023/24

Name of Institution	Fachhochschule Graubünden University of Applied Sciences of the Grisons	
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<b>APPLICATION</b>		
Deadlines	<b>Fall semester 2023:</b> Nomination: <b>6 May</b> Application: <b>15 May</b>	<b>Spring semester 2024:</b> Nomination: <b>15 Nov</b> Application: <b>30 Nov</b>
Process	<p>1) Partner nominates students by e-mail: <a href="mailto:international.office@fhgr.ch">international.office@fhgr.ch</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Name of student</li> <li>- Name of study programme at FHGR</li> <li>- E-Mail address</li> <li>- Age</li> <li>- Nationality</li> </ul> <p>2) Students e-mail application documents to: <a href="mailto:international.office@fhgr.ch">international.office@fhgr.ch</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Application form</li> <li>- Provisional learning agreement</li> <li>- Copy of academic transcripts</li> <li>- Official language certificate or confirmation letter of language skills (see note for non-EU citizens)</li> <li>- Copy of passport or national identity card</li> <li>- Passport-size photo</li> </ul> <p>Application forms and relevant documents are available on our website: <a href="http://www.fhgr.ch/exchange">www.fhgr.ch/exchange</a></p> <p><u>Note for Non-EU citizens:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Official language certificates are required for visa application: IELTS 6.5, TOEFL IB 110, BEC Higher, CAE</li> </ul>	

ACADEMIC INFORMATION																						
Semester dates	<p>Fall semester 2023                      18/09/23 – 09/02/24  <i>Students of Creative Media &amp; Digital Innovation start on <u>11/09/23</u></i></p> <p>Spring semester 2024                      19/02/24 – 06/07/24</p> <p>Mandatory welcome days take place 2 days before the semester starts</p>																					
Course list for exchange students	List of courses for incomings ( <i>published mid April 2023</i> ) <a href="http://www.fhgr.ch/exchange">www.fhgr.ch/exchange</a>																					
German language courses	Level A1 (levels B1-B2, availability depending on demand)																					
Examinations & grading	<p>Exams are taken at the end of the semester over a period of 3 weeks. Please inform students that failed modules cannot be retaken except for some modules with the minimum grade of 3.5. A re-examination date can then be offered two weeks after access to the examination at the earliest. Students should be informed that the workload and overall academic level is described to be high.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Swiss grade</u></th> <th><u>Definition</u></th> <th><u>Rating</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>6.0</td> <td>Excellent</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5.5</td> <td>Very good</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5.0</td> <td>Good</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.5</td> <td>Satisfactory</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.0</td> <td>Sufficient</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.5 – 1.0</td> <td>Insufficient</td> <td>Fail</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Swiss grade</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Rating</u>	6.0	Excellent	Pass	5.5	Very good	Pass	5.0	Good	Pass	4.5	Satisfactory	Pass	4.0	Sufficient	Pass	3.5 – 1.0	Insufficient	Fail
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SWISS-EUROPEAN MOBILITY PROGRAMME																						
General information	Incoming students from SEMP partner universities receive funding from the <a href="#">Swiss-European Mobility Programme</a> on arrival in Switzerland. This project is financially supported by the national agency for mobility and exchange, Movetia <a href="http://www.movetia.ch">www.movetia.ch</a>																					
Incoming students	DK, FI, IS, IE, LI, LU, NO, SE, UK	CHF 1'900/semester																				
	AT, BE, BG, CY, CZ, DE, EE, EL, ES, FR, HR, HU, IT, LT, LV, MK, MT, NL, PL, PT, RO, RS, SI, SK, TR	CHF 2'200/semester																				
	SEMP worldwide (CA)	CHF 2'500/semester																				
Green Mobility "top-up"	Students who travel both ways by train, coach or car-sharing receive a CHF 100 top-up.																					
Incoming staff	CHF 170 /day (work & travel days) plus travel expenses of CHF 600																					
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS (Non-Erasmus)																						
Grant information non-EU exchanges	Students from <b>partner universities which are not SEMP partners</b> will receive a travel <b>grant from the University of Applied Sciences of the Grisons</b> . Amount per student = CHF 1'000.–																					
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English study programmes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tourism</li> <li>- Creative Media &amp; Digital Innovation</li> </ul>	<p>Students studying in the English-taught programmes, should have at least <b>B2 level</b> English. Non-native English speakers must submit one of the following documents:</p> <p><b>EU students:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) IELTS min 5.5, TOEFL IB min 65, BEC Higher, CAE or...</li> <li>b) A language assessment form completed by English tutor confirming advanced level language skills (download template from <a href="http://www.fhgr.ch/exchange">www.fhgr.ch/exchange</a>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Non-EU students:</b> IELTS min 5.5, TOEFL IB min 65, BEC Higher, CAE.</p>																					

<p>German study programs</p>	<p>Students applying for the German study program and who are <u>not native German</u> speakers must submit one of the following documents to prove <b>level C1</b>:</p> <p><b>EU students:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) German Diploma or ...</li> <li>b) Language assessment form completed by German tutor confirming advanced level language skills (see <a href="http://www.fhgr.ch/exchange">www.fhgr.ch/exchange</a>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Non-EU students:</b></p> <p>German Diploma: DSH 3, Goethe-Institut Diploma (level C1)</p>
<p><b>VISA &amp; RESIDENCE PERMIT</b></p>	
<p>Visa</p>	<p>Citizens from countries outside of the EU/EFTA require an entry visa for Switzerland. The application process takes up to 3 months. The costs for the Visa are paid for by the student. The standard documents required for visa application are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Passport (valid for min. 6 months beyond the student's stay)</li> <li>- Letter of acceptance from University of Applied Sciences of the Grisons</li> <li>- Language diploma (IELTS or TOEFL, etc.)</li> <li>- Evidence of sufficient funds for your stay in Switzerland</li> <li>- Health &amp; accident insurance policy for Switzerland</li> </ul> <p>Refer to the website of the Swiss Embassy/Consulate for country-specific requirements:  <a href="http://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/reps.html">http://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/reps.html</a></p>
<p>Residence permit</p>	<p>All students are required to have a residence permit for their stay in Switzerland. The international office applies for such permits on arrival in Switzerland. The costs for the residence permit are paid for by the student.</p>
<p>Work permits &amp; regulations</p>	<p>Non-EU students are <u>not</u> permitted to work in Switzerland.</p> <p>EU students are permitted to work up to <u>15 hrs per week</u>. A work permission letter must be applied for in addition by the employer.</p>
<p><b>ACCOMMODATION</b></p>	
<p>General information</p>	<p>Once a student has been offered an exchange place, please contact the International Office about the housing preferences. Currently, these are the options available to exchange students:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Student residence Konvikt (limited spaces available). Reservations managed by the International Office</li> <li>2. Flat-share platform: <a href="http://www.fhgr.ch/wohnungsboerse">http://www.fhgr.ch/wohnungsboerse</a></li> <li>3. The International office can put students in contact with Swiss outgoing exchange students who rent out their room in a shared flat whilst they are abroad.</li> </ol>

## INSURANCE

### Health and accident insurance

Health & accident insurance is **mandatory** for everybody who is residing in Switzerland.

#### EU/EFTA students:

Students living in the EU and holding **public health insurance** must send us a copy of their European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) as proof of health insurance coverage. The EHIC must be valid for the entire duration of stay in Switzerland.

#### Non-EU/EFTA students:

Students without the European health insurance card have the following options:

1. Sign up for Swiss insurance policy through the International Office. The basic monthly premium costs are approx. CHF 350.- (depending on age, gender and domicile).
2. Sign up for a Swiss insurance policy directly with Swiss insurance companies specializing in health and accident insurance for foreign students, e.g.: [www.swisscare.ch](http://www.swisscare.ch) or [www.scorestudies.ch](http://www.scorestudies.ch) (monthly premiums starting at CHF 61)
3. Health insurance provider in home country signs an exemption form, confirming that the foreign insurance policy offers equivalent coverage to the Swiss KVG basic health insurance benefits. This application will be evaluated by local authorities on arrival in Chur.

### Personal liability insurance

Exchange students are requested to purchase a personal liability insurance. This covers damages to other persons and property caused by the policy holder. Before students leave their home country, they should check with the insurer whether the insurance covers liability whilst living abroad.

The University of Applied Sciences of the Grisons accepts no liability for students.

## NON-ACADEMIC INFORMATION

### Estimated costs of living

Approx. CHF 1'600 per month  
(The amount can vary, depending on the lifestyle)

### Buddy system

Each exchange student is allocated a Swiss "buddy" to help them with daily life and social integration.

### ESN Chur

ESN Chur is a student organisation offering social activities for international students <https://www.instagram.com/esn.chur/>

### Students and staff with disabilities

Infrastructure for students with disabilities is restricted in some of the buildings. It is essential to communicate with the International Office at least 6 months before the exchange period in order to cater for the individual's requirements.