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Zürich <sup>UZH</sup>

Faculty of Business, Economics and Informatics



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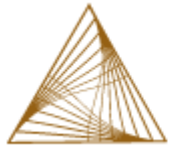
MSc Quantitative Finance

Master Welcome Day 2024

13 September 2024



# Who are we?



**ZQFA**

Zurich Quantitative Finance Alumni

- Non-profit alumni club aiming to enhance knowledge exchange between active students and alumni
- Open for all alumni and current students of the MSc Quantitative Finance (resp. MAS in Finance)
- The club acts in the interest of its members and aims to strengthen the reputation and impact of our program







## What we offer

- **Regular casual meetings** for students and alumni, in Zurich
- **Job board** where companies and alumni post opportunities, exclusively available to members of ZQFA
- **Talks** held by invited industry experts and academic researchers
- Database of all **ZQFA members**



# How does one get involved?

- **Become a member** on our website. It's free!
- Attend informal events to meet and connect with alumni
- Upload job vacancies





# Official Information - online

**Official Websites:** plenty of valuable information (generally)

- **Faculty** (program regulations, news, study program, deadlines, student support): [oec.uzh.ch](https://oec.uzh.ch)
- **Program:** [qf.uzh](https://qf.uzh)
- **Departments** (course information, publications, professor / assistant contacts): [econ.uzh.ch](https://econ.uzh.ch), [business.uzh.ch](https://business.uzh.ch), [df.uzh.ch](https://df.uzh.ch), [ifi.uzh.ch](https://ifi.uzh.ch), [eth math](https://eth.math), [eth cs](https://eth.cs)
- **Students Administration «Kanzlei»** (module booking, semester enrollment, address): [students.uzh.ch](https://students.uzh.ch)

## Boring but important

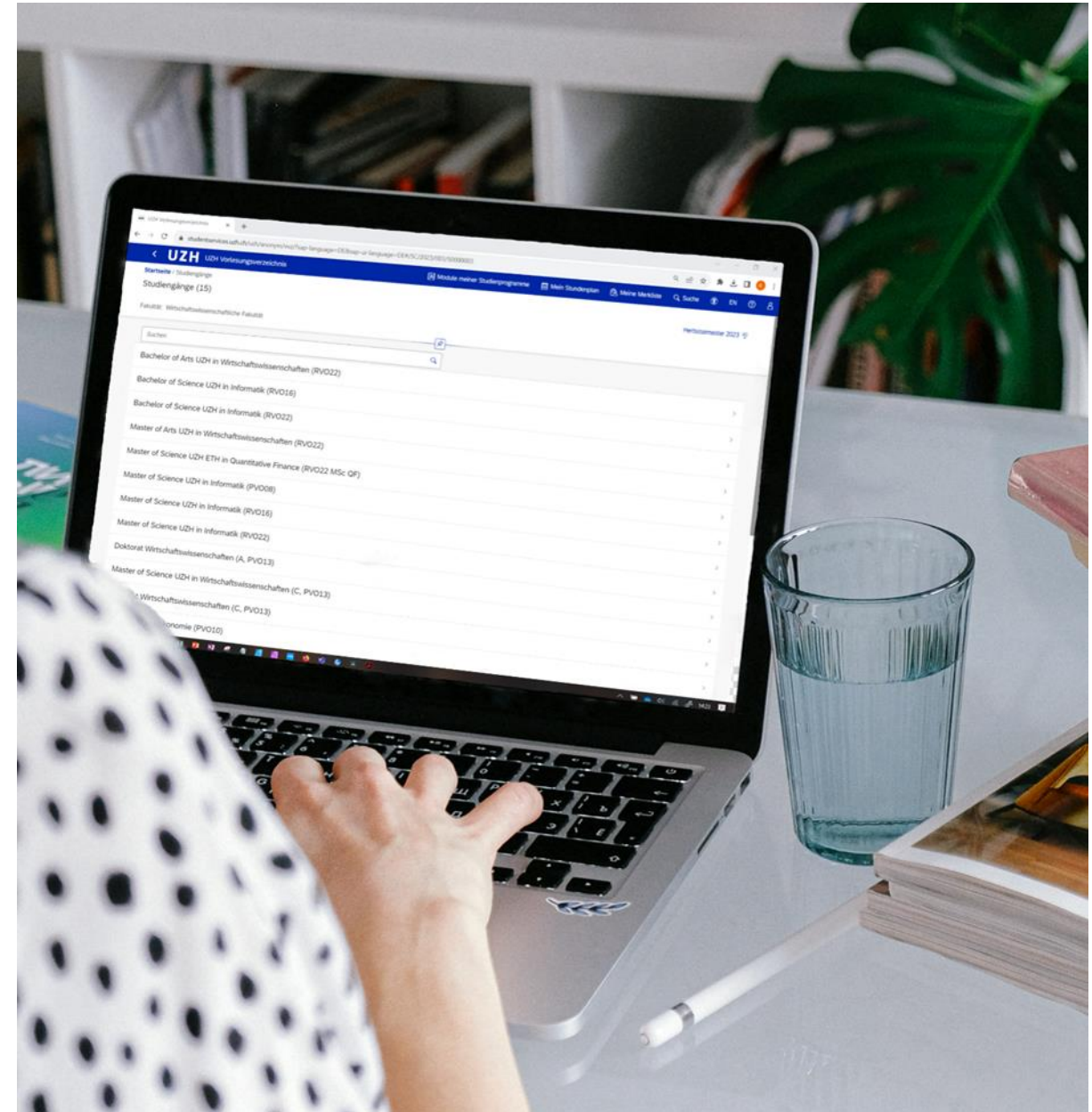
- Print and read the **program regulations** available [here](#)



# How to plan your studies?

## Course catalogues:

- [UZH catalogue](#)
- [ETH catalogue](#)





# Students help students...

## «Unofficial» information

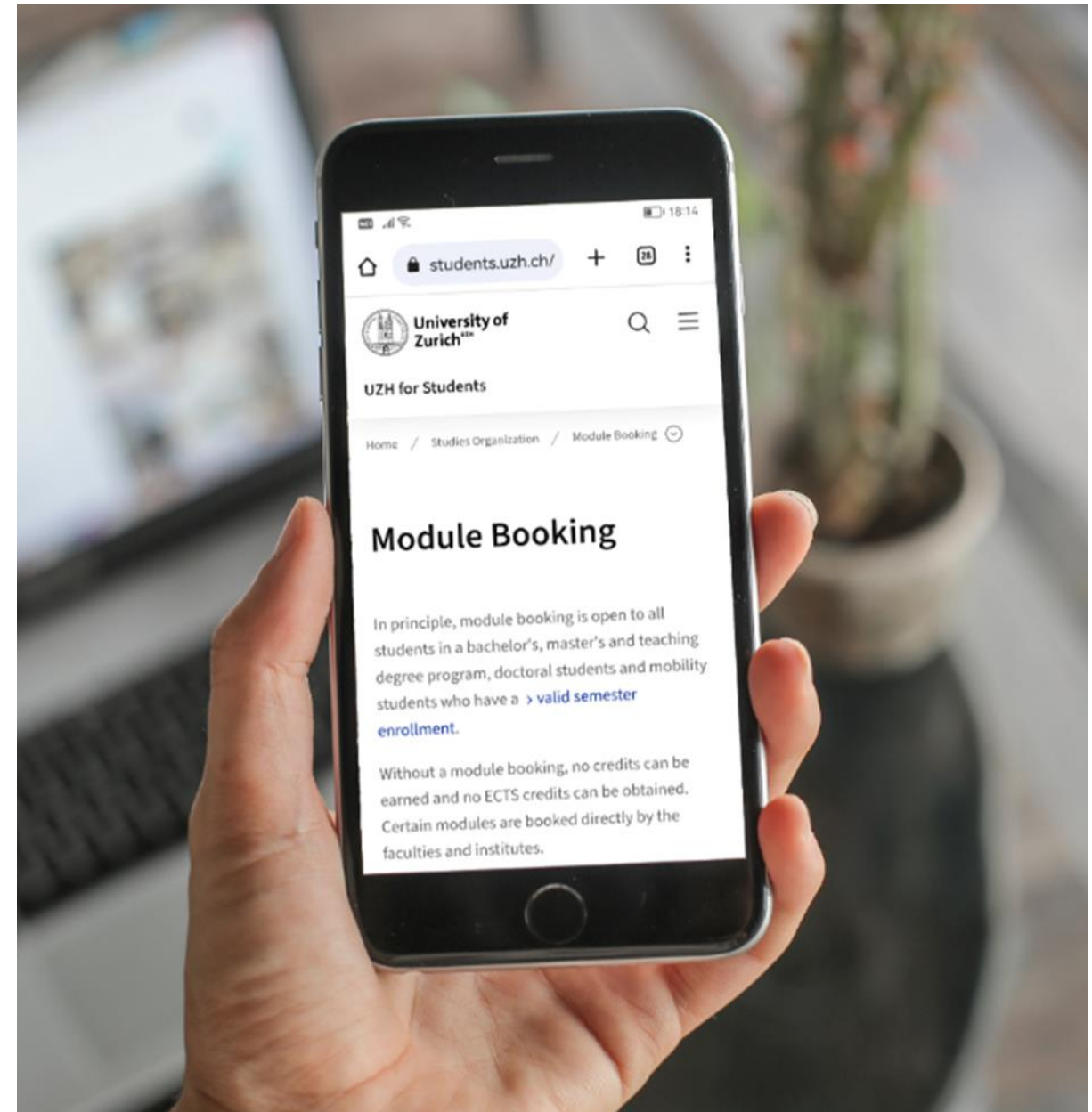
- **Uniboard** (largest University forum with answers in minutes)
- **Fachverein Oekonomie** (fvoec) (student representatives, event portfolio, informal info)
- **Fachverein Informatik** (ICU) (official student representatives, file/experience exchange, informal information online)
- **Finance Club** (looking for a free lunch & a new job?)
- **Business Club** (get to know companies and have a beer)
- **JobEye** or **CareerServices** (new jobs – no lunch though)



# Pitfalls & how to avoid them (1/4)

## Deadlines are deadlines!

- **Module booking:** Be on time for booking your courses.
  - **UZH:** until 8 October 2024, 24:00
  - **ETH:** until 13 October 2024 (application deadline of examinations)
- **Exam registration:**
  - **UZH:** module booking is registration for the exam and binding!
  - **ETH:** module booking is registration for the course, one can deregister from an exam before the given deadline. Deadlines are reminded in MyStudies, usually by email.





## Pitfalls & how to avoid them (2/4)

### Fulfilling program requirements:

- Start early in setting up a «master plan», begin with mandatory courses

### Repetition of Modules:

- The Master's thesis is considered a compulsory module.
- A failed compulsory module may be repeated once. Substitution is not permitted.
- A failed core elective or elective module may be repeated once or substituted, provided the maximum number of permitted failed attempts has not been exceeded and the module is still being offered.
- A maximum of six failed attempts at passing core elective or elective modules may be made.
- Don't take too many courses at first and be aware: some courses have high failing rates (ask tutor/peers)





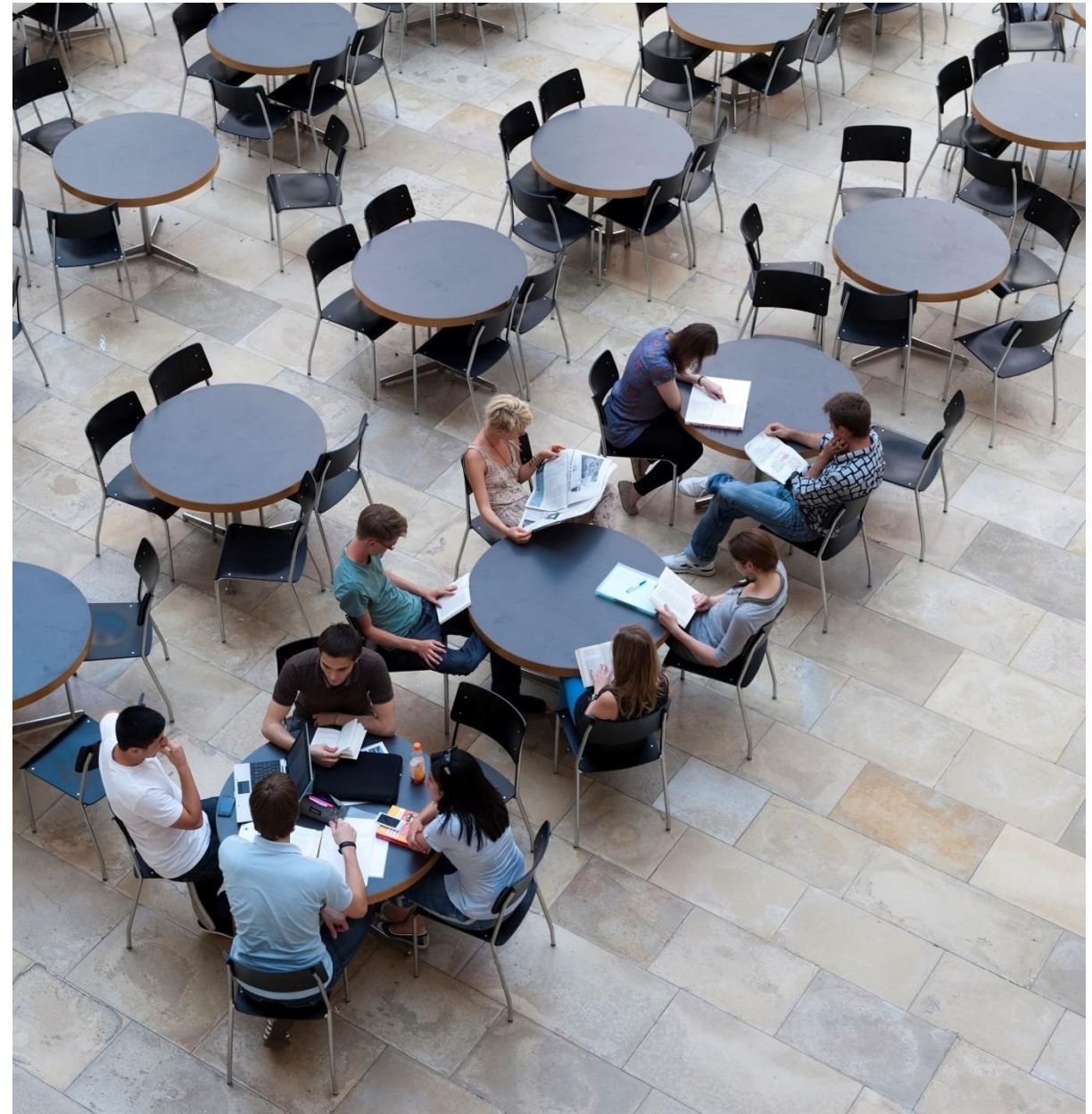
# Pitfalls & how to avoid them (3/4)

**Number of seminars: max. 2 seminars** may be attended

- **Register early!** Good seminars are often popular at UZH. Information about the seminars can be found on the program website.

**Courses outside curriculum:** at most 15 ECTS can come from courses not included in the curriculum

- Petition for that has to be submitted
- Similar programs (ETH Stats Master, UZH Econ, ETH Math, ...) offer courses on related subjects which may not be included in our curriculum. Check course catalogue of [ETH](#) and [UZH](#).
- The number of seats of courses outside the curriculum is often limited (e.g. ML/AI at CS ETH). Register early!





## Pitfalls & how to avoid them (4/4)

**Exchange semester:** an exchange semester is usually difficult to organise and get approval for inside the regulations (e.g. 15 ETCS from courses outside the curriculum).

- An exchange program at a partner university of ETH is generally not possible unless you hold a Bachelor's degree from ETH.
- An exchange program at a partner university of UZH is possible, although finding courses that match the QF program might be hard.
- Information event see website: [exchange semester](#)

**Thesis:** one of three options is commonly pursued for the 6-month thesis

- At UZH/ETH
- In a company in Switzerland or abroad
- At another university

In any case, the thesis is (co)supervised by a UZH/ETH professor.







## Technical Advice (1/5)

### Digital identification

- [Identity UZH](#)
- [Identity ETH](#)
- Organize and set-up your accounts / passwords: e-mail, VPN [ETH](#) and [UZH](#), shortnames, WLAN, etc.

### Printing at ETH and UZH

- ETH: follow instructions [here](#)
- UZH: follow instructions [here](#)
- Many printers around the campus

## Technical Advice (2/5)

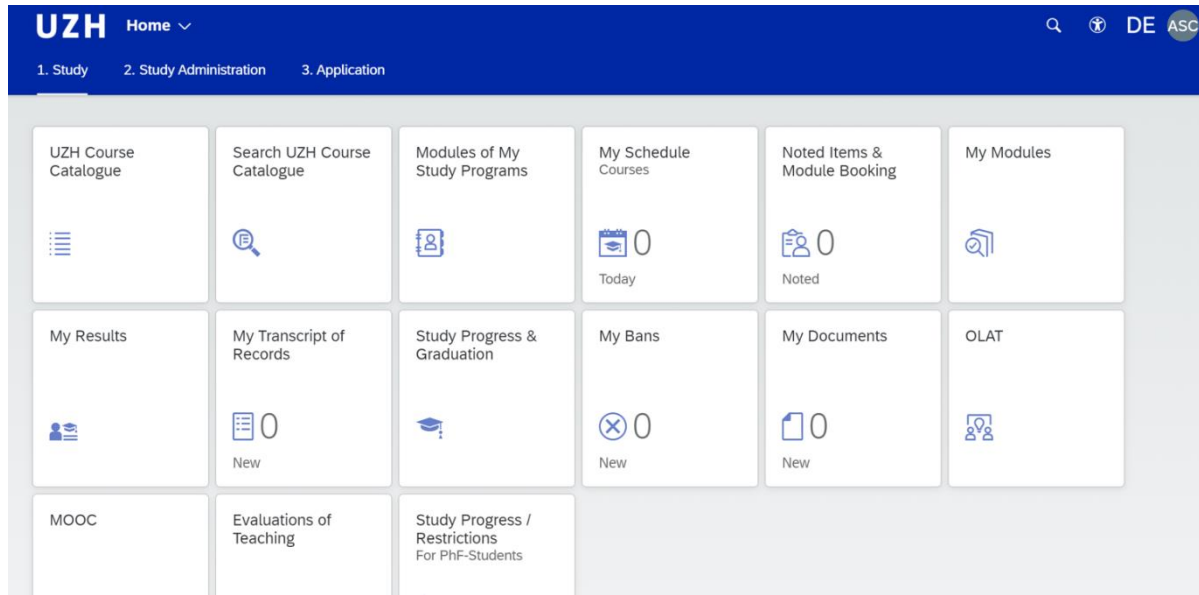
### Webmail

- E-mail UZH
- E-mail ETH
- Official e-mail address format:  
*name.surname@uzh.ch (UZH)*  
*username@students.ethz.ch (ETH)*
- Check regularly: events, exams, internship offers
- Setting up identity and e-mail for two institutions is cumbersome at first... but the guides help!



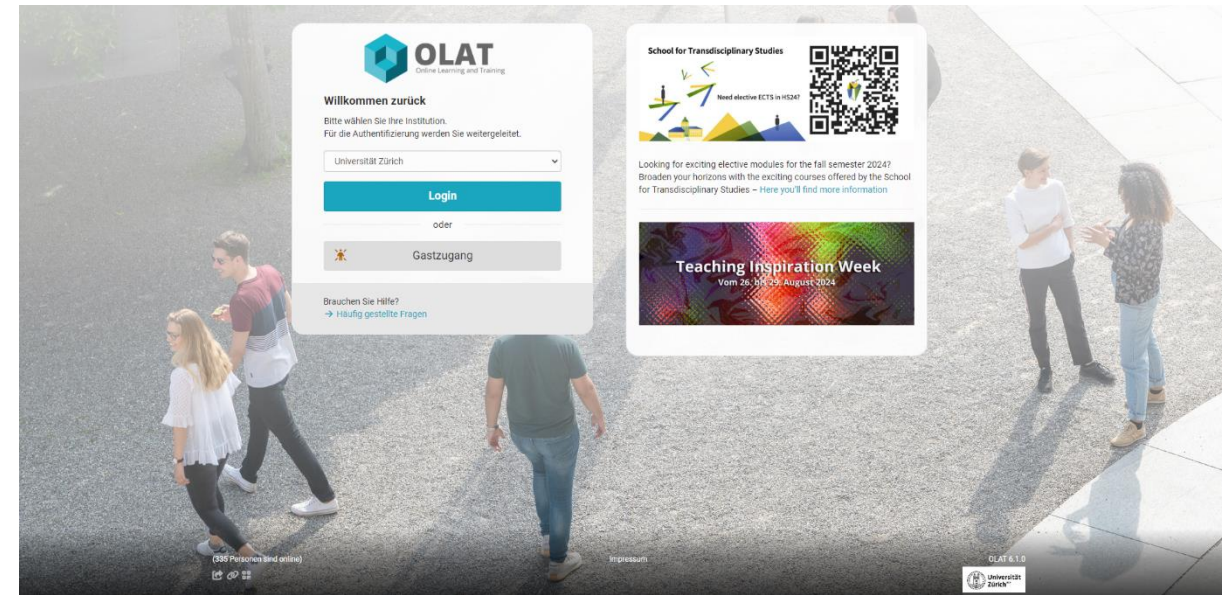


# Technical Advice (3/5)



## Launchpad

— Available [here](#)



## OLAT

- OLAT UZH (Official Learning Management System)
- Used by most lecturers to provide course material, information, forum, enrolling
- **OLAT  $\neq$  module booking!**
- **Beware:** UZH course registrations serve as exam enrollment, whereas they are separate at ETH



## Technical Advice (4/5)

### WLAN

- WLAN UZH
- University campus: Use “UZH” with your credentials
- ETH buildings: Use “eth” with your ETH credentials
- “eduroam” available as well, see example below

E.g. with ETH credentials:

Login: username@student-net.ethz.ch

Password: VPN/WIFI password





## Technical Advice (5/5)

### IT Services

- [UZH services](#)
- [ETH services](#)
- Free software licences: MATLAB, Microsoft 365, Adobe...
- Online storage space (ETH polybox)
- Help with IT problems



# Workstations & Databases (1/2)

## Learning Places

- Several hundred learning places distributed all over ETH and UZH
- Some ideas: UZH Law library, UZH Careum, ETH Math library, ETH Zweinstein,...

## Journals

- Access to large databases of academic journals (JSTOR, ScienceDirect, LexisNexis, ...) via VPN (ETH, UZH) or on both campuses

## Workstations

- UZH
- ETH





# Workstations & Databases (2/2)

Main libraries of ETH & UZH: [ETH & UZH BF](#)

D-Math library (MathBib ETH): [MathBib](#)

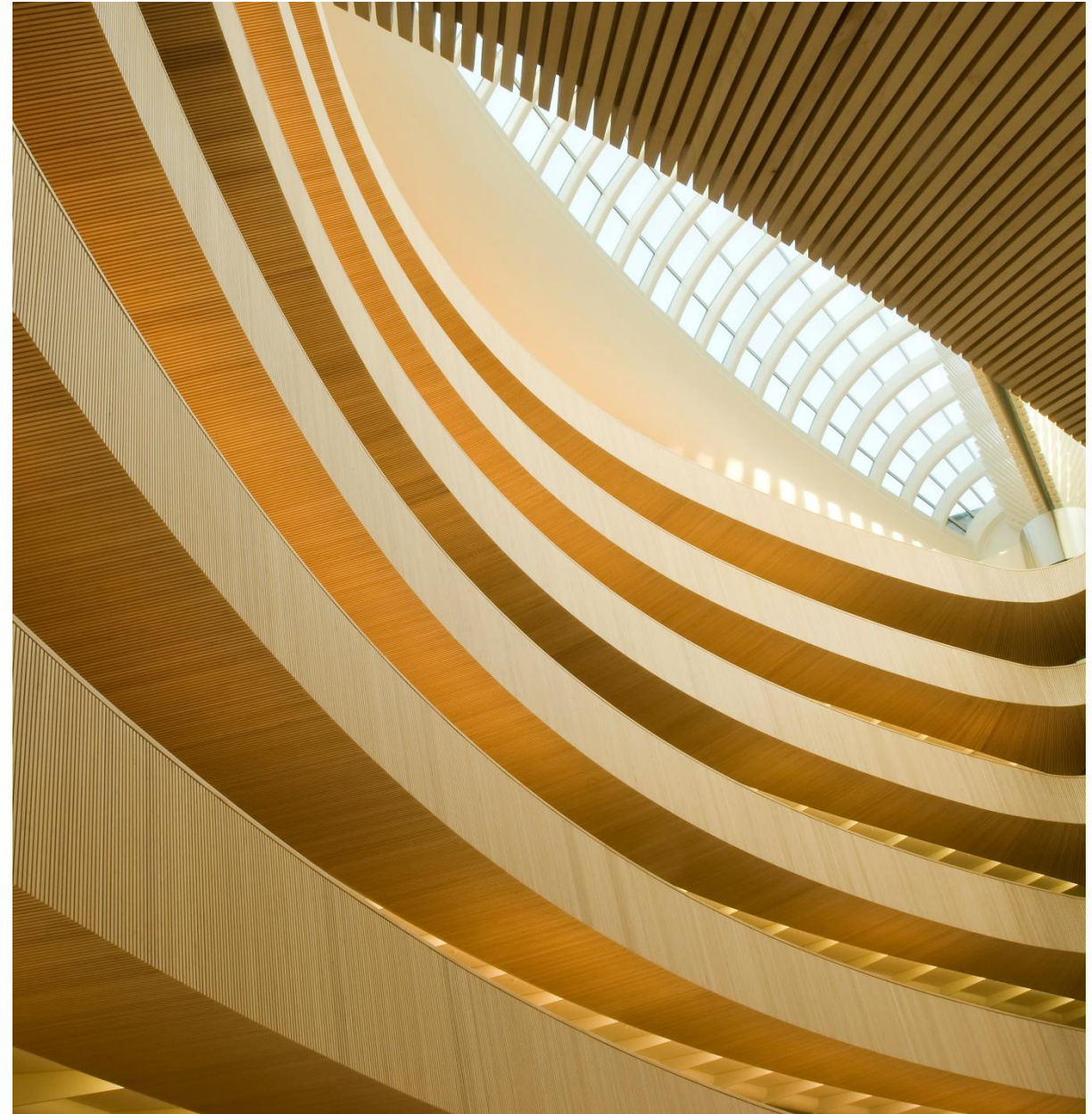
[swisscovery](#): online borrowing portal (>30 mil. books, journals, etc.)

**Market Data:** [details](#)

— **Bloomberg / Thomson Reuters / Datastream** terminals available in UZH's Business Administration Library

**Library Courses:**

— The central ETH Library ([Zentralbibliothek](#)) offers literature research courses (no credits awarded though)





## Mensas & Cafeterias

**Student discounts** apply at all ETH & UZH mensas / cafeterias by presenting your UZH student card: [ETH mensa](#) & [UZH mensa](#)

### **ETH mobile app**

Read ETH News, find the right building, check on the events calendar which public events are taking place at ETH Zurich, compare what's on the menu in various cafeterias and find contact details for all staff.

### **UZH now**

The app shows you your next lectures or appointments, what's for lunch in the different cafeterias, public transport schedules, interactive site maps, telephone numbers as well as the latest stories and public events at UZH.

The app also doubles as your ASVZ access authorization!



# Sports



## ASVZ

- [Link](#) to their website
- Tremendous amount of sports, offered in the best facilities: > **80 sports**, ~ **600 courses** per week
- Accessible with the ASVZ app





# Languages

## Language Center of UZH & ETH Zurich

- [Link](#) to their website
- Broad range of language courses (e.g. Arabic, Greek, German, Swedish)
- For all students, exchange students, holders of Swiss Federal Government scholarships, doctoral students, researchers, teachers and staff of the University and the ETH Zurich
- Low student prices (**CHF 80 – 100** / course)

Registration possible  
until 20 September 2024



# Student Engagement

- Your official representatives: [fvoec](#) & [ICUZH](#)
- Weekly business “**Brown Bag Lunches**”, subscribe on mailing list at [Finance Club UZH](#)
- More networking events organised by [Business Club UZH](#)
- **Zurich Quantitative Finance Alumni** (zqfa)
- **ETH Analytics Club** (hosting a quant finance section)
- **AIESEC** International Internships
- **Uniboard** (largest unofficial UZH board)
- **ETH Entrepreneur Club**
- **VMP** (Students’ of Maths & Physics at ETH association)
- **VSUZH** & **VSETH** (Students’ parliaments)
- More student life & organisation info available [here](#)



# For international Students

## Health Insurance information

- Mandatory to take out within 3 months, or to apply for exemption
- Exemption for (most) holders of European Health Insurance Card
- Affordable student plans:  
Swisscare (common choice)  
Academic Care, Student Care



## Housing

- Check: UZH housing database & ETH housing office
- WOKO offers affordable accommodation for students (apply as early as 6 months prior)
- Comparis flat search aggregates multiple platforms

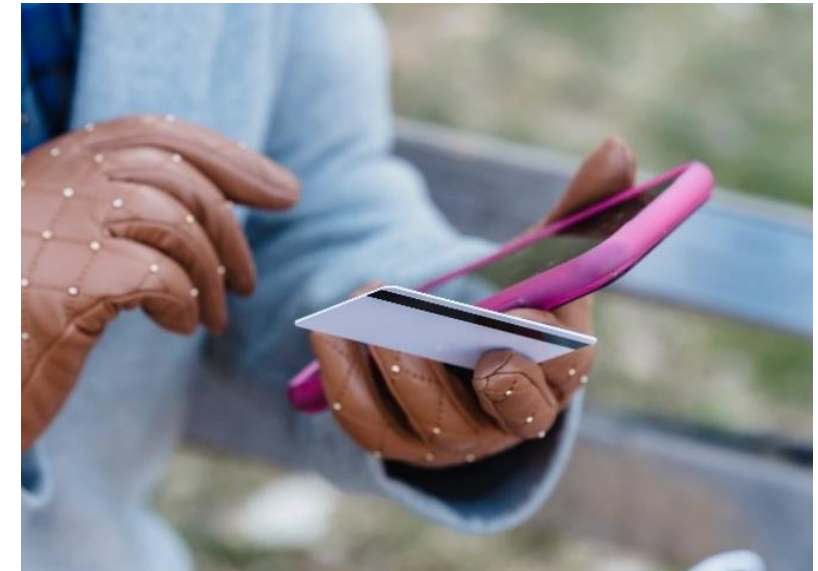


## Mobile Data Plan providers

- Check out Comparis mobile phone comparison

## Bank & Giro transfers

- Postfinance is particularly cheap
- ZKB & UBS have interesting student offerings







# Finding your way around

## Shuttle Bus “ETH eLink”

- Runs every 20 min. Mon – Fri between Hönggerberg and Zentrum campus
- Free of charge for ETH members upon presenting student card

## Cycling: details

- ETH provides parking spaces, stations, bike pumps and tools free of charge
- Great yearly bundle with PubliBike for ETH students (electric bikes available)
- Velo Box on the Hönggerberg campus

## Further Information

- Zurich mobility website
- ZVV and SBB journey planners



# Having troubles?

## Dean's Office

- Contact the Dean's Office (after reading the regulations 😊) **by e-mail or telephone.**

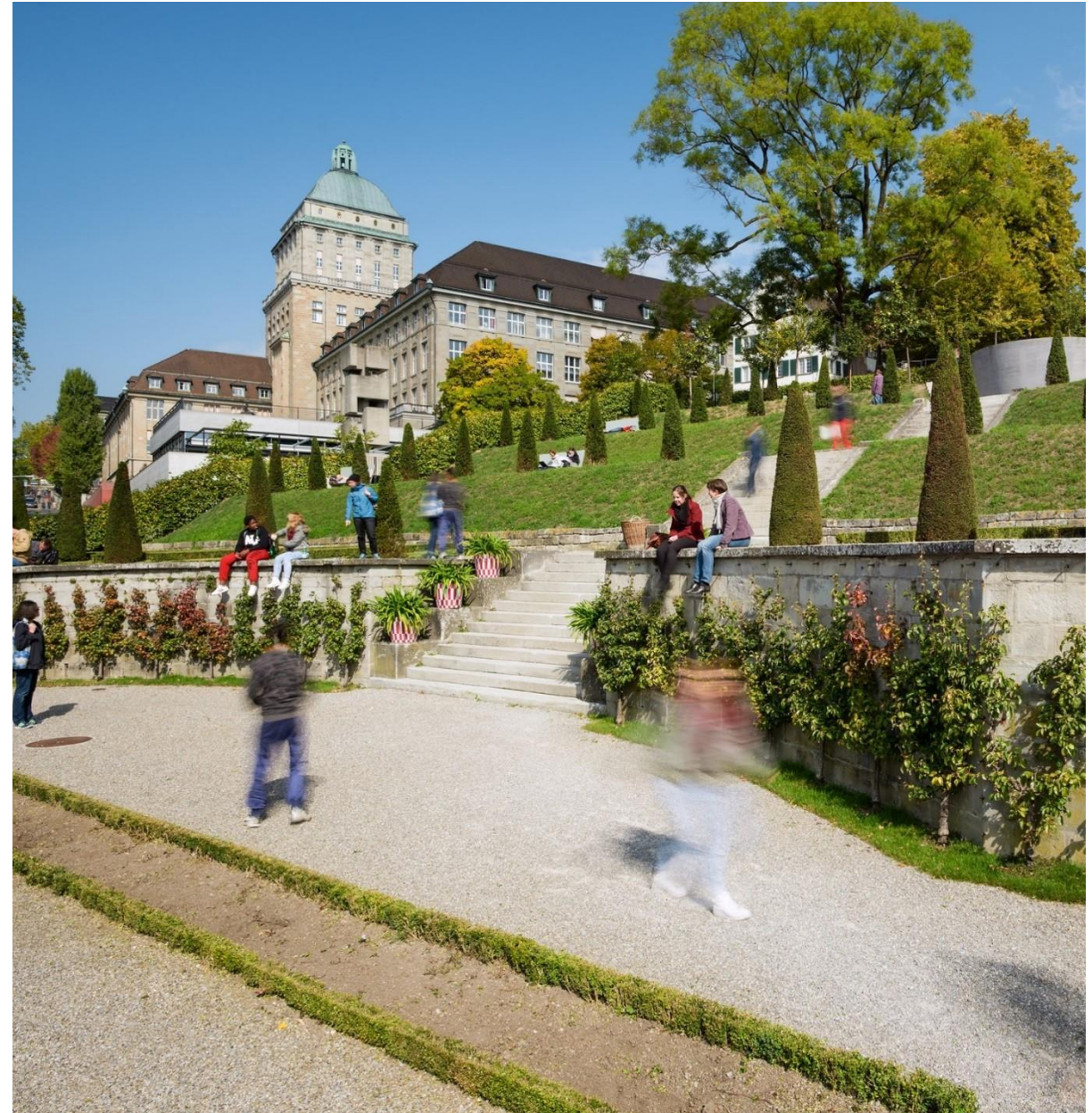
Opening hours Dean's Office desk:  
Tuesday, 14:00 – 16:00 p.m.

## Information centers

- Visit the information center (psychological, financial, and legal aid –provided free of charge)

## Other options

- Seek out students, your tutors (us!), post on uniboard or even reddit
- Do check out ETH's Student Handbook, it is comprehensive and resourceful





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[uzh.oec](https://www.instagram.com/uzh.oec)



**LinkedIn:**  
[UZH Faculty of Business, Economics and Informatics](https://www.linkedin.com/company/uzh-faculty-of-business-economics-and-informatics)



All [social media channels](#) at a glance



**Questions?**

