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# Switzerland's Capital University Bachelor, Master and Doctoral Studies



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## Bachelor Programmes

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Bachelor programmes last 6 semesters or 3 years = 180 ECTS\* (one semester = 30 ECTS).

Most programmes consist of a major and a minor; some are mono programmes.

Programmes which offer specialised options are in dark grey.

\* European Credit Transfer System

Archaeology	major, minor	Islamic & Middle Eastern Studies	major, minor
Art History	major, minor	Italian Literature & Linguistics	major, minor
Biochemistry & Molecular Biology	mono, minor	Law	mono, minor
Biology	mono, minor	Linguistics	major, minor
– Cell Biology		Mathematics	major, minor
– Ecology & Evolution		Medicine	mono
– Plant Sciences		Musicology	major, minor
Business Administration	major, minor	Philosophy	major, minor
Central Asian Studies	minor	Philosophy of the Mind	minor
Chemistry & Molecular Sciences	mono, minor	Physics	major, minor
Classical Foundations	minor	– Astronomy	
Classical Philology	major, minor	– Physics	
– Greek		Psychology	major, minor
– Latin		Public Law	minor
Computer Science	major, minor	Religious Studies	major, minor
Dental Medicine	mono	Science of Religion	major, minor
Eastern European Studies	major, minor	Slavic Literatures & Linguistics	major, minor
Ecology	minor	Social Anthropology	major, minor
Economics	major, minor	Social Sciences	major, minor
Education	major, minor	Spanish Literature & Linguistics	major, minor
English Literatures & Linguistics	major, minor	Sport Science	major, minor
French Literature & Linguistics	major, minor	Theatre Studies	major, minor
Geography	major, minor	Theology	mono, minor
Geology	mono, minor	– Old Catholic	
German Literature & Linguistics	major, minor	– Protestant	
History	mono, major, minor	Veterinary Medicine	mono
History & Philosophy of Science	minor		

## Master Programmes

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Master programmes last 3–4 semesters (1.5–2 years) = 90–120 ECTS\* (one semester = 30 ECTS).

Most programmes consist of a major and a minor; some are mono programmes.

Programmes taught in English are highlighted in grey. Programmes which offer specialised options are in dark grey.

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Ancient Cultures & Constructions of Antiquity (120 ECTS)	major, minor	Astronomy	minor
Ancient Judaism (120 ECTS)	mono, major	Biomedical Engineering (120 ECTS)	mono
Ancient Near Eastern Cultures	minor	Biomedical Sciences (90 ECTS)	mono
Anthropology of Transnationalism & the State (120 ECTS)	major, minor	Business Administration (90 ECTS)	mono, minor
Archaeology (120 ECTS)	major, minor	Business & Economics (90 ECTS)	mono
– Archaeology of the Roman Provinces		Business & Law (90 ECTS)	mono
– European Archaeology	mono	Central Asian Studies (120 ECTS)	major, minor
– Mediterranean Archaeology / Classical Archaeology		Chemistry & Molecular Sciences (90 ECTS)	mono, minor
– Near Eastern Archaeology		Classical Philology (120 ECTS)	major, minor
– Prehistory		– Greek	
Art History (120 ECTS)	major, minor	– Latin	
– Cultural Heritage	mono		
– Curatorial Studies & Museology	mono		
– History of Textile Arts	mono		

<b>Climate Sciences</b> (120 ECTS) – Atmospheric Science – Climate & Earth System Science – Economics – Economic, Social & Environmental History – Statistics	mono	<b>Linguistics</b> (120 ECTS)	major, minor
<b>Computer Science</b> (90 ECTS)	mono, minor	<b>Mathematics</b> (90 ECTS)	mono, minor
<b>Criminal Law</b>	minor	<b>Medicine</b> (180 ECTS)	mono
<b>Dental Medicine</b> (120 ECTS)	mono	<b>Middle Eastern Studies</b> (120 ECTS)	major, minor
<b>Eastern European Studies</b> (120 ECTS)	major, minor	<b>Molecular Life Sciences</b> (90 ECTS) – Biochemistry / Chemical Biology – Cell & Molecular Biology – Microbiology / Immunology – Plant Physiology	mono, minor
<b>Ecology</b>	minor	<b>Musicology</b> (120 ECTS)	major, minor
<b>Ecology &amp; Evolution</b> (90 ECTS) – Animal Ecology & Conservation – Behaviour – Evolution – Plant Ecology	mono, minor	<b>Philosophy</b> (120 ECTS)	major, minor
<b>Economics</b> (90 ECTS)	mono, minor	<b>Physics</b> (90 ECTS) – Astronomy – Physics	mono, minor
<b>Editorial studies</b> (90 ECTS)	major, minor	<b>Political &amp; Economic Philosophy</b> (120 ECTS)	mono
<b>Education</b> (120 ECTS)	mono, major, minor	<b>Political Science</b> (120 ECTS)	major, minor
<b>English Literatures &amp; Linguistics</b> (120 ECTS) – Literatures – Linguistics	major, minor	<b>Politics: Comparative and Swiss Politics</b> (90 ECTS)	mono
<b>European and International Law</b>	minor	<b>Private Law</b>	minor
<b>French Literature &amp; Linguistics</b> (120 ECTS) – Literature – Linguistics	major, minor	<b>Psychology</b> (120 ECTS)	mono, minor
<b>Gender Studies</b>	minor	<b>Public Law</b>	minor
<b>Geography</b> (120 ECTS)	mono, minor	<b>Public Management &amp; Policy</b> (120 ECTS)	mono
<b>Geology</b> (120 ECTS) – Earth Materials – Environmental & Resource Geochemistry – Geology – Pure & Applied Quaternary Sciences	mono, minor	<b>Religious Cultures: Historicity &amp; Cultural Normativity</b> (120 ECTS)	mono
<b>German Linguistics</b> (120 ECTS)	major, minor	<b>Religious Studies</b> (120 ECTS)	major, minor
<b>German Literature</b> (120 ECTS)	major, minor	<b>Science of Religion</b> (120 ECTS)	major, minor
<b>German Studies</b> (120 ECTS)	major, minor	<b>Slavic Literatures &amp; Linguistics</b> (120 ECTS)	major, minor
<b>History</b> (120 ECTS)	mono, major, minor	<b>Social Anthropology</b> (120 ECTS)	major, minor
<b>History &amp; Philosophy of Science</b> (120 ECTS)	major, minor	<b>Sociolinguistics</b> (120 ECTS)	mono, major, minor
<b>Information Systems</b> (30 ECTS)	minor	<b>Sociology</b> (90 ECTS)	mono, minor
<b>International &amp; Monetary Economics</b> (90 ECTS)	mono	<b>Spanish Literature &amp; Linguistics</b> (120 ECTS) – Literature – Linguistics	major, minor
<b>Islamic Studies &amp; Oriental Literatures</b> (120 ECTS)	major, minor	<b>Sport Science</b> (120 ECTS)	major, minor
<b>Italian Literature &amp; Linguistics</b> (120 ECTS) – Literature – Linguistics	major, minor	<b>Statistics</b> (90 ECTS)	mono, minor
<b>Latin American Studies</b> (120 ECTS)	mono	<b>Theatre &amp; Dance Studies</b> (120 ECTS) – Dance – Theatre	major, minor
<b>Law</b> (90 ECTS)	mono, minor	<b>Theology</b> (120 ECTS) – Old Catholic – Protestant	mono, minor
		<b>Trade Law</b>	minor
		<b>Veterinary Medicine</b> (120 ECTS)	mono
		<b>World Arts</b> (120 ECTS)	mono, major, minor
		<b>World Literature</b> (120 ECTS)	mono, major, minor

## Graduate Schools, Doctoral Programmes and Doctoral Studies

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 Graduate schools, doctoral programmes and doctoral studies last 3–5 years.  
 Most graduate schools, doctoral programmes and doctoral studies are available in English.

# Researching and teaching at the highest level in Switzerland at the University of Bern, a public institution.

More than 1,500 teaching staff in eight faculties prepare students for their future academic or professional career. The study programmes and various graduate schools and centres cover fields from economics and social science, humanities, sciences, law, medicine and veterinary medicine, human sciences and theology. The historic roots of the University of Bern go back to 1528. Today, most of the 160 institutes are located within walking distance of the historic main building. The infrastructure is of very high quality and, thanks to its relatively small size of 15,000 students, the ambience is friendly and personal. Furthermore, courses in almost any sport discipline are open to all students.

## Language of instruction

Bachelor programmes are taught in German.  
Master programmes are taught in German or in English.  
Graduate school programmes are taught in English.

## Admission

Bachelor: for entrance requirements from your country  
> [www.imd.unibe.ch/zulassung\\_e.htm](http://www.imd.unibe.ch/zulassung_e.htm)  
Master: Bachelor degree from a recognised university  
and admission from faculty or graduate school  
> [www.imd.unibe.ch/immatrikulation\\_e.htm](http://www.imd.unibe.ch/immatrikulation_e.htm)  
PhD/Doctoral: Master degree from a recognised university  
and admission from faculty or graduate school  
> [www.imd.unibe.ch/doktorierendeninfos\\_e.htm](http://www.imd.unibe.ch/doktorierendeninfos_e.htm)

## Fees

As a public university, fees are very moderate.  
For international and local Bachelor and Master students:  
655 CHF per semester (~630 € / ~880 US\$ [10/2011])  
> [www.imd.unibe.ch/gebuehren\\_e.htm](http://www.imd.unibe.ch/gebuehren_e.htm)

## Exchange students

Students from universities with which the University of Bern has an exchange agreement are not required to pay fees. For application: contact your International Office.

## Bern

Bern – Switzerland's capital – is located in the middle of the country close to the French-German language border. With its beautiful sandstone buildings, Bern's city centre is one of the finest examples of mediaeval architecture in Europe. The city's appearance has remained virtually unchanged for centuries, earning Bern a place on the UNESCO list of World Heritage.

The world-famous Berner Oberland – offering exciting mountain sports – is just an hour away by train. And since Bern is a relatively small city with a population of only 130,000, it takes a few minutes by bicycle to get out into the beautiful surrounding countryside.

The city itself has a lot to offer: countless cafés and bars in the old town, swimming in the clear-blue Aare river, and a myriad of talks, art shows, plays and concerts. Security problems are unheard of. It's small wonder that a recent study rated Bern as one of the five most liveable cities in the world.

## Switzerland

Switzerland, in the heart of Western Europe, is an intensely creative country that has won more Nobel prizes per capita than any other nation and is one of the three most important research nations in the world.

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