1 Master’s Program

The Master’s Program in Robotics, Systems and Control (RSC) is a specialized program offered by the Department of Mechanical and Process Engineering (D-MAVT), the Department of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering (D-ITET) and the Department of Computer Science (D-INFK) in collaboration with the Department of Health Sciences and Technology (D-HEST). It is open to students seeking an outstanding education at the interface between mechanical and electrical engineering and computer science. Bridging the gap between the engineering disciplines, the program offers students a unique learning environment and a multidisciplinary education that will enable them to develop innovative and intelligent products and systems to meet today’s most pressing challenges: energy supply, the environment, health care and mobility.

Graduates with knowledge in a range of engineering disciplines are highly sought after by the high-tech industry worldwide. Creating intelligent robots and systems requires skills from a broad range of subjects. It poses fundamental questions about the design, physical modeling and control of complex and highly interactive systems. Furthermore, it deals with various perception principles that enable the students to see and analyze their environment, reason about it and take appropriate actions toward the given goal.

D-MAVT is the leading department of the Master’s Program and is responsible for answering academic questions from students interested in and registered for the program.

This Master’s Study Guide provides information relating to the Master’s Program in Robotics, Systems and Control, according to the “Program Regulations of the Master’s Degree program in Master in Robotics, Systems and Control”.

→ www.ethz.ch/studienreglement-master-robotics-systems-and-control-2009 (in German)

1.1 Tutor System

The Master’s Program in Robotics, Systems and Control is supervised by an ETH professor, designated as “tutor”. The aim of the tutor system is to help create an individualized curriculum for the student and to provide one-to-one support: it ensures a
top-class, specialized education, which takes into account the student's talents and expectations. Tutors coach their students throughout the program, monitoring their progress and proposing any necessary adjustments required to enhance their performance.

The tutor discusses the student's choice for the category Core and Multidisciplinary Courses and approves the subject as well as the choice of supervisor of the Semester Project and Master's Thesis thus ensuring that their individual requirements and interests can be followed.

Professors of the different departments at ETH Zurich, who are involved in teaching and research related to one or more aspects of robotics, systems and control, are authorized to act as tutors.

When applying for the Master's Program, students must indicate three tutors who should be selected according to the topic of focus in the student's chosen core subjects. The tutor will then be specified in the admission letter, according to the decision of the admission committee.

At the student's request, the Director of Studies may approve a change of tutor if cogent reasons are given. Changes are only possible at the beginning of a semester. A change does not result in an extension of the maximum allowable study duration.

1.2 Learning Agreement

The individual study plan is defined in the Learning Agreement between the tutor and the student.

The student discusses the choice of courses in the category Core Courses and Multidisciplinary Courses with his/her tutor, fills out and submits the Learning Agreement on myStudies. The tutor can approve it or request changes. In both cases, the student receives an email. If the tutor requests changes, the student has to update and resubmit the Learning Agreement.
The Learning Agreement must be submitted on myStudies and approved by the tutor within 3 weeks after the start of the semester. The final version must be submitted before enrolling in the Master’s Thesis.

⇒ www.mavt.ethz.ch/content/dam/ethz/special-interest/mavt/department-dam/studium/master-programs/documents/myStudies_Tutor%20selection%20and%20Learning%20Agreement.pdf

1.3 Curriculum structure

Students must obtain 90 ECTS to qualify for the Master’s Degree in Robotics, Systems and Control, of which at least 60 ECTS have to be achieved at ETH Zurich. The curriculum is structured in six categories. In each category, a given number of credit points must be attained.

⇒ www.master-robotics.ethz.ch/curriculum.html

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1.3.1 Core Courses

The Core Courses lay the foundation for the Master’s Program by providing the students with core knowledge in their area of specialization.

The Core Courses are chosen in agreement with the tutor and have to be included in the Learning Agreement.
1.3.2 Multidisciplinary Courses

The courses in this category (6 ECTS) may be used either to add depth to scientific and technical knowledge related to the chosen specialization, or to add breadth to the range of skills in other disciplines, such as economics, management or the humanities. The Multidisciplinary Courses are chosen in agreement with the tutor and have to be included in the Learning Agreement.

The Multidisciplinary Courses may be selected from among the course catalogues of the Department of Mechanical and Process Engineering, the Department of Computer Science and the Department of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering at ETH Zurich.

1.3.3 Science in Perspective (SiP)

Science in Perspective (2 ECTS) is an integral part of the curriculum. It opens up new perspectives on the natural and engineering sciences and teaches the students to understand and critically question the correlations between scientific knowledge, technological innovations, cultural contexts, individuals and society.

The courses are selected from the special Course Catalogue “Science in Perspective” of the Department of Humanities, Social and Political Sciences (D-GESS) at ETH Zurich.

- [www.ethz.ch/content/dam/ethz/common/docs/weisungssammlung/files-de/wissenschaft-im-kontext.pdf](http://www.ethz.ch/content/dam/ethz/common/docs/weisungssammlung/files-de/wissenschaft-im-kontext.pdf) (in German)

1.3.4 Semester Project

The Semester Project (8 ECTS) makes use of the technical knowledge acquired during the Master’s Program and is aimed at training the students in the solution of specific engineering problems. It corresponds to a workload of 240 hours (six weeks full time) and may be completed in part- or full-time.

The Semester Project is supervised by an ETH Zurich professor or an Adjunct Faculty Member of Robotics, Systems and Control and must be approved in advance by the tutor.
The supervisor proposes the subject of the project, supports the student in the preparation of the project plan, defines the road map together with the student and monitors the overall execution of the project.

Due to the interdisciplinary nature of this Master’s Program, it is strongly recommended that the Semester Project and the Master’s Thesis are carried out in two different departments or labs.

The student has to enroll for the Semester Project on myStudies. It is necessary to enter the details (start date and submission deadline, title) as agreed upon with the supervisor. After the confirmation by the supervisor and the tutor has been given, the project is registered definitely.

The Semester Project is concluded with a written report and a presentation.

The Director of Studies may approve an extension of the submission deadline if justified reasons are given.

Successfully completing the Semester Project is a pre-condition for beginning the Master’s Thesis. If the student does not pass the Semester Project, a new topic must be defined and undertaken.

### 1.3.5 Industrial Internship

The main objective of the 12-week internship is to expose Master’s students to the industrial work environment. The Industrial Internship may be undertaken in a Swiss or a foreign company or in a research lab outside Swiss higher education and research institutions. The choice of the internship requires the approval of the tutor.
The aim of the internship is to apply engineering knowledge (e.g. CAD, construction, mechanics, electronics, budgeting) to practical situations. An internship could involve:

- Product design
- Planning
- Internal research and development
- Machine and plant engineering
- Pre, post and running calculations
- Technical computations
- Construction - mechanical, electrical, mechatronic
- Organization and operational data processing
- Industrial safety, including the safety of machines and mechanisms
- Manufacturing
- Manufacturing planning
- Ecological investigation of products and procedures
- Production (only novel production procedures)

The internship may be completed before the student starts his Master studies or during the study program. The first option is recommended. Only internships that have been completed after achieving all required credit points for the Bachelor’s Program may be credited as Industrial Internship.

The internship can be split into two parts.

It is the student’s responsibility to find an eligible internship position. To help students in their search, potential companies that may offer internship positions are listed in the internship application under “Company directory”. Further positions are published on the ETH students’ portal and IAESTE Switzerland or on the web page of D-MAVT.

➢ [www.iaeste.ch](http://www.iaeste.ch)
➢ [www.mavt.ethz.ch/studies/notice-board.html](http://www.mavt.ethz.ch/studies/notice-board.html)

To acquire the 8 ECTS for the internship, the student must complete the following steps:

- Obtain an internship;
- Work in a company for at least twelve weeks;
• Receive a letter of confirmation from the company including the activities and tasks performed during the internship;
• Fill out all necessary information and upload the letter of confirmation through the internship application.
  ➔ www.mavt.ethz.ch/praxis

1.3.6 Master’s Thesis

The Master’s Thesis (30 ECTS) constitutes a six-month, full-time project, aimed at advancing the skills and capabilities of students to work independently and creatively towards the solution of an independent research problem.

In order to start the Master’s Thesis, students must:
• have obtained a Bachelor’s Degree;
• have fulfilled all additional requirements requested for the admission;
• have achieved the required credit points in the category “Core Courses”;
• have acquired the 8 credit points for the Semester Project;
• have submitted the final version of the Learning Agreement (through myStudies).

Nonetheless, it is recommended to only start the Master’s Thesis after achieving all required credit points for the courses.

The Master’s Thesis is either closely related to the research activity of the tutor or of an ETH Zurich professor or deals with a challenging topic faced by industry.

Due to the interdisciplinary nature of this Master’s Program, it is strongly recommended that the Semester Project and the Master’s Thesis are carried out in two different departments or labs.

The tutor approves the subject and the supervisor (professor at ETH Zurich or Adjunct Faculty Member of RSC) of the Master’s Thesis. The supervisor defines the roadmap together with the student, the milestones, deadlines, presentation, report, dates and the criteria for assessment, and is responsible for monitoring the structure and quality of the thesis.
The student has to register the Master’s Thesis on myStudies under the menu item Projects/papers/theses. It is necessary to enter the details (start date and submission deadline, title) as agreed upon with the supervisor, as well as uploading the project description. The submission deadline is calculated automatically by the system (28 weeks) and is binding.

After the confirmation of the supervisor and the tutor has been given, the thesis is registered definitely.

→ www.ethz.ch/applications/teaching/en/applications/mystudies/matriculation/registered_papers.html

If a Master’s Thesis is not successfully completed, a new topic must be defined.

The Director of Studies may approve an extension of the submission deadline if cogent reasons are given.

→ www.master-robotics.ethz.ch/curriculum.html

Any form of remuneration may not be agreed upon by students or institutions of ETH Zurich with third parties. Expenses, however, may be paid by third parties.

→ www.ethz.ch/weisungssammlung/bezahlung-schriftl-arbeiten-dritte.pdf
  (in German)

If secrecy between ETH Zurich and the industrial partner is required, it has to be specified in an arrangement between the responsible professor and the company. The ownership of the property laws has to be regulated for each particular case.

→ www.ethz.ch/services/de/service/rechtliches/dokumente.html (in German, Login needed)
2 Admission and application

The Master’s Degree Program in Robotics, Systems and Control has a strongly interdisciplinary nature and students can apply to the Program on the basis of a Bachelor’s Degree in:

- Mechanical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering and Information Technology
- Computer Science

Candidates for the Master's Program must present proof of basic knowledge, competences and very good study performances in technical and natural sciences which must in content, scope and quality be equivalent to those covered in the ETH Bachelor’s degree programmes of the disciplines Electrical Engineering and Information Technology, Computer Science and Mechanical Engineering. These skills are a minimum requirement and serve as a basis for the admission process.

⇒ www.ethz.ch/master-requirement-profiles

Admission is made by the admission committee of the Master's Program, based on an individual evaluation of the application file (evaluation sur dossier):

- Assessment of the profile;
- Performance and grades;
- Academic ranking;
- CV and motivation letter describing personal goals and motivation for studying for the Master's in Mechanical Engineering at ETH Zurich;
- Three preferred tutors and their order of preference;
- 3 letters of recommendation (except for ETH students);
- GRE Test;
- Any additional documents that may be relevant for the application, such as scientific or professional publications, awards, information about previous education, etc.;
- An English test (Level C1) for non-native speakers (TOEFL, IELTS or equivalent).

Students can be admitted with or without additional requirements, but they may be rejected as well. The Admissions Office will inform the students about the decision and in
case of the admission about the tutor assigned and the courses defined as additional requirements.

Students holding a degree from a Swiss University of Applied Sciences with good grades (more than 5.0) could be admitted with the precondition that they must take a minimum of 40 ECTS and up to a maximum 60 ECTS of additional courses.

Credit points acquired from courses from other degree programs at ETH Zurich may be recognized towards the Master’s Degree if these credit points have not yet been counted towards another degree.

It is not possible to recognize ECTS credit points obtained from previous study programs outside ETH Zurich.

2.1 Enrollment

Upon successful application, external students will receive a registration form enclosed with an admission letter and have to follow the instructions and deadline set in the admission letter.

⇒ www.ethz.ch/master-registration

Upon successful enrollment, students are matriculated and receive their access data for all web tools.

Students from ETH Zurich who have not yet finished a Bachelor’s Program must enroll for both the Bachelor’s Program and the Master’s Program.

⇒ www.mystudies.ethz.ch
3 Duration

The Master’s Program is designed as a full-time study program. The completion of 90 ECTS requires on average 3 semesters, the maximum duration of study is 3 years.

It is possible to start the Master’s Program either in spring or in autumn semester.

The maximum duration of study can be extended in case of admission with additional requirements.

Under special circumstances, the Rector may approve an extension of the study duration.

⇒ www.ethz.ch/students/en/studies/administrative/study-specific/study-terms.html

4 Language

Course units in the Master Robotics, Systems and Control and the corresponding performance assessments are normally conducted in English. The language used is listed in the Course Catalogue.

⇒ www.course-catalogue.ethz.ch
5 Performance Assessment

A performance assessment is required for all courses of the Master's Program Robotics, Systems and Control. The type of assessment is defined by the lecturer. For example, assessments can be made through exercises, projects, presentations or tests. The details are given in the Course Catalogue of ETH Zurich. Only one repetition is permitted. It is only possible to repeat a failed examination if the offering department of ETH Zurich or the respective university provides no other regulations for the repetition. A passed examination cannot be repeated.

⇒ www.course-catalogue.ethz.ch

5.1 Examinations

Information on the examination mode for every course can be found in the Course Catalogue in the category “Performance assessment“.

⇒ www.course-catalogue.ethz.ch

5.1.1 Session examinations

This form of performance assessment is carried out during the examination sessions, which are held twice a year: once in the winter session (calendar weeks 4-7) and once in the summer session (calendar weeks 32-35). These examinations are planned by the Examinations Office and are listed in the student's personal examination schedule, which is shown on myStudies.

The student must register for the session examinations during the third or fourth week of each semester.

⇒ www.mystudies.ethz.ch
⇒ www.ethz.ch/students/en/studies/performance-assessments.html
⇒ www.ethz.ch/students/en/news/academic-calendar.html

It is possible to withdraw from examinations via myStudies (otherwise, the examination will be considered as failed “no show”), according to the following deadlines:

- from the third week of the semester until Sunday at midnight (24:00 hours) one week before the start of the examination session.
There are performance assessments which are only offered in the session immediately after the course. These examinations are specified in the Course Catalogue by the following label: “Repetition only possible after re-enrolling for the course unit”.

5.1.2 End-of-semester examinations

This form of performance assessment is carried out during the last two weeks of a semester and during the first two weeks after the end of the semester. The examination dates are announced by the lecturer offering the course. These examinations are thus not shown in the examination schedule on myStudies. If it is possible to repeat a performance assessment without re-enrolling in a course, a repetition date, generally at the start of the following semester, is offered. The lecturer offering the course also announces these dates.

The student must register for the end-of-semester examinations during the third or fourth week of each semester.

- [www.mystudies.ethz.ch](http://www.mystudies.ethz.ch)
- [www.ethz.ch/students/en/studies/performance-assessments.html](http://www.ethz.ch/students/en/studies/performance-assessments.html)

It is possible to withdraw from examinations via myStudies (otherwise, the examination will be considered as failed “no show”), according to the following deadlines:

- from the third week of the semester to the penultimate week of the semester (Sunday at midnight, 24:00 hours).

For repetition, it is necessary to register through myStudies. This is only possible once the results are decreed.

5.1.3 Semester performance

This usually takes the form of integrated performance assessments during the semester or performance assessments, which take place outside of the normal semester schedule (e.g. block courses, theses, projects). Semester performances may be graded or ungraded. Students must enroll in the respective course.
5.2 Grading System

Courses can be assessed with "pass/fail" or with a grade.

ETH Zurich does not use the ECTS Grading Scheme. The grading scale goes from 1.0 to 6.0 in quarter grade (0.25) steps. The pass grade is 4.0, the maximum grade is 6.0.

If the student discontinues an exam or a project, the performance will be regarded as failed and will be marked with the term "no show".

→ www.ethz.ch/content/dam/ethz/main/education/rechtliches-abschluesse/grading.pdf

5.3 Credit points

The credit system of ETH Zurich is based on the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) and 1 ECTS corresponds to an average workload of 30 hours. 30 ECTS are equivalent to one semester of full-time study.

Credit points are assigned to each learning unit according to the expected student workload. Courses are indicated in the Course Catalogue with credit points as well as hours. In general, courses at Master's level at D-MAVT are 4 ECTS (3-4 hours a week).

Credit points are only awarded for successfully completed assessments. Partial awarding of credit points is not allowed.
6 Student Exchange

The Department of Mechanical and Process Engineering (D-MAVT) supports its students in pursuing an exchange semester. A period of stay as a mobility student at another university enriches the student’s experience and extends their horizons.

There are different opportunities for a semester abroad:

- Participation in an ETH Zurich exchange program.
- Self-organized stays abroad, e.g. participation in a research project (Semester Project or Master’s Thesis) or Industrial Internship.

The exchange programs are open only for students with an ETH Bachelor and with good academic performances, according to ETH directives.

Information about financial issues, travel costs, enrollment can be found on the webpages of ETH Zurich.

→ www.ethz.ch/students/en/studies/study-abroad.html

6.1 Participation in an ETH Zurich exchange program

Students who are interested in an exchange semester organized by ETH should review the materials available via the ETH Zurich Student Exchange Office, choose an appropriate program and university, complete the application form and adhere to the application deadline.

→ www.ethz.ch/student-exchange-office

D-MAVT Student Exchange supports the student in making a choice of university and preparing a study plan for the exchange semester.

→ www.mavt.ethz.ch/studies/exchange-and-visiting-studies.html

According to ETH Zurich regulations, at least two-thirds of the credit points required for a Master’s Degree must be obtained at ETH Zurich. D-MAVT requires that at least 12 credit points in the category Core Courses (36 ECTS) have to be achieved at ETH Zurich.
The Director of Studies is responsible for the recognition at ETH of the credit points achieved in an exchange semester. An agreement exists between some universities and ETH Zurich for the recognition of courses and credit points. The grades are translated in the ETH system, according to the table provided by the ETH Student Exchange Office. The courses, credit points and grades are included in the ETH transcript, according to the category approved by the tutor.

6.2 Self-organized stays abroad

A student can organize a period abroad, outside the ETH institutional partnerships and exchange programs for a research project or internship. For such projects, the student will not receive an official academic record from the hosting university. To be recognized by D-MAVT, the project has to be registered on myStudies under the supervising professor, who is responsible for the grading.

7 Climate-KIC Master Label Program

Climate-KIC and ETH Zürich offer the opportunity to develop cleantech innovations in cooperation with different European universities (e.g. TU Delft, University of Copenhagen) and corporate partners. Within the Climate-KIC Master Label Program, students develop the skills necessary to commercialize their cleantech driven business ideas. Students will explore how cutting-edge science is being transformed into new products and services. They will also examine different market drivers of climate innovation, and have the chance to start their own business.

⇒ www.master-robotics.ethz.ch/climate-kic-label.html

The Climate-KIC certificate is obtained by meeting the following requirements in addition and during the Master’s Program:

1. Participation in the Climate-KIC Journey;
   ⇒ https://journey.climate-kic.org/
2. Attendance of complementary courses in climate science or entrepreneurship worth 8 ECTS;
3. 6 months of your Master’s Program spent outside of ETH Zurich, e.g. by doing an exchange semester, an internship or thesis research;
4. Participation in at least 5 Spark! events, Climate-KIC’s series of inspirational lectures, talks, workshops or site visits;
5. A Master’s Thesis on a topic related to climate change and entrepreneurship.

The application, selection and admission are coordinated by the Climate-KIC Education Manager.

Education Manager, Liaison Climate-KIC / ETH
Dr. Carole Rapo
Limmatstrasse 264, 8005 Zürich
Phone: +41 44 632 89 50, email: carole.rapo@community.climate-kic.org
8 Master’s Degree

To request the Master's Degree, following prerequisites must be fulfilled:

- All credit points from the six categories have been obtained;
- The list of courses in the category Core Courses and Multidisciplinary Courses corresponds with the Learning Agreement approved by the tutor;
- Classification of possible additional courses into the Final Academic Record and Addendum;
- The diploma request takes place within three years of beginning the Master's Program and must be printed, signed and submitted to the D-MAVT Student Administration.

When these prerequisites have all been completed, the Master's Degree will be conferred and the student may assume the title of:

**Master of Science ETH in Robotics, Systems and Control**

The shorter form *MSc ETH RSC* may be used.

Students may have 100 ECTS recognized for the Master's Degree, of which a maximum of 4 ECTS may be earned in the category “Science in Perspective”. At the student’s request, additionally obtained credit points from the Core Courses of ETH may be listed on the addendum of the final academic record (Addendum Master’s Degree – Academic Record Translation).

The Overall Grade Point Average of the Master’s Degree is composed of the weighted grade point average of the following categories:

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The average of the Core Courses is weighted according to the credit points of each course.
All performance assessments appear on the academic record. Failed performances that have not been successfully repeated are listed on the addendum.

The students receive a German and an English transcript, a ranking information, a diploma supplement and an official diploma in either German, French or Italian.

Outstanding students with an overall average grade of 5.75 (or higher) will be awarded with the title “passed with distinction”. This title will be specified on the diploma and the transcript.
9 MyStudies

"MyStudies" is the central application for all students to administrate their studies. The myStudies application is available to active ETH Zurich students, using the “nethz” (username) and password. The username and password will be assigned by the Registrar’s Office once the complete enrollment documents have been received by ETH Zurich.

⇒ www.myStudies.ch

The most important activities on myStudies include:

- Enroll for the new semester
- Submit the Learning Agreement
- Register for courses, projects and theses
- Register for examinations
- See the Transcript of Records
- Request to issue the Degree certificate

⇒ www.ethz.ch/students/en/studies/academic-support/web-based-platforms/mystudies.html
10 Plagiarism

It is the responsibility of the student to be aware of the handling of scientific knowledge and the potential consequences of violating the rules.

A signed Declaration of Originality is a component of every Master’s Thesis and Semester Project. By signing the Declaration of Originality, students attest that they have authored the work in question themselves; read the ‘Citation Etiquette’ information sheet on plagiarism; and adhered to the rules of citation standard in their disciplines.

⇒ www.ethz.ch/plagiarism

11 Code of Conduct

The Department of Mechanical and Process Engineering ensures that the environment is respectful and professional for ALL of our members including professors, students, research, administrative and technical staff, and lecturers.

We treat everyone with the same respect with which we expect to be treated. We behave and present ourselves professionally at all times.

Our environment is:

- one of mutual respect
- free from threats and violence
- free from sexual harassment
- free from discrimination
- free from bullying and mobbing

⇒ www.mavt.ethz.ch/the-department/code-of-conduct.html
12 Correct usage of Telematics Resources (“BOT’’)

Each student is personally responsible for ensuring that her/his use of Telematics Resources at ETH Zurich does not violate the provisions of the Acceptable Use Policy as well as ensuring a secure data management.

Acceptable Use Policy:

⇒ www.ethz.ch/content/dam/ethz/associates/services/Service/rechtliches/bot_merkblatt_fuer_studierende_en_0314.pdf

Manage your data:

⇒ www.itsecurity.ethz.ch/en/#/manage_your_data

safeIT – Awareness program:

⇒ www.ethz.ch/services/en/it-services/safeit.html
13  Student Services

13.1  Immigration and housing

The International Student Support provides information on practical matters such as immigration, residency, health care, etc.:

International Student Support
HG F 22.3
international@rektorat.ethz.ch
→ www.ethz.ch/international-students

13.2  Financial

13.2.1  Tuition fees

The tuition fees and semester fees of ETH are CHF 580.00/semester plus CHF 64.00/semester compulsory fees.


It is estimated that students spend CHF 16,000 to 26,000 on study and living costs each year.

The tuition fee does not apply for students taking a leave of absence semester. With enrollment for individual courses during the leave of absence, 50 CHF is charged for each semester hour up to a maximum of the tuition fee for a full semester (580 CHF). However, the compulsory semester fees must be paid.

13.2.2 Scholarships

ETH Zurich can offer a scholarship to students if they and their family cannot afford this funding, provided that the students can demonstrate that they are making adequate progress with their studies.

⇒ www.ethz.ch/scholarships

Excellence Scholarship

ETH Zurich supports excellent students wishing to pursue a Master’s Degree at ETH with a scholarship.

⇒ www.ethz.ch/excellence-scholarships-en

Markus Meier Fund

D-MAVT has special funds for students who have completed studies at a Swiss university or at a University of Applied Science.

⇒ www.mavt.ethz.ch/studies/markus-meier-fund.html
14 Useful information about ETH Zurich

14.1 Contacts D-MAVT

D-MAVT Student Administration
LEE K 208
Leonhardstrasse 21, 8092 Zurich
Phone: +41 44 632 24 57 or +41 44 632 43 92, email: info@mavt.ethz.ch
⇒ www.mavt.ethz.ch

Opening hours (or by appointment)
During the semester: During the semester break:
Mon: 13:00 – 16:00 Mon: closed
Tue: 09:00 – 13:00 Tue: 09:00 – 12:00
Wed: 09:00 – 12:00 Wed: closed
Thu: 13:00 – 16:00 Thu: 13:00 – 16:00
Fri: 09:00 – 12:00 Fri: 09:00 – 12:00

D-MAVT Student Exchange
Ji Hyun Lee
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Leonhardstrasse 21, 8092 Zurich
Phone: +41 44 632 59 24, email: mobility@mavt.ethz.ch
⇒ www.mavt.ethz.ch/studies/exchange-and-visiting-studies.html

Opening hours:
Mon-Thu 9:00 – 12:00

14.2 Contacts ETH

Admissions Office
ETH Zurich, Main Building, HG F 21.2-5
Opening hours for Master students: Mon – Fri: 11:00 - 13:00
Phone: +41 44 632 81 00, email: master@ethz.ch
Registrar's Office
Registration, enrollment, semester on leave of absence
ETH Zurich, Main Building, HG F 19
Opening hours: Mon – Fri: 11:00 - 13:00
Phone: +41 44 632 30 00, Fax: +41 44 632 10 61, email: registrar@ethz.ch

Examinations Office
ETH Zurich, Main Building, HG F 18
Opening hours: Mon – Fri: 11:00 – 13:00 or as arranged by phone
Phone: +41 44 632 20 68, email: exam@ethz.ch

International Student Support
ETH Zurich, Main Building, HG F 22.3
Phone: +41 44 632 20 95, email: international@sts.ethz.ch

Financial Aid Office
ETH Zurich, Main Building, HG F 22.1
Phone: +41 44 632 20 40, email: studienfinanzierung@sts.ethz.ch

Disability Advisory Service
ETH Zurich, Main Building, HG F 68.3
Phone: +44 632 35 92, email: karin.zuest@sts.ethz.ch

ETH Zurich Ombudsmann
Confidential qualified help in case of serious difficulties, conflicts and personal crises
⇒ www.ethz.ch/ombudspersons

Psychological Counseling University Zurich and ETH Zurich
Phone: +41 44 634 22 80, email: pbs@ad.uzh.ch
⇒ www.pbs.uzh.ch/index_en.html
14.3 Weblinks

Internal Phone Directory of ETH Zurich
   ➔ www.ethz.ch/person-search

AMIV (Academic Association of Mechanical and Electrical Engineers, ETH)
   ➔ www.amiv.ethz.ch

Woko Studentische Wohngenossenschaft (Home for Students)
   ➔ www.woko.ch

Housing Office of University Zurich / ETH Zurich
   ➔ www.wohnen.ethz.ch/en

Nightline Zürich
   ➔ www.nightline.ch

SOSETH
   ➔ https://sos.ethz.ch/

14.4 ETH Zurich in short

Consistently rated among the top universities in Europe, ETH Zurich is a leading participant in the world of research and education in Switzerland and abroad. Its 16 departments offer Bachelor, Master and Doctoral Programs in engineering and natural sciences.

ETH Zurich has more than 20,000 students from approximately 120 countries, 4,000 of whom are doctoral candidates. About 530 professors teach and conduct research in the areas of engineering, architecture, mathematics, natural sciences, system-oriented sciences, and management and social sciences.

21 Nobel Laureates have studied, taught or conducted research at ETH Zurich, underlining the excellent reputation of the institute; the most famous graduate of ETH Zurich was none other than Albert Einstein.
The international environment – close to 60% of the professors come from outside of Switzerland – and the excellent teaching and research infrastructure make ETH Zurich the ideal place for creative individuals. Connections with businesses and industries are strong, as the Greater Zurich Area is the economic center of Switzerland and home to numerous international companies.

ETH Zurich has two principal locations: one in the center of Zurich and the Science City campus at Hönggerberg, just outside the city. Students participating in the Master’s Program in D-MAVT spend most of their time at the central campus.

⇒ www.ethz.ch/en/campus.html
14.5 Zurich – the city

Zurich is well-known as a safe and attractive city – indeed, for several consecutive years it has been ranked as having the highest quality of life in the world. Despite its relatively small size (380,000 inhabitants), the city has an international metropolitan flair and offers an extensive range of leisure amenities.

While Berne is Switzerland’s political capital, Zurich is considered its business capital: formerly an industrial town, the city’s focus has shifted to commerce and knowledge-intensive enterprise.

With its theatres, concert halls, museums, art galleries, libraries, bookshops, and educational institutions at all levels, Zurich is also a center of cultural importance. Its location on Lake Zurich and its proximity to the Alps and other places of scenic interest make Zurich a pleasant place to live in both summer and winter.

Zurich has excellent air, rail and road connections. Eurocity and Intercity trains from all directions stop at the central station. Within the metropolitan area, there is a combined network of public transportation, linking rapid suburban rail, trams, buses and boats.
14.6 Maps and Directories

City map of Zurich

➤ www.maps.stadt-zuerich.ch

ETH Building Maps

Location of D-MAVT and ETH Main Building

➤ www.mavt.ethz.ch/the-department/locations.html
Location of D-ITET

⇒ www.ee.ethz.ch
Location of D-INFK

➔ www.inf.ethz.ch