

Preparatory course reduced and comprehensive ETH entrance exam

Annual Course 2025 / 2026

20th January 2025 - 10th January 2026

ETH examination dates: 12th – 22nd January 2026

This course is especially designed to prepare our students for the ETH entrance exam. All lessons are held on site at Bändlistrasse 31 in Zurich-Altstetten and simultaneously streamed live via Zoom. These lessons are recorded and stored as videos on our online platform and can be accessed at any time.

COURSE AND THE ETH ENTRANCE EXAM DATES

Course dates	20.01.2025 - 10.01.2026												
Course entry	Possible at any time even after the course has started.												
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Deadlines ETH*	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application for the Bachelor course by 31.03.2025. 2. Submission of German C1 certificate no later than 31.03.2025. 3. Application for the ETH entrance examination by 15.10.2025. 4. ETH entrance exam 12.01.2026 – 22.01.2026. <p>Additional Information: https://ethz.ch/de/studium/bachelor/bewerbung/auslaendische-reifezeugnisse/termine.html</p> <p>*Information without guarantee, the ETH website alone is decisive</p>												

Includes access to our online learning system:

- Scripts, assignments and solutions with walkthroughs, summaries
- Flashcard system with questions and definitions
- Recorded videos of all class lessons are available online
- Location-independent via Internet

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Good knowledge of German (at least level B2* at the start of the annual course), as both the lessons and the entrance examination are held in German.
- Good knowledge of English (at least level B2* at the start of the annual course), only for the comprehensive entrance exam
- Good basic knowledge of mathematics and physics
- Enjoyment and interest in abstract thinking as well as diligence and discipline

* Levels according to the European Framework of Reference (Eurocentres language levels)

THE REDUCED AND COMPREHENSIVE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

ETH Zurich offers two types of entrance examinations:

Reduced entrance examination

If the candidate holds a degree that is very similar to, but not equivalent to, a Swiss Matura, the reduced entrance examination is sufficient in most cases. For detailed information on the admission requirements at Swiss universities and colleges for students with a foreign degree, please consult the country list of [Swiss Universities](#). Find out about the admission requirements as early as possible, if possible 2 years before graduation, directly from the ETH Zurich Admissions Office.

Comprehensive entrance examination

If your own educational background is only partially similar to the Swiss Matura (fewer subjects or lower level than in the Swiss Matura), or if you do not have a Matura or a similar qualification, you must take the comprehensive entrance examination. Consult the country list of [Swiss Universities](#).

Further information on the admission requirements for the entrance examinations at ETH Zurich can be found at <https://ethz.ch/de/studium/bachelor/bewerbung/auslaendische-reifezeugnisse/eth-aufnahmepruefung.html>

ANNUAL COURSE 2025/2026

The annual course consists of 22 weeks spring semester, January to August 2025 and 18 weeks fall semester, from August 2025 to January 2026.

Spring semester: This semester is designed for students who have an average mathematical background and/or who still lack a routine in scientific German. The topics of the subjects are covered from the ground up and a solid foundation is laid with regular oral and written examinations, in the scientific areas of mathematics and physics with weekly written tests and exercises. Students have enough time to acquire the knowledge and build a good foundation for their future studies at ETH.

Fall semester: This semester is designed as intensive and fast-paced exam preparation. The requirements for prior learning in the various subjects and German language skills are correspondingly high. More exam simulations are carried out. Thus, students develop a solid oral and written examination routine.

VARIANT: AUTUMN SEMESTER ONLY

For students who already have a very high level of knowledge in the natural sciences and scientific German, we also offer the option of attending only the fall semester. The subjects of the comprehensive ETH entrance examination English, German literature, Geography and History are designed as an annual course starting in the spring semester. Students who only attend the fall semester work on the topics of the spring semester in self-study with our online learning system including recordings of missed lessons.

For a personal assessment in the various subjects, please contact our secretary's office. We have decades of experience in assessing the various international qualifications.

NUMBER OF LESSONS ANNUAL COURSE 2025 / 2026 ETH

	Spring semester (20.01.25- 19.07.25)		Fall semester (18.08.25 - 10.01.26)		Annual course (20.01.25 - 10.01.26)
	Lessons per week	Total Lessons	Lessons per week	Total Lessons	Lessons Total
Reduced entrance exam	26	572	26	468	1'040
Sciences					
** Mathematics	10	220	10	180	400
** Physics	8	176	8	144	320
** Chemistry	4	88	4	72	160
** Biology	4	88	4	72	160
Comprehensive entrance exam	36	753	36	632	1'385
additional subjects					
*English	2	38	2	36	74
*English literature	1	19	1	18	37
*History	3	66	3	54	120
*Geography	2	38	2	36	74
*German literature	2	20	2	20	40
*German C1 incl. essay	7	126	7	119	245
*German as Science language	1	10	1	10	20
Private lessons	individually		individually		individually
For students who need to take an additional German test:					
For admission to the ETH entrance examination, a German C1 "good" or a C2 certificate is required and must be submitted by 31 st March before the entrance examination. Additional information: https://ethz.ch/de/studium/bachelor/bewerbung/auslaendische-reifezeugnisse/sprachanforderungen.html					
* We reserve the right to reduce the number of lessons or charge the subject-specific private lesson rate for individual lessons should 5 or less students be enrolled in these subjects. ** We reserve the right to reduce the number of lessons should 8 or less students be enrolled in these subjects. The reduction of the lessons will not affect an ideal exam preparation (with 8 or fewer students, we need fewer lessons for an optimal exam preparation than with large classes).					

COURSE REGISTRATION, COSTS AND TERMS OF PAYMENT

The number of students who can attend the course is limited, therefor registrations will be considered according to the date the course fee is credited.

On our online price calculator, you will find a detailed overview of our course prices:

<https://kv.excards.ch/app/offers.php>.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENT ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

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Do you have any questions? We will be happy to answer them. Contact us:

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