

BERN UNIVERSITY OF TEACHER EDUCATION

Individualised studies for international mobility students

With over 3,000 students, Bern University of Teacher Education (PHBern) is one of Switzerland's major universities of teacher education.

Bern University of Teacher Education trains teachers for the entire school system: pre-primary, primary, lower secondary, upper secondary, as well as special needs. Every year, 700 qualified teachers graduate from Bern University of Teacher Education with a degree in teaching.

Training at this university is characterised by a large amount of practical work, which is facilitated by the university's cooperation with more than 70 schools offering internships. This ensures that students are well prepared for their future professional life.

Training takes place in the modern vonRoll university centre, a former industrial compound. Bern University of Teacher Education shares these attractive premises with the University of Bern. The largest library in the city of Bern, the vonRoll library, can be found here.

Bern University of Teacher Education supports teachers not only during their studies, but throughout their entire career – with advanced training courses, conferences and courses in advanced studies. The university's media centre offers practising teachers a large selection of teaching and learning media for all subjects. The core tasks of Bern University of Teacher Education also include research, development and evaluation. The aim is to link research, teaching and school practice.



Individualised studies for international mobility students

Bern University of Teacher Education offers incoming mobility students with proficient knowledge of English the following selection of individually arranged modules. After having applied for a mobility semester at Bern University of Teacher Education, incoming students create their individual study programme with the help of their assigned counsellor.

The selected modules for incoming students take place in an authentic setting within the standard curriculum for domestic students. Within the modules incoming students are given specific individual support by the teaching staff. Mobility students can produce all their contributions in English.

AUTUMN SEMESTER

Exploring Education Systems (choice of 5 or 10 ECTS, compulsory for incoming mobility students)

Analysing and comparing education systems of different countries through pedagogical perspectives and theoretical models

Education and Society 1 (5 ECTS)

School, childhoods, environments

Education and Society 2 (5 ECTS)

Difference and inequality

Integrative Educational Support (5 ECTS)

Separation, Integration, Inclusion: How to promote the support of children with special needs

Children with difficulties in oral and written language in the classroom (4 ECTS)

How to teach and support children with language difficulties

Special Needs Educational Diagnostics 1 (2 ECTS)

Basics and Diagnostics of Perception, Motor and Graphomotor skills

Cross-border learning and teaching in the context of migration/mobility (2 ECTS)

Analysing power in knowledge and language

Teaching with media and information technologies (3 ECTS)

Learning and teaching with media and IT

Integrated traineeship (various ECTS)

Placement at a local school

Research Internship (2–3 ECTS)

Internship at PHBern's Institute for Research, Development and Evaluation

Nature, Human, Society (3 ECTS)

Understanding of learning and teaching the following subjects in primary education: ethics, spaces, times, societies, community, nature, technology, economy, work, household

Digitality in the classroom (2 ECTS)

Collaboration, learning analytics etc.

Teaching Mathematics (1–2 ECTS per course)

Various courses, International Office suggests suitable courses upon request

Teaching Physical Education (1.5 ECTS per course)

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Teaching Art Education (2–3 ECTS per course)

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Teaching English as a Foreign Language (various ECTS)

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Teaching French as a Foreign Language (various ECTS)

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Music for future teachers (various ECTS)

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Teaching Nature and Technology (1.5–2 ECTS per course)

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Teaching Spaces, Times, Societies (1–2 ECTS per course)

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Teaching Economy, Work, Household (4 ECTS)

International Office provides more details upon request

German Language Course (4 ECTS)

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SPRING SEMESTER

Exploring Education Systems (choice of 5 or 10 ECTS, compulsory for incoming mobility students)

Analysing and comparing education systems of different countries through pedagogical perspectives and theoretical models

Education and Society 1 (5 ECTS)

School, childhoods, environments

Education and Society 2 (5 ECTS)

Difference and inequality

Education & Social Sciences (1 ECTS per course)

Various courses, International Office suggests suitable courses upon request

Teaching with media and information technologies (3 ECTS)

Learning and teaching with media and IT

Subject Didactics from a Special Needs Education Perspective (2 ECTS)

Psychomotricity

Integrated traineeship (various ECTS)

Placement at a local school

Research Internship (2–3 ECTS)

Internship at PHBern's Institute for Research, Development and Evaluation

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Useful Information

Application

Application should be carried out online. Please contact the International Office for the application link.

Application deadlines:

- April 1 for Autumn Term
- October 1 for Spring Term

Contact details

internationaloffice@phbern.ch

Further information

For further information, please visit the following website: www.phbern.ch/international

Bern University of Teacher Education (PHBern) at a glance

Bern University of Teacher Education represents

- 4 institutes for teacher training
- 7 degree programmes
- 1 bilingual study programme (German / French)
- More than 70 partner schools
- Large amount of practical work

Key facts

- Founded in 2005
- Over 3,000 students from throughout Switzerland
- 5 % international students
- Modern campus with great infrastructure

Voices



Juo Han Chen, Taiwan

«Being here is the remedy of my life»

I recommend a mobility semester at Berne University of Teacher Education because you will find many interesting courses, nice people and great environments. The teachers and classmates are very caring and helpful, I appreciate that. There is a lot of discussing during the classes, this is different in my home country, but it encourages me to keep exploring and always stay curious.

As for the foreign language: my advice is: just try and don't be afraid!



Simon van Maele, Belgium

«A life-changing experience»

I was welcomed very openly in the classes. Even before the start of the semester I could always contact the International Office if I had a question of some sort.

My advice for future Incoming students: Enjoy your time here and find time for pleasant things!



Gemma Tosh, United Kingdom

«Something I will remember for the rest of my life»

I chose PHBern for my mobility because I wanted to expand my language knowledge and to experience studying in a teacher focused school. In the knowledge that there will be tougher times that you will have to push through, the experience of an exchange is definitely worthwhile and rewarding.

My advice for future Incoming students: If you have the chance to do an internship in a local school, take it!

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