

The ZHAW is one of the leading universities of applied sciences in Switzerland. Teaching, research, continuing education and other services are both scientifically-based and practice-oriented. ZHAW graduates are able to apply their knowledge responsibly in demanding professional fields. In its work in research & development, the ZHAW concentrates on important societal challenges, with a particular focus on energy and societal integration. With locations in Winterthur, Zurich and Wädenswil, the ZHAW is firmly integrated in the local region whilst also cooperating with international partners. There are eight Schools in the University: Applied Linguistics, Applied Psychology, Architecture, Design and Civil Engineering, Engineering, Health Professions, Life Sciences and Facility Management, Management and Law, and Social Work.

Education

The ZHAW gives students the chance to acquire the skills they need for successful careers on the national market and also in international and intercultural working environments. Using state-of-the-art teaching methods and cutting-edge technology, the ZHAW promotes a future-oriented teaching and learning culture. Thanks to the teaching staff's involvement in research activities, students constantly come into contact with new ideas; current examples from practice are incorporated into teaching, and practical projects allow students to gain an in-depth understanding of their subject. The ZHAW places a special focus not only on conveying practical and specialist competencies, but also on developing the social and personal skills essential for success in academic and professional life. Numerous degree programmes can also be studied part-time.

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The Bachelor's and consecutive Master's degree programmes at the ZHAW:

School of Applied Linguistics

- Bachelor's programmes: Applied Languages, Communication
- Master's programme: Applied Linguistics

School of Applied Psychology

- Bachelor's programme: Applied Psychology
- Master's programme: Applied Psychology

School of Architecture, Design and Civil Engineering

- Bachelor's programmes: Architecture, Civil Engineering
- Master's programmes: Architecture, Civil Engineering

School of Engineering

- Bachelor's programmes: Aviation, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Energy and Environmental Engineering, Engineering and Management, Mechanical Engineering, Systems Engineering, Transportation Systems
- Master's programme: Engineering

School of Health Professions

- Bachelor's programmes: Health Promotion and Prevention, Midwifery, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy
- Master's programmes: Midwifery, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy

School of Life Sciences and Facility Management

- Bachelor's programmes: Biotechnology, Chemistry, Environmental Engineering, Facility Management, Food Technology
- Master's programmes: Environment and Natural Resources, Facility Management, Life Sciences

School of Management and Law

- Bachelor's programmes: Business Administration, Business Information Technology, Business Law, International Management
- Master's programmes: Accounting & Controlling, Banking and Finance, Business Administration, Business Information Technology, International Business, Management and Law

School of Social Work

- Bachelor's programme: Social Work
- Master's programme: Social Work

Continuing Education

The ZHAW is the perfect partner for lifelong learning, offering a wide range of continuing education courses and programmes in all the fields of its eight Schools. Indeed, lifelong learning and personality development are the guiding principles of continuing education at the ZHAW. Acquiring practice-oriented and research-based competences allows participants to develop their skills continually at any stage in their professional careers. The wide range of programmes offered at the ZHAW includes approximately 50 Master of Advanced Studies programmes (MAS/EMBA/MBA), around 240 Diploma and Certificate programmes (DAS/CAS) and many continuing education courses. Continuing education programmes at the ZHAW generally have a modular structure: smaller units are combined to make up larger units. For example, an MAS programme comprises multiple CAS programmes plus a Master's thesis. This means that participants can plan their continuing education flexibly and follow tailor-made options to meet their personal needs and aspirations. For successfully completed modules, the ZHAW awards credits in accordance with the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS).

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The continuing education courses and programmes include the following subject areas:

- accounting / controlling
- architecture / design / civil engineering
- banking / finance / insurance
- coaching / supervision / counselling
- communication / marketing
- culture / sports / tourism
- data science / digital transformation
- engineering / technology
- facility management
- food science
- health / health care management
- human resource management
- information technology / business information technology
- law / politics
- leadership / management
- life sciences / nature / environment
- linguistics / languages
- nursing / midwifery
- physiotherapy / occupational therapy
- psychology
- social work

Research and Development/Consultancy and Services

As one of Switzerland's largest multidisciplinary universities of applied sciences, the ZHAW brings together under one roof many different disciplines and a wide range of specialist knowledge. ZHAW researchers develop groundbreaking innovations that can be successfully implemented in practice. Together with industry partners, they carry out several hundred projects each year, with a total funding of about 113 million Swiss francs. The ZHAW offers different forms of collaboration to serve different needs: student projects and theses, research contracts and services, and long-term research and development projects. The ZHAW is one of the most active universities of applied sciences, in both a national and international comparison, as regards participation in EU research projects.

The research profile of the ZHAW is characterised by two strategic focal points: energy and societal integration. The ZHAW is reacting to the huge challenge of the energy turnaround by bundling competences in energy research areas. This demands the interaction of various disciplines, since long-term security of supply involves not only technical and economic, but also socio-cultural and legal challenges. Through its research in societal integration, the ZHAW seeks to contribute to the strengthening of integration on the social, economic, cultural and political levels. In both of these key areas, the focus is on interdisciplinary research and social, organisational and technological innovation.

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International

Cultivating networks and cooperation with international partners on all five continents, enhancing the ZHAW's international visibility, strengthening its profile and conveying international competences: these are the key elements of the university's international focus. The ZHAW offers students and employees a wide range of possibilities to acquire international knowledge, foreign language competence and intercultural skills. These competences are important prerequisites for operating in a globalised economy and science. The ZHAW offers internationally-oriented degree programmes

as well as a large number of double degrees. More and more students spend time abroad as a part of their studies or internships – both in European countries and overseas. The ZHAW currently has 439 Partnership agreements with universities in 56 countries. It is actively involved in European research programmes and works with an international network of partners from industry and other universities on cutting-edge projects.

→ www.zhaw.ch/en/international



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439 partner universities

56 countries

5 continents



1,080 research associates and assistants

855 lecturers

262 professors



3,028 employees

831 administrative and technical staff

6,131 proportion of women (47,7%)



12,847 students

1,678 postgraduate students

5,051 first-year students

3,001 graduates

11,169 undergraduate students

4 areas of activity



457 million Swiss francs total investment

75.0 per cent personnel costs

16.9 per cent material and other costs

8.1 per cent property costs

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