



# STUDYGUIDE

*In this study guide you will find our experience and tips. We hope you'll find some of it helpful for your studies.*

## Exchange Semester

The best thing to do if you are interested to spend part of your studies abroad is to reach out to the International Office. They do a presentation about studying abroad every semester and are glad to help you with any questions.

<https://www.hslu.ch/en/lucerne-school-of-information-technology/international/>

## Block weeks (Blockwochen)

Block weeks take place before the start of a semester and offer a good opportunity to earn additional credits. Keep in mind that they can include preparatory and/or follow-up work! Many ISA modules are offered as block weeks if you'd like some variety.

## Discord

Our official Discord Server is a great place to talk to other students and to ask questions. <https://discord.gg/Tp7XgzZ>

## Enterprise Lab

If you need a server for a module or a personal (non-commercial) project, the Enterprise Lab is the perfect place to go. Staff can give you tips if you are not sure what you need.

<https://www.enterpriselab.ch/>

## Module description

Module descriptions will give you a good overview of what to expect from a module. In them you will find – among other things – the module type, requirements, information about the final exam and an agenda. You can find them in MyCampus <https://mycampus.hslu.ch/> at:

Info for Students > Study documents > Bachelor > Modulbeschriebe und Curriculum > [Chosen Program]

## Enrollment (Moduleinschreibung)

The timetables containing all modules are useful to get an overview and plan out the semester. You can find them on MyCampus a few weeks before the module enrollment.

After the initial enrollment there is a second registration window. This offers you a second chance, should you not have been able to enter all of your desired modules. You can sign up for a module whenever someone deregisters. Sometimes HSLU adds additional spots specifically for the second window, though you should not count on it. Just check regularly, many students get lucky.

If you want to attend a language or ISA module you need to enroll outside the enrollment period (except for some English modules, which then are hosted by HSLU Information Technology). ISA modules are interdisciplinary modules offered by HSLU/Uni/PH. It is important to check if you will get Credits for those modules (if that is important to you).

<https://www.isa-campus.ch/>

<https://www.hslu.ch/en/lucerne-university-of-applied-sciences-and-arts/campus/language-centre/>

## Exam Results

Exam results are published on a specific day. They are updated continuously throughout the day. So you can either spend your day with pushing the F5 key or check your results in the evening.

You can find your grades in MyCampus at:

My studies > My Enrollments

Many students use the “HSLU simple MEP results” browser add-on. It doesn’t always function perfectly, but it can give you a good overview.

<https://github.com/eddex/hslu-simple-mep-results>

In case you receive an FX grade you will be given the opportunity to take a second exam (Please note: Some modules do not hold such second exams – you will then be receiving grade F). This exam will decide whether you pass the module or not. If you fail a module (grade F) you should request an exam review. It’s the best way to learn from your mistakes.

## Psychological Counselling

Studying isn’t always easy. The counselling center offers psychological support, guidance and advice. If you are for example overworked or in a crisis you can use the offer free of charge (up to five sessions). They also help with private problems and are subject to confidentiality.

Workshops on various topics are also offered and they have a helpful collection of links on the website:

<https://www.pblu.ch/>

## Special Deals for Students

As a student you can also find good offers outside of the HSLU. We have listed some of our favorites on our website:

<https://stair.ch/links/>

## STAIR

We organize various events throughout the semester, represent the students interests and provide various infrastructure. Just drop by and get to know us and your peers. You will find the latest information in our regular newsletter via mail. Additionally, we keep you posted on Discord, Instagram and Telegram.

Discord: <https://discord.gg/Tp7XgzZ>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/stairhslu>

Telegram Announcement Channel: <https://t.me/joinchat/AAAAAEzCSH6yCSPLqyND5g>

You can contact us at any time with concerns, questions and suggestions. The best way to get in touch is via [info@stair.ch](mailto:info@stair.ch) or our Discord Server.

## Studentbox

On Studentbox you will find notes, summaries and solutions for various modules. The documents are provided by students for students. Therefore, keep in mind that not all documents are up-to-date. Additionally, most modules at HSLU are in German, hence most summaries are as well. <https://studentbox.ch/>

## Attestation (Testat)

Attestations must be fulfilled to be admitted to the final exam. It is possible to deliberately not fulfill an attestation, for example if the workload becomes too much. Failing to fulfill an attestation (top image) is not the same as failing a final exam (bottom image); it is not viewed as a failed attempt and hence is not marked in your grading as such.

Please note: Some modules do not have attestations – taking the final exam is expected. Lecturers may make an exception if you contact them personally – but don't expect them to!

09/17/2020 - 12/17/2020	<u>Kryptologie &amp; Anwendungen</u> v I.BA_KRYPTO_E.H2001	not attested
09/19/2019 - 12/19/2019	<u>Statistics for Data Science</u> v I.BA_STAT_K.H1901 Assessment 3.0 Grade F	unsuccessfully participated

## Tutorage

Some modules offer tutorage throughout the semester. They are supervised by students who have passed the module with excellent results. Should something from the lecture or exercises be unclear tutorage offers great support.

## Final Exam (MEP) Preparation

Exam preparation is very personal, and you will know what works best for you over time. Here are a few tips from our experience:

- Find the courage to leave gaps. It is often better to neglect a part that is causing you a lot of trouble and focus on the rest. Getting stuck and neglecting the revision of other parts will probably not benefit you.
- Don't start too late. It is important to start in time, especially if you have a lot of exams. Exam periods are always taxing. Don't make it worse for yourself by piling up all the work until then.
- Solve exercises and old exams. Applying what you learned will quickly show you where there are still gaps in your knowledge.
- Create a learning schedule. A calendar for when you prepare which module gives you an overview and helps you keep up with the schedule. Don't forget to plan in breaks and buffer days.



