

Welcome to LSI Zurich



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"Besides competent and enriching lessons, LSI Zurich organises a great leisure programme. The teachers are really cool and put across how fresh German can be!"

JAN BAJER, STUDENT, CZECH REPUBLIC

Why LSI Zurich?

- Excellent location. LSI Zürich is located in the heart of Switzerland's largest city, the key financial, educational, and cultural center.
- Multilingual staff focused on student care and academic development. On site, we have English, Spanish, Italian and French speakers who are available to help.
- Exciting weekly social program during high season is designed to introduce you to the city, make new friends, and complement your German language lessons. Our social program activities are all led by our qualified LSI teachers or highly experienced local University students.
- Teachers are carefully selected to ensure you have a fully qualified, experienced, friendly, and helpful hand to guide you through your studies.
- LSI manages its own pool of homestays, operating within a 45-minute catchment area from the school, ensuring the quality of accommodation.
- Best value language school. LSI is well known for providing an excellent academic and social programme at fair prices.
- Excellent student care. Upon request, weekly meetings with the Director of Studies or school Welfare Officer provide every student with the opportunity for academic and personal support outside of the classroom.

Excellent mix of nationalities

Our students in 2024

Brazil	17.4%
Italy	12.3%
Turkey	9.9%
Israel	9.1%
Japan	6.8%
France	5.2%
Argentina	3.9%
Germany	3.7%
Chile	3.3%
Saudi Arabia	2.6%
Korea (South)	2.3%
Taiwan	2.2%

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'other' category.



School Facilities

Our school facilities are designed to provide an enriching and conducive environment for learning, growth, and development.



9 modern classrooms



Maximum class size 12



E-Learning System



Student Computers



TV Room



Free WIFI



Student Lounge



Coffee Machine



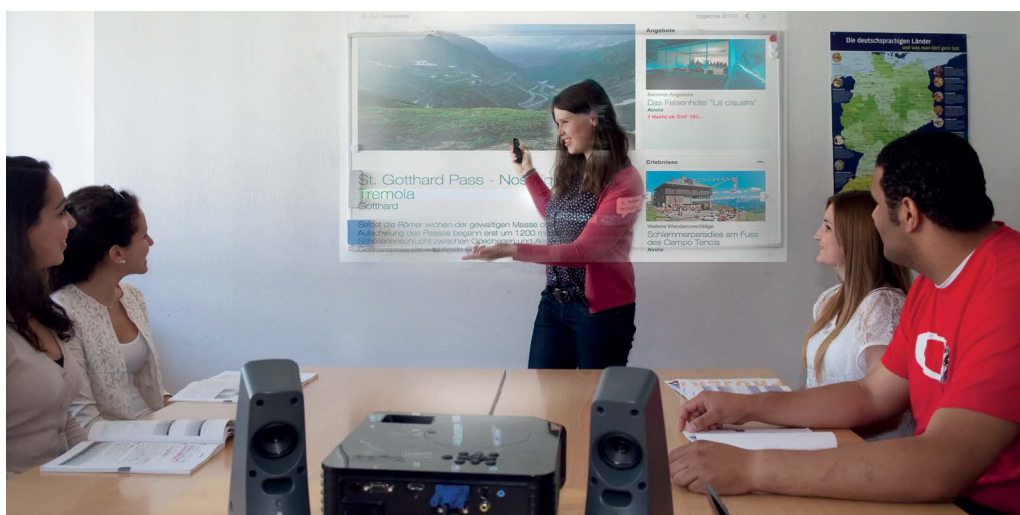
Student Microwave



Great location



Good transport links



Programmes

General 20

During the lessons you rapidly improve your communication skills in a variety of everyday situations. Classes cover grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, speaking, listening, reading and writing. You use a text book in conjunction with a wide variety of materials and exercises.

Intensive Courses

LSI offers 30 lesson options per week on our Intensive course. Our intensive course consist of the General 20 course (4 lessons per day) and a range of electives to suit all levels, needs and interests (2 lessons per day).

Elective options are run five times a week (Monday to Friday) on the Intensive 30 course.

LSI Zurich offers the following electives:

- Fluency
- Goethe-Zertifikat

Some elective options run on specific dates or require a minimum CEFR level of B1.

One-to-One

Ideal for those who want extra help with general skills or more specialised topics. Our teachers work with you to develop your study plan. This course can supplement a General 20 or Intensive courses. One-to-one is the fastest way to improve your language skills and are ideal if you prefer a very personal focus on your own aims.

9 Day Compact

For people with special aims which must be met in a short space of time. Requiring just one week away from the office, this course is ideal for busy professionals and executives who need to prepare for presentations and meetings in a foreign language.

Afternoon 10

For those who are short of time or may be working, Afternoon 10 gives you the perfect opportunity to brush up on your conversation skills or prepare for a range of examinations.

Club 40

At LSI we welcome young-at-heart mature students of all ages throughout the year. The Club 40+ programme combines our General 20 course with a unique activity programme specifically designed around the interest of our more mature students. For more information please refer to our Club 40 mini brochure.

For specific pricing and start dates for all our courses please refer to our main price list.

Daily Tuition Schedule, Monday to Friday

General 20 Full Time	
09:00 - 10:30	Lessons 1 & 2*
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 12:15	Lessons 3 & 4*

Afternoon 10 Part Time	
13:00 - 14:30	Lessons 1 & 2*

Intensive 30 Full Time	
09:00 - 10:30	Lessons 1 & 2*
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 12:15	Lessons 3 & 4*
12:15 - 13:00	Lunch
13:00 - 14:30	Lessons 5 & 6*

*During busy periods the General German classes may be run at different times of the day. Please check when booking.

1 lesson lasts 45 minutes.

The Lifestyle

The Location

Famous for its incredible mountain vistas, Switzerland is home to the Pennine Alps where the iconic Matterhorn can be found, known for its beauty worldwide and the most photographed peak in Europe.

The Swiss are passionate about art and there are more than 600 museums scattered around the country and multiple museums to explore in every city. Four languages are spoken in Switzerland: German, French, Italian, and Romansh, all of equal status as the office language, making LSI Zurich the perfect destination to study and learn! Whilst offering an array of sights to see, Switzerland's fantastic transport links mean exploring the rest of Europe is only a few hours away!

Social Programme

Our team of bubbly activity leaders work with teachers to run an exciting programme offering a range of after school activities. A perfect way to see the sights whilst making new friends along the way.

Regular social activities include:

- Happy Lunches to welcome new students
- Tour of the local area
- Museums and Exhibitions
- Art Galleries
- Biking around Zurich
- Movie nights



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Departure Guide

Before you leave, here are some important things to remember to ensure your arrival is as smooth as possible:

Checklist

- ☒ Passport
- ☒ Letter of acceptance and LSI documentation
- ☒ Accommodation confirmation letter (either homestay profile or residence details)
- ☒ Proof of medical/health insurance
- ☒ CHF250 in cash and credit/debit cards
- ☒ Any prescription medication
- ☒ Adaptor for electrical appliances (Type C: 2 pin with standard voltage 230V or Type J: 3 pin with standard voltage 230V)
- ☒ Laptop/tablet
- ☒ SIM card that can be used in Switzerland



Clothing

Weather in Switzerland can be very unpredictable, so we advise bringing a range of clothes suitable for all climates. Please bring waterproof clothing, a raincoat, and suitable footwear.

Our activity programme may include sporting events, so it is also a good idea to bring active wear suitable for the outdoors.

The average temperature is less than 5 degrees in Winter and 25 degrees in Summer.

Pocket money

We recommend a weekly budget CHF250 to cover local travel, lunch, and activities. Credit and debit cards are widely accepted in Switzerland, but it is a good idea to bring some cash with you.

Check with your debit/credit card company that you are able to use your card and withdraw money in Switzerland.

We do not advise carrying around large amounts of cash.

Bank account

If you are staying in Switzerland for three months or more you may wish to open a bank account. LSI can support you with this process when you arrive.

When you arrive

Arriving at a foreign airport can be overwhelming. If you get lost or confused, don't be afraid to ask the airport staff for help.

If you have booked an airport transfer, an LSI representative will meet you in the arrivals hall after baggage reclaim and immigration. They will be holding an LSI sign with your name on it and will take you directly to your accommodation. If you can't find the driver or your flight is delayed, please inform the transfer company at the phone number provided in the transfer confirmation email as soon as possible.

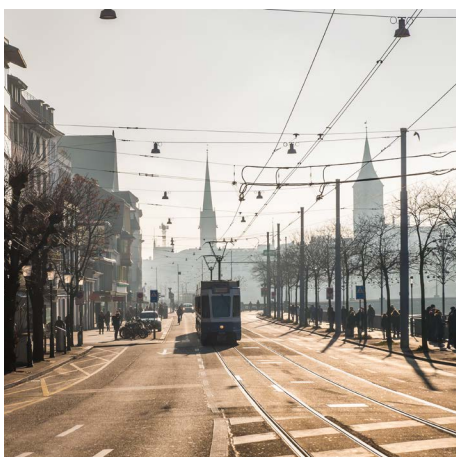
Sometimes, customs and immigration may ask you to wait while they check your travel documents. Please don't worry if this happens, it is normal procedure to check student's visas. Be calm and polite. If there are any concerns at immigration, ask the office to call the LSI Zurich emergency phone: +41794188227.

If you have not booked an airport transfer, public transport can be found at all major airports for travel to Zurich. Alternatively, you can catch a taxi from the airports taxi rank.

First day information

Two weeks before your arrival date LSI will email you welcome information with details on how to get to school and what your first day will look like. You will also receive log in details and instructions for our E-LSI platform where you can complete our pre-arrival level test. It is important that you take the test before your first day to ensure we have the correct class ready for you.

Classes begin at 9am but please report to reception for 8.45am, where we will be waiting to welcome you.



Residential Options

These options are more suitable for an independent student who is looking for a self-catering accommodation at an affordable price. All students must be 18 or older.

Josephine's Guesthouse for Women

Lutherstrasse 20, 8004 Zurich, Switzerland

Located just 5 minutes from the city centre and 15 minutes by train from LSI Zurich. Single and twin rooms offered, rooms with queen beds and balconies also available. All rooms are en suite. Breakfast provided. Every two weeks housekeeping, and bed linen and towels changed. Reception is open during office hours and nightly security available.

Arrivals and Departures

Saturday to Saturday or Sunday to Sunday. Check in 2pm. Check out 10am.



Jugendherberge

Mutschellenstrasse 114, 8038 Zürich, Switzerland

Located in the heart of the old town and 10 minutes by foot from LSI Zurich. Double, twin, and six-bed rooms available, all with shared bathrooms. Free tea and coffee provided in the common room 24/7.

Arrivals and Departures

Saturday to Saturday or Sunday to Sunday. Check in between 2pm – 8pm. Check out 10am.

Maximillaneum 13

Lutherstrasse 12, 8001 Zurich, Switzerland

Located just 5 minutes from the city centre and 10 minutes by tram from LSI Zurich. Single rooms offered; rooms balconies also available, all with shared bathrooms. Breakfast and dinner can be provided Monday – Friday for an additional fee. Bed linen provided for an additional fee.

Arrivals and Departures

Saturday to Saturday or Sunday to Sunday. Check in 4pm. Check out 10am.



Oldtown Hostel Otter

Oberdorfstrasse 7, 8001 Zürich, Switzerland

Located near the lake Zurich and 25 minutes by public transport to LSI Zurich. Single, double, quadruple, and six-bed rooms available all with shared bathrooms. Breakfast is included in the price. Bed linen is provided.

Arrivals and Departures

Saturday to Saturday or Sunday to Sunday. Check in between 2pm – 8pm. Check out 10am.



Other residential options and hotels are available, please refer to our main accommodation brochure.

Homestay Accommodation

Staying with a host family is an excellent way for you to practise German and learn about Swiss culture. Here at LSI we carefully select and manage our own host families, ensuring high standards and a welcoming and friendly atmosphere. Commute time from homestays to LSI Zurich by public transport is up to 45 minutes.

Our Accommodation Co-ordinator is available to speak with you and to help whenever you need.

To help you prepare for your stay, please read the following information.

What will my room be like?

Every homestay is unique. You are not going to a hotel so each home will be different. However, we make sure that your room has the following: a bed, a chair, a table or desk, a table lamp, a mirror, a heating appliance and chest of drawers or similar and a wardrobe.

What services are included?

our host will provide bed linen, towels, and will wash your laundry once per week or suggest nearby laundry facilities. Toiletries are not included so you will need to purchase these yourself.

Can I use the kitchen?

Your family will provide the meals you have requested through LSI, either Breakfast only or Breakfast and Dinner (Half Board). Families will not usually allow you to use the kitchen to cook your own food or to store a lot of items in their fridge. If you have any dietary requirements or allergies please ensure you have informed LSI of these.

About homestay meals

Breakfast: Usually a light meal consisting off cereal, toast, spreads, fruit, yoghurt, and a choice of tea, coffee, and juice. Hosts will usually ask you to prepare your own breakfast.

Lunch: You will be responsible for buying your own lunch from a local restaurant or local shop. There are many cafes and shops close by, all within walking distance of the school.

Dinner: You will usually eat dinner with your host, unless you have arranged otherwise. Dinners should be varied and balanced and

should include meat, fish or cheese, some carbs, vegetables and a piece of fruit or dessert. In Switzerland most families have dinner between 6pm – 8pm. Your host will inform you of their dinner time and ask that you let them know if you will not be eating with them or do not require dinner.

Arrivals and Departures

Sunday to Saturday only. Check in between 10am – 10pm.

On arrival

At least one member of your family will be waiting at home to greet you on your arrival day. They will show you your room and share with you any house rules they may have; please respect these.

Travel to school

You will have to come to school by yourself via public transportation. Your host families can help and give you instructions on how to get to school. Our accommodation confirmations also have instructions on what bus/train/tram to catch and from where (if necessary).

Executive homestays

Executive homestays are also available which offer a private bathroom (en suite or sole use).

For further information and pricing please refer to our accommodation brochure.

