

# Exchange students

## EPFL Physics Section

### Welcome Day

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# Information for new Master students (not exchange) is given elsewhere:

- CE 1 103
  - Master of Science in Physics
  - Master of Applied Physics
- CE 1 101
  - Master of Nuclear Engineering
  - Combined EPFL-ETH-PSI

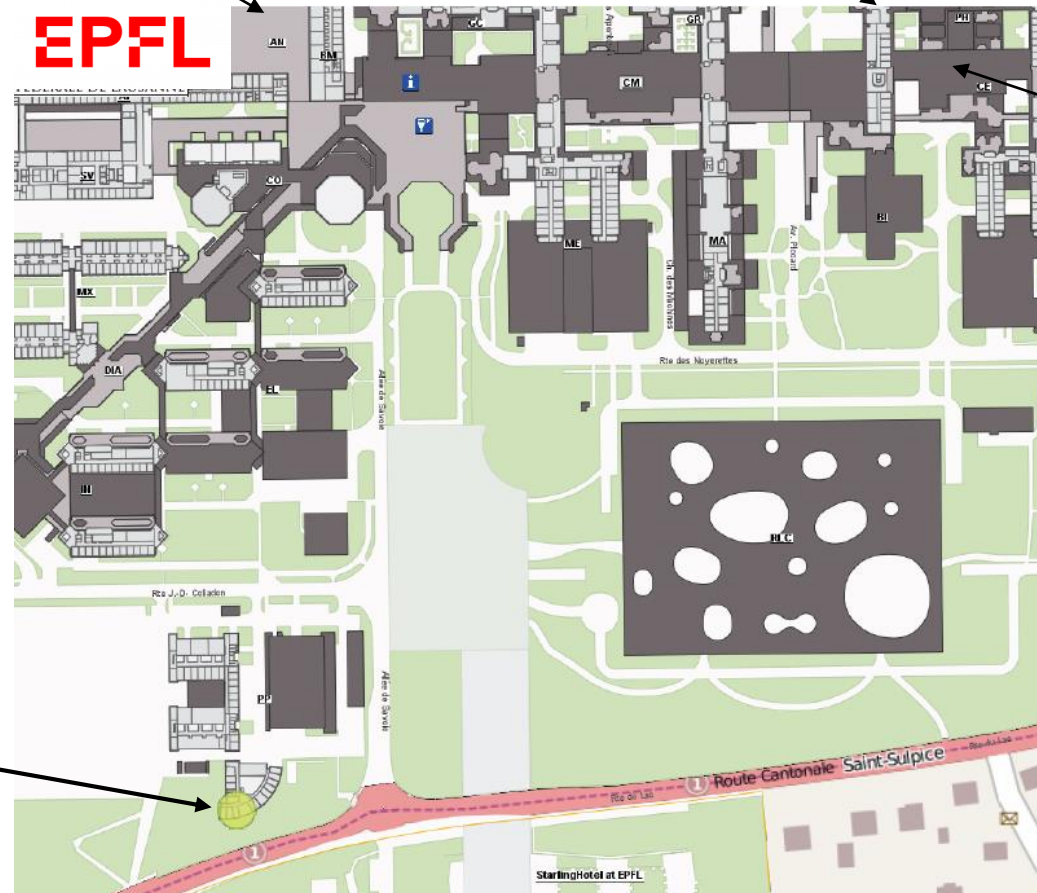
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# Choosing the appropriate courses

- Your choice of courses must be approved by your *home* institution.
- Your home institution is responsible to validate your studies here, on the basis of the results obtained.
- The exchange students are submitted to the same rules as EPFL students for the exams, ... but *not* for the choice of courses.
- EPFL follows the system of ECTS credits.
- Incoming exchange students are allowed, in principle, to participate to any course offered on any Bachelor or Master curriculum of any Section. **Exceptions:** certain Masters and **most Laboratories**. <https://www.epfl.ch/education/international/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/RestrictedCoursesNew.xlsx>
- You still have the first 2 weeks of the semester to choose courses.
- Do not forget to **register** for the courses you will have selected. Deadline: **Friday, 20 September 2024, for the autumn semester**
- Online registration: <https://www.epfl.ch/campus/services/ressources/is-academia/>

# Some useful web pages

- **Global view of curricula and study plans:**

- [https://www.epfl.ch/education/studies/en/rules-and-procedures/study\\_plans/](https://www.epfl.ch/education/studies/en/rules-and-procedures/study_plans/)
- look at other sections (math, chemistry, mechanical engineering...)

- **Study plans with links to course descriptions:**

- <https://edu.epfl.ch/studyplan/en/bachelor/physics/>
- <https://edu.epfl.ch/studyplan/en/master/physics-master-program/>
- <https://edu.epfl.ch/studyplan/en/master/applied-physics/>
- From the above pages you can navigate to other sections study plans

Contain information about the language (FR, EN), the number of ECTS credits, the semester (odd: Autumn; even: Spring), type of exam (written / oral / during the semester), link to professor contact information

- **Academic calendar:**

- <https://www.epfl.ch/education/studies/en/rules-and-procedures/academic-calendar/>

# Laboratory and projects

- Master: PHYS 421/422- Physics Project I/II, 8 ECTS each (“TP IV”)
  - Research project (1 day /week) in one of the physics laboratories
  - <https://www.epfl.ch/schools/sb/research/iphys/research/>
  - Contact the head of lab or your professor to discuss a possible TP IV project (! Limited number of places !)
  - Check with your home University that the proposed project is accepted
- Bachelor:
  - Physics Lab IIIa, IIIb (in dedicated lab) is not open to exchange students.
  - Our EPFL curriculum does not include a ‘Bachelor Project’.
  - If your Home University requires you to take one, the procedure is similar as for TP IV above. Tell the professor that you are looking for a ‘TP-IV-like’ project, but that you are still at the Bachelor level. Discuss how many ECTS credits such a project will carry.
  - On is-academia, register to the following:
  - **EPFL 301 Specific project for exchange/visiting student.**

# Important dates

## ■ Autumn semester

- September 9 – December 20, 2024
- September 20, 2024, deadline for course registration (\*)
- Semester break: October 21-28, 2024
- *November 22, 2024: deadline for exam withdrawal (\*)*

## ■ Exam period for autumn semester courses

- January 13 – February 1, 2025

## ■ Spring semester

- February 17 – May 30, 2025
- February 28, 2025: deadline for course registration (\*)
- Semester break: April 17-28, 2025
- *May 2, 2025: deadline for exam withdrawal (\*)*

## ■ Exam period for spring semester courses

- June 16 – July 5, 2025

- **(\*) When you register for a course, you are automatically registered for the exam. If you don't want to sit the exam you have to withdraw from the exam within the indicated deadlines.**

# Exam rules (valid for ALL students)

- If you forget to cancel your registration for an exam, it will count as one failed attempt and will appear so on your official transcript of records.
- Repeating a failed exam at EPFL is only possible one year after. It is not possible to redo the exam shortly after the 1st attempt.
- **As an exchange student, this implies that if you fail, you will have to redo the branch at your home University.**
- For most branches, the exam form is either **written** or **oral during the official exam periods** after each semester. Some branches are evaluated **during the semester**. This is indicated on the Course Description.
- Exam language is also indicated in the course descriptions. Upon written demand, the teacher can allow the student to reply in English even if the exam language is officially French.



# Institute of Physics @ EPFL – Research Areas

Research at i-phys @ EPFL spans a broad range of fields, grouped into 5 main areas:

- ❑ ***Astrophysics and Particle Physics***
- ❑ ***Condensed Matter Physics***
- ❑ ***Physics of Biological and Complex Systems***
- ❑ ***Plasma Physics, Fusion and Fission***
- ❑ ***Quantum Science and Technology***

Check for more details here:

<https://www.epfl.ch/schools/sb/research/iphys/research/>

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Any questions?

*All the best for your studies at EPFL!*