

Modules in English for Inbound Exchange Students in the Fall Semester 2026

- The pre-booking deadline is **27 July 2026**. **Some departments have earlier, internal deadlines**. Contact your UZH study coordinator well in advance to discuss your module choices.
- You can book modules from your main subjects, as well as from other subjects, to fulfill your ECTS requirements.
- You can choose between modules created for exchange students (type A) and modules from the regular study programs (type B). These differ in terms of target audience.
 - Type A** modules were created especially for inbound exchange students. These are open to any students at the respective study level (BA and/or MA). No previous knowledge is needed. Please scroll down for the flyers with more information on these special modules.
 - Type B** modules are taken from the regular study program, open to inbound students from other subjects. Consult the course catalogue for the module content (search by module number).
- Only book modules at your study level (BA for BA students, MA for MA students) and always check the information in the coursecatalogue before booking.
- Note the time and day of your modules to avoid scheduling conflicts. Minor schedule changes are possible, so check the coursecatalogue again before the semester starts.
- Pass/fail modules are not graded and will not receive a grade on your UZH transcript of records.

[► Course Catalogue](#)

Study Subject	Study level (BA = Bachelor; MA = Master)	Course Type	Module number	Module title	Graded OR pass/fail	ECTS Credits	Module length	Day	Time	Module type	Notes
English Studies	BA	Colloquium	06SM440p007	Migration and Language in Switzerland	graded	3	one semester	WED	14:00 - 15:45	A	
English Studies	BA	Colloquium	06SM440p008	The mediatisation of everyday life in digital media: A comparison of Switzerland and the English-speaking world	graded	3	one semester	TUE	16:15 - 18:00	A	
History	BA	Seminar	06SM600p017	The State, Democracy and the People: Switzerland and Modern Political Thought	graded	6	one semester	MON	12:15 - 13:45	A	
Archaeology	BA & MA	Lecture	06SM683p003	Geophysics in Archeology	pass / fail (NOT graded)	3	one semester	TUE	16:15 - 18:00	B	
Archaeology	MA	Seminar	06SM683p501	Journalclub	pass / fail (NOT graded)	3	one semester	MON	16:15 - 18:00	B	
Chinese Studies	BA & MA	Exercise group	06SM280p227	Doing Business in China: Markets, Consumers, and Strategy	pass / fail (NOT graded)	3	one semester	THU	14:00 - 15:45	B	
Chinese Studies	MA	Seminar	06SM280p609	Party, State, and Market: The Political Economy of CCP Rule	graded	3	one semester	WED	14:00 - 15:45	B	
Chinese Studies	MA	Seminar	06SM280p610	China in the Global South	graded	3	one semester	MON	14:00 - 15:45	B	
Communication and Media Science	BA	Lecture	06SM254p057	Gender and the Internet	graded	3	one semester	THU	18:15 - 20:00	B	
Communication and Media Science	BA	Lecture	TBD	The Art of Influence: Persuasion Theories in Health Communication	graded	3	one semester	TBD	TBD	B	
Communication and Media Science	MA	Lecture	06SM254p503	Computational visual media research	graded	6	one semester	TUE	12:15 - 13:45	B	
Communication and Media Science	MA	Lecture	06SM254p504	Digital inequality and Internet Use	graded	6	one semester	MON	10:15 - 12:00	B	
Eastern European Studies	BA & MA	Seminar	06SM480p009	Language and Propaganda	graded	6	one semester	THU	14:00 - 15:45	B	
Eastern European Studies	BA & MA	Lecture	06SM480p012	Labor Migration in and from Eastern Europe (Lecture Series)	pass / fail (NOT graded)	3	one semester	TUE	18:15 - 20:00	B	
Educational Science	MA	Seminar	06SM226p546	Critical Thinking and 21st-Century Skills: Education, Work, and Society	pass / fail (NOT graded)	3	one semester	WED	12:15 - 13:45	B	
Educational Science	MA	Seminar	06SM226p557	Global governance of education - metrics, technologies and power positions	pass / fail (NOT graded)	3	one semester	TUE	10:15 - 12:00	B	
History	BA & MA	Lecture	06SM600p002	Geschichte der Neuzeit 3 (Vorlesung)	pass / fail (NOT graded)	3	one semester	WED	14:00 - 15:45	B	
Indian Studies	BA & MA	Seminar	06SM330p268	Critical Perspectives on Urban India	graded	6	one semester	THU	12:15 - 13:45	B	
Indian Studies	BA & MA	Seminar	06SM330p269	Diaspora, Nation, and Belonging in South Asia	graded	6	one semester	TUE	10:15 - 12:00	B	

Indian Studies & Chinese Studies	BA & MA	Lecture	06SM278p500	Divergent Giants: State, Market, and Power in China and India	pass / fail (NOT graded)	3	one semester	MON	12:15 - 13:45	B	
Islamic Studies	MA	Seminar	06SM307p716	Dark/Dissonant/Difficult Heritage and the History of Muslim Cultures and Societies	graded	6	one semester	TUE	10:15 - 12:00	B	
Other	BA & MA	Exercise group	06SM322p002	Digital Tools and Artificial Intelligence for Ancient World Research	pass / fail (NOT graded)	3	one semester	MON	16:15 - 18:00	B	This module can only be booked via the regular module booking from 12 August 2026 (no pre-booking option).
Philosophy	BA	Seminar	06SM160p001	French Theory: Deleuze, Lyotard, Foucault, Derrida	graded	6	one semester	WED	12:15 - 13:45	B	
Philosophy	BA	Seminar	06SM160p005	Varieties of Understanding	graded	6	one semester	TUE	08:00 - 09:45	B	
Philosophy	BA	Seminar	06SM160p010	Normative Foundations of Democracy	graded	6	one semester	WED	10:15 - 12:00	B	
Philosophy	BA	Seminar	06SM160p014	Social Contract Theory	graded	6	one semester	THU	14:00 - 15:45	B	
Philosophy	BA	Seminar	06SM160p017	An Introduction to the Philosophy of Embodied AI	graded	6	one semester	WED	16:15 - 18:00	B	
Philosophy	BA	Seminar	06SM160p018	What Justifies Hierarchies?	graded	6	one semester	MON	18:15 - 20:00	B	
Philosophy	MA	Seminar	06SM160p502	Conservatism	graded	6	one semester	TUE	12:15 - 13:45	B	
Philosophy	MA	Seminar	06SM160p503	Authority, Coercion, and Political Power	graded	6	one semester	TUE	10:15 - 12:00	B	
Philosophy	MA	Seminar	06SM160p507	The Rational Inquirer: Disagreement, Evidence, and Doxastic Attitudes	graded	6	one semester	FRI	10:15 - 12:00	B	
Philosophy	MA	Seminar	06SM160p508	What is a Question?	graded	6	one semester	THU	14:00 - 15:45	B	
Philosophy	MA	Seminar	06SM164p501	Scientific Theories, Observation, and Reality	graded	6	one semester	TUE	16:15 - 18:00	B	
Political Science	BA	Lecture with Seminar Elements	06SM615p019	Switzerland in the Modern World: More than Cheese and Chocolate	graded	6	one semester	MON	10:15 - 12:00	B	
Romance Language Studies	BA & MA	Language course	06SM427p004	Euskara eta Kultura I / Basque Language and Culture I	graded	3	one semester	FRI	10:15 - 12:00	B	
School for Transdisciplinary Studies	BA & MA	Seminar	10SMSTS-101	The 3Rs and the ethics of animal research	pass / fail (NOT graded)	1	one semester	WED	09:00 - 17:00	B	
School for Transdisciplinary Studies	BA & MA	Seminar	10SMSTS-500	Start! Teaching Essentials	pass / fail (NOT graded)	1	one semester	E-Learning	E-Learning	B	This module has two courses, one in German and one in English. Course 2812 is in English.
School for Transdisciplinary Studies	BA & MA	Seminar	10SMSTS-504	Start! AI Competences (for Teaching & Learning)	pass / fail (NOT graded)	1	one semester	WED	12:15 - 13:45	B	
School for Transdisciplinary Studies	BA & MA	Block course	10SMSTS-515	Open Access Basics	pass / fail (NOT graded)	1	one semester	THU	09:00 - 13:00	B	
School for Transdisciplinary Studies	BA & MA	Block course	10SMSTS-516	Introduction to Research Data Management	pass / fail (NOT graded)	1	one semester	THU	09:00 - 13:00	B	
School for Transdisciplinary Studies	BA & MA	Seminar	10SMSTS-602	Open Source Intelligence (OSINT)	pass / fail (NOT graded)	3	one semester	THU	13:00 - 17:00	B	
School for Transdisciplinary Studies	BA & MA	Seminar	10SMSTS-610	XP Lab Kickstart: Start Ideas. Explore your Potential.	pass / fail (NOT graded)	1	one semester	TUE	09:00 - 12:00	B	
School for Transdisciplinary Studies	BA & MA	Lecture with practical exercise	10SMSTSp101	Fake Science - Isolated Cases or a Systemic Problem?	pass / fail (NOT graded)	2	one semester	TUE	18:15 - 20:00	B	

School for Transdisciplinary Studies	MA	Seminar	10SMSTS-106	UZH Innovathon: The Digitalization of Mobility	graded	3	one semester	THU	13:00 - 17:00	B
School for Transdisciplinary Studies	MA	Lecture	10SMSTS-201	Interdisciplinary Introduction to Machine Learning - Theory	pass / fail (NOT graded)	3	one semester	E-Learning	E-Learning	B
School for Transdisciplinary Studies	MA	Seminar	10SMSTS-204	Digital Transformation - a Scientific Overview	graded	3	one semester	MON	12:15 - 17:00	B
School for Transdisciplinary Studies	MA	Lecture	10SMSTS-506	Get R_eady: Introduction to Data Analysis for Empirical Research	pass / fail (NOT graded)	1	one semester	FRI	14:00 - 17:00	B
School for Transdisciplinary Studies	MA	Block course	10SMSTS-508	Get R_eady: Prognostic & Prediction Modeling in Research	pass / fail (NOT graded)	1	one semester	FRI	14:00 - 17:00	B
Slavic Studies	BA & MA	Seminar	06SM480p010	Language and cognition	graded	6	one semester	WED	14:00 - 15:45	B
Sociology	BA & MA	Seminar	06SM240p001	Computational Social Science	graded	6	one semester	FRI	09:15 - 16:30	B
Sociology	BA & MA	Seminar	06SM240p002	Applying LLMs in Research: Methods, Logics, and Constraints	graded	6	one semester	FRI	09:15 - 16:30	B
Sociology	BA & MA	Seminar	06SM240p008	Sociology of Work	graded	6	one semester	WED	14:00 - 15:45	B
Sociology	BA & MA	Seminar	06SM240p010	Exemplary Studies of Political Sociology and the Welfare State	graded	6	one semester	TUE	14:00 - 15:45	B
Sociology	BA & MA	Seminar	06SM240p012	Markets and Norms	graded	6	one semester	WED	08:00 - 12:00	B
Sociology	BA & MA	Seminar	06SM240p013	Peer Effects in Adolescence	graded	6	one semester	MON	08:00 - 09:45	B
Sociology	BA & MA	Seminar	06SM240p014	The Labour Market: Occupational Structures, Changes and Outcomes	graded	6	one semester	THU	08:00 - 09:45	B
Sociology	BA & MA	Seminar	06SM240p022	The Everyday in Theory: An Introduction to Ethnographic Methods	graded	6	one semester	THU	08:00 - 09:45	B
Sociology	BA & MA	Seminar	06SM240p024	American Society	graded	6	one semester	THU	14:00 - 15:45	B
Sociology	BA & MA	Seminar	06SM240p025	The Social Dimension of Climate Change	graded	6	one semester	WED	12:15 - 13:45	B
Sociology	BA & MA	Seminar	06SM240p027	Sociological Imagination and Other Classic Texts	graded	6	one semester	TUE	10:15 - 12:00	B
Sociology	MA	Seminar	06SM240-501	Introduction to Life Course and Generations	graded	6	one semester	THU	10:15 - 12:00	B
Sociology	MA	Seminar	06SM240-503	Quantitative Methods	pass / fail (NOT graded)	6	one semester	TUE	08:00 - 12:00	B
Sociology	MA	Seminar	06SM240-504	Data Analysis	pass / fail (NOT graded)	6	one semester	THU	12:15 - 13:45	B
Sociology	MA	Colloquium	06SM240-507	Current Sociological Research	pass / fail (NOT graded)	3	one semester	TUE	12:15 - 13:45	B
Sociology	MA	Seminar	06SM240p501	Writers Workshop for Social Scientists	graded	3	one semester	FRI	10:15 - 12:00	B



see next page for the flyers of the Type A modules





Migration and Language in Switzerland (Colloquium)

Lecturer: Ronja Hansen

Course language: English

Study level: Bachelor (undergraduate)

Course number: 06SM440p007

Time / Room: Wednesday 14:00-15:45 / room tbd (please see the [course catalogue](#))



Course description:

Migration is one of the defining features of today's world – in 2020, nearly 281 million people were living outside their country of birth, and today in Switzerland, more than a third of adult residents are first-generation migrants. Migrants need to make decisions daily on which language they use in varying contexts and are met with different reactions, both positive and negative, depending on the choices made. In this colloquium, we will look at what happens to language when people move across borders and how migration shapes the way we speak, the way we are perceived, and the way we see ourselves. To answer these questions, it is important to understand existing perceptions as well as the circumstances of the people that are interacting: Do they potentially have conflicting cultural expectations?

During this class, we will look further into reasons for choosing one language over another, motivations for learning a language, and the consequences of these decisions by focusing on the following questions: How do people navigate speaking different languages in their daily lives? Why do certain accents or languages carry more prestige or stigma than others? How does language influence identity, belonging, and cultural understanding?

Drawing on examples from Switzerland and our own experiences, we will discuss topics like multilingualism, language and identity, and language attitudes. By the end of the course, you will have gained a deeper understanding of how language shapes social life and how migrants navigate languages.

Learning Objectives:

- Acquiring the ability to reflect on and analyze the motivations behind language acquisition and use of migrants in Switzerland.
- Gaining awareness of the intercultural differences which might hinder communication.
- Building skills for reflecting on the own language use and for interacting with Swiss residents and migrants alike.

Module enrolment:

This module awards 3 ECTS. Spaces are limited to 20 students.

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Alternatively, **the module can also be requested via the module booking tool during the module booking window.** The regular module booking deadlines and guidelines can be found here:

<https://www.students.uzh.ch/en/studyadmin/booking/>



The mediatisation of everyday life in digital media: A comparison of Switzerland and the English-speaking world (Colloquium)



Lecturer: Dr. David Matley

Course language: English

Study level: Bachelor (undergraduate) and/or Master (graduate)

Course number: 06SM440p008

Time / Room: Tuesday 16:15-18:00 / room tbd (please see the [course catalogue](#))

Course description:

The transformation of the media landscape, with the development of digital media, has radically changed human communication and social interaction. Now digital technologies allow individuals to represent their daily lives on myriad platforms, and engage in strategic presentation of the self across the entire lifespan. Everyday experience has become visible and searchable on social media, as individuals allow digital media into their lives with new levels of intimacy and familiarity, marking a shift from “mundane” private experience to public, curated and commodified online personae.

This module uses the concept of mediatisation as its analytical foundation and investigates how digital media are used to shape key life-course phases. Mediatisation theory argues that media do not simply transmit information but increasingly organise and structure social life itself. Through a cross-cultural comparison of Switzerland and the English-speaking world, students in this module will examine how daily life is experienced and represented online at different stages of the lifespan, including childhood, adolescence, parenting, working life, older age, and death/bereavement, and how such representation is influenced by the structures and ideologies of digital media.

Across the semester, students will be introduced to key concepts such as mediatisation, platformisation, datafication, digital intimacy, and strategic self-presentation. Each life phase will be explored through relevant platforms (e.g., TikTok and adolescence; LinkedIn and professional identity; Instagram and parenting; online fora and grief communities), allowing students to examine both what people do in digital media and the deeper question of how digital media reorganise our everyday lives.

Students will undertake small empirical research projects, applying methods such as discourse analysis and qualitative visual analysis. This enables students to acquire transferable skills in digital literacies, cross-cultural comparison, online research, and critical media competences.

Learning Objectives: Upon completing the module, students will be able to:

- Analyse mediated everyday practices
- Compare Swiss and Anglophone digital cultures
- Identify institutional, cultural and regulatory differences in digital media environments
- Critically reflect on the implications of platformed life across the human lifespan



Module enrolment:

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The State, Democracy and the People: Switzerland and Modern Political Thought (Seminar)

Lecturer: Dr. Signy Gutnick Allen

Course language: English

Study level: Bachelor (undergraduate)

Course number: 06SM600p017

Time / Room: Monday 12:15-13:45 / room tbd (please see the [course catalogue](#))



Course description: Early Modern and Enlightenment Europe was a hotbed of debates over the nature of the state, the value (and dangers) of democracy, and the problem of what it meant to be politically 'free'. Strikingly, both Swiss theorists and the example of Switzerland as a federated republic played an outsized role in how philosophers and political actors from the sixteenth through to the eighteenth centuries responded to these questions. Together, participants in this course will explore and how and why this occurred, and what impact this has had on how we talk about politics today. By working with texts by thinkers with roots in what is now modern Switzerland, including Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Emer de Vattel and Benjamin Constant, the module will introduce students to the historical development of key political concepts including the social contract, republican freedom, political representation, international law and military neutrality. We will also see how engagement with both Swiss political and social practices, and institutions such as the local publishing industry, exerted an influence on the work and reception of other European thinkers, such as Thomas More, Niccolo Machiavelli and Samuel Pufendorf. By the end of the module, students will not only have a stronger understanding of the history of political thought and its methods, but will also recognise that the history of these ideas is not, itself, 'neutral'.

Learning Objectives:

- 1) Gaining a broad understanding of historiographical trends in the history of political thought and intellectual history;
- 2) Precisely outlining the contributions made by key thinkers in the history of political thought and relating these to each other and to major philosophical traditions;
- 3) Critically analysing texts by political philosophers, using both textual and contextual methods;
- 4) Successfully constructing written and oral arguments about the meaning of philosophical texts;
- 5) Describing how the meanings of political concepts have changed over time.

Module enrolment:

This module awards 6 ECTS. Spaces are limited to 15 students.

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