

## Do I need a Swiss Student Visa?

Countries subject to a visa to travel to Switzerland such as:

India, China, Turkey, Russia, Thailand, Indonesia, Iran, Lebanon Vietnam etc.

Countries not subject to a visa to travel to Switzerland such as:

United States, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Israel, Singapore, Europe's Schengen area, the European Union and the European Free Trade Association (EFTA)



Non-exhaustive list of countries, find all the information related to your country here:

[https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/publiservice/weisungen-kreisschreiben/visa/liste1\\_staatsangehoerigkeit.html](https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/publiservice/weisungen-kreisschreiben/visa/liste1_staatsangehoerigkeit.html)



To get enrolled into a Canvas program:

You will need to follow the procedure to request a student visa, independently of the stay's length (2, 3 or 10 months)

If you are not a member of the Schengen area:

For the 2- and 3-months programs you will only need a valid passport and you ask for a travel visa.

For the 10 months program, you will need to follow the procedure to request a student visa.

If you are a member of the Schengen area and few other countries:

For any of our programs you will only need a valid passport.

## If I need it, how I get the swiss student visa?

For an applicant subjects to the visa requirement, it is imperative to apply to the visa from abroad via the swiss consulate of your country. The applicant must have a swiss visa before traveling to Switzerland.

To apply for the visa, the candidate must fulfill certain conditions, including:

- Clearly indicate the program of study you have chosen, the expected duration and the degree you wish to obtain
- Age and previous academic curriculum of the candidate must be compatible with the choice of studies
- Have sufficient financial means to cover the needs during the stay, at least CHF 2100.- per month
- The full amount of the tuition fees must be paid to Canvas before the application to the visa.

Be careful: We do not accept payment via agencies or on any other account not related to Canvas School of Arts

The fulfillment of the above conditions does not automatically justify the granting of the visa. In any case, the competent federal and cantonal authorities have the final word regarding the visa obtention.

After trying all the possible administrative procedures, in case of the non-allowance of the visa, only administrative costs, including possible extra costs related to the follow-up of the visa application, from the registration procedure must be kept by Canvas, the rest will be refunded.

**To ensure that you will receive the visa, you must submit your complete visa application [as soon as you receive your acceptance letter from Canvas.](#)** All required documents for the swiss student visa obtention must be submitted to the swiss authorities through the swiss consulate of your country.

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### All information of visa is available on the following website:

Application for Temporary resident permit for study purposes in ths Canton of Vaud:

[https://www.vd.ch/fileadmin/user\\_upload/themes/vie\\_privée/permis\\_sejours/fichiers\\_pdf/CL\\_Etudiants\\_Anglais.pdf](https://www.vd.ch/fileadmin/user_upload/themes/vie_privée/permis_sejours/fichiers_pdf/CL_Etudiants_Anglais.pdf)

Application for Schengen Visa:

<https://www.sem.admin.ch/content/dam/data/sem/einreise/visumantragsformulare/visumantrag-schen-fr-en.pdf>

More information below:

[https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/themen/einreise/merkblatt\\_einreise.html](https://www.sem.admin.ch/sem/en/home/themen/einreise/merkblatt_einreise.html)

Who needs a visa to come to Switzerland and how long can a stay? Swissinfo

If you're from one of nearly 40 nations, you probably don't need a visa at all.

<https://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/entry-exit/29014704>

<https://www.sem.admin.ch/content/dam/data/sem/rechtsgrundlagen/weisungen/visa/bfm/bfm-anh01-liste1-e.pdf>

In case of any question, contact us at [apply@canvas.ch](mailto:apply@canvas.ch)