

Information for foreign students about attending cartography courses at ETH Zurich

The following official syllabuses in Zurich include cartography:

- the Department for Civil, Environmental and Geomatic Engineering (D-BAUG, <http://www.baug.ethz.ch>)
- the Department of Earth Sciences (D-ERDW, <http://www.erdw.ethz.ch>), minor in geography
- the Department of Geography of the University of Zurich (<http://www.geo.unizh.ch>), minor in cartography

These syllabuses require at least five years and offer a degree in geomatics engineering, in natural science or in geography. There is no official curriculum that leads to a specific diploma in cartographic engineering. However, all the cartographic courses given within the above study directions (see <http://www.karto.ethz.ch/teaching/teaching.html>) can be combined into one cartography course within one or one and a half year. All courses are given in German. During exercise and laboratory work the staff can be addressed also in English or French. The participation in these courses gives no right for a university degree, but can be confirmed (description of content and work) by the head of the Institute of Cartography.

There are several possibilities to enrol for these courses:

1. Mobility programme

There are several mobility programmes for foreign students, such as Erasmus (see <http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/erasmus.html>), etc.. Please contact the nearest Erasmus office for organisational information and about the possibility to transfer the obtained credit points to the home university account. The office will also help to design a curriculum such that the studies at home do not have to be prolonged. Detailed information about these programmes can also be obtained at the Mobility Advisory Board of the ETH Zurich (<http://www.mobilitaet.ethz.ch>, see “incomings”) of the ETH Zurich or from the counsellor at the D-BAUG, Gustav Nussbaumer, phone: +41-1-6332980, <mailto:nussbaumer@orl.arch.ethz.ch>. Citizens of the European Union need not do anything to obtain a residence permit before their arrival in Switzerland. Citizens of other countries will be supported by the student exchange office to obtain the residence permit.

2. Bundesstipendium

Another possibility is to obtain a grant from the Swiss Confederation (“Bundesstipendium”, see: <http://www.bbw.admin.ch/html/pages/bildung/stipendien/eskas-e.html>). This applies only for post graduate students from developing countries. The Federal Commission for Scholarships for foreign students will provide information about obtaining a residence permit for Switzerland.

3. “Hörer” (auditors)

It is possible to enrol for individual (or all) courses as “Hörer” (auditor). The rectorate (http://www.rektorat.ethz.ch/index_e.html) can give detailed information (http://www.rektorat.ethz.ch/studienadmin-kanzlei/aufgaben/hoerer_e.html) about the status of auditors and the organisational aspects. The rectorate will also provide information about obtaining a residence permit for Switzerland. Legally, auditors do not have the status of students, therefore they can not claim for a Swiss student ID card.