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**UNIVERSITÄT
BERN**

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Orientation & Welcome

Welcome to the University of Bern



Orientation & Welcome - Agenda

- Welcome
- Icebreaker
- Studying at the University of Bern
- ESN
- Life in Switzerland
- Q&A
- Apéro / Reception

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Icebreaker

Getting to know each other

What's your name?

What's your nationality?

Is this your first time in Switzerland?
Have you eaten Fondue or Raclette
before?

What are you studying?

Do you speak any German (or French
or Italian?)

Tell each other a fun fact about
yourselves!



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University of Bern

International students' impressions

*Bern is a very beautiful place,
it is very practical, safe, clean, organized.
The University is very well localized, easy to
reach by any of the great possibilities of
transport. (...) If you do not speak German,
the language could be a small problem,
because some people do not speak
English, but most of them do.*

Fanny (25 years) from Brazil, MA in Biomedical
Engineering

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University of Bern Past...

Roots: 16th century

Founded: 1834

Faculties: Theology, Medicine, Law,
Philosophy

Staff: 45

Students: 167



[Portrait / History](#)



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Facts and Figures

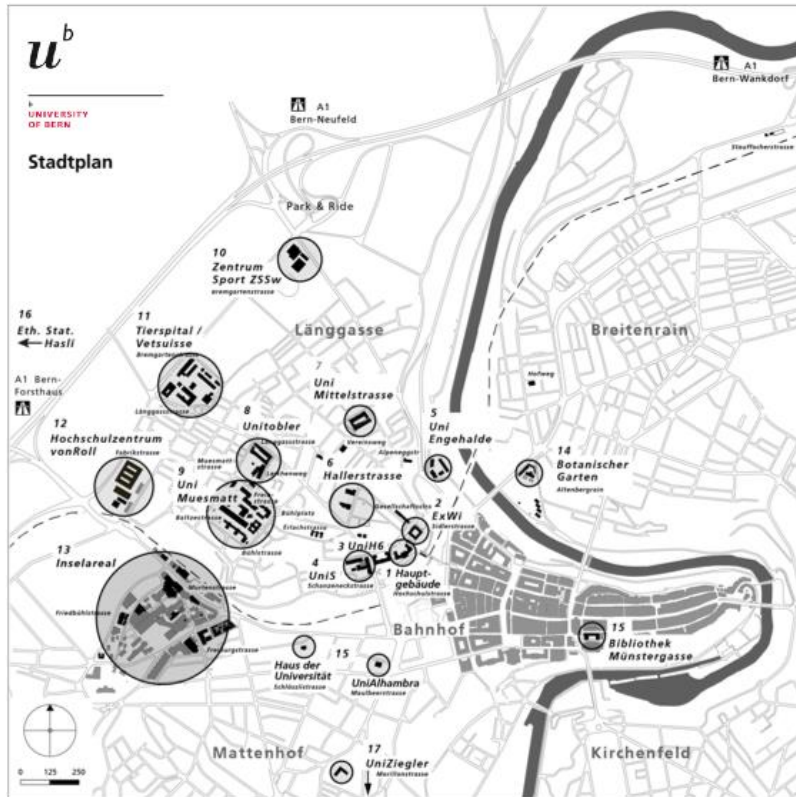
- 19 608 students
- 3rd biggest university in Switzerland
- 13 % international students
- 8 faculties
- 150 institutes
- 534 professors, 216 lecturers
- 39 Bachelor programs
- 74 Master programs
- 29 PhD programs
- 7 Graduate Schools
- 9 Centers of Excellence



u^b Studying at UniBE

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Campus



[Campus Maps](#)

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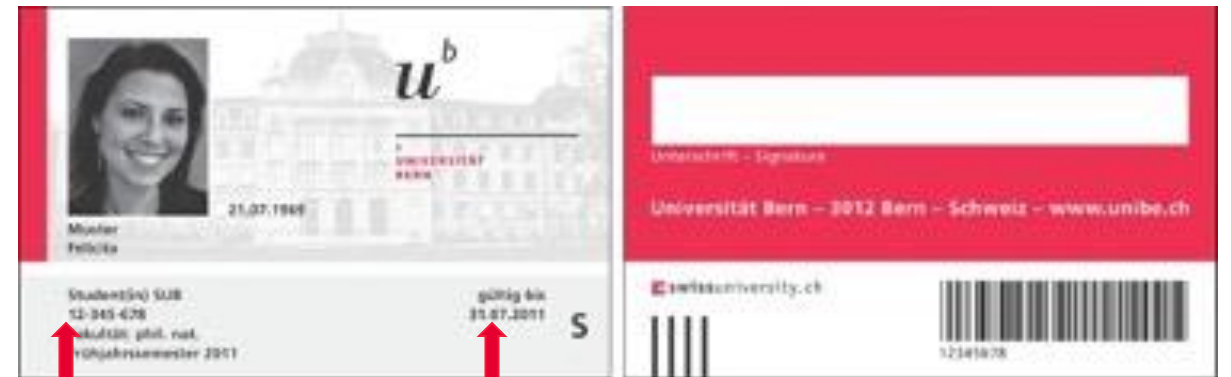
Unicard

Student card

- Student ID
- Means of payment (canteen, printing)
- Library card, Unisport

@ [Unicard](#)

@ [Charge your Unicard Online](#)



↑ student number

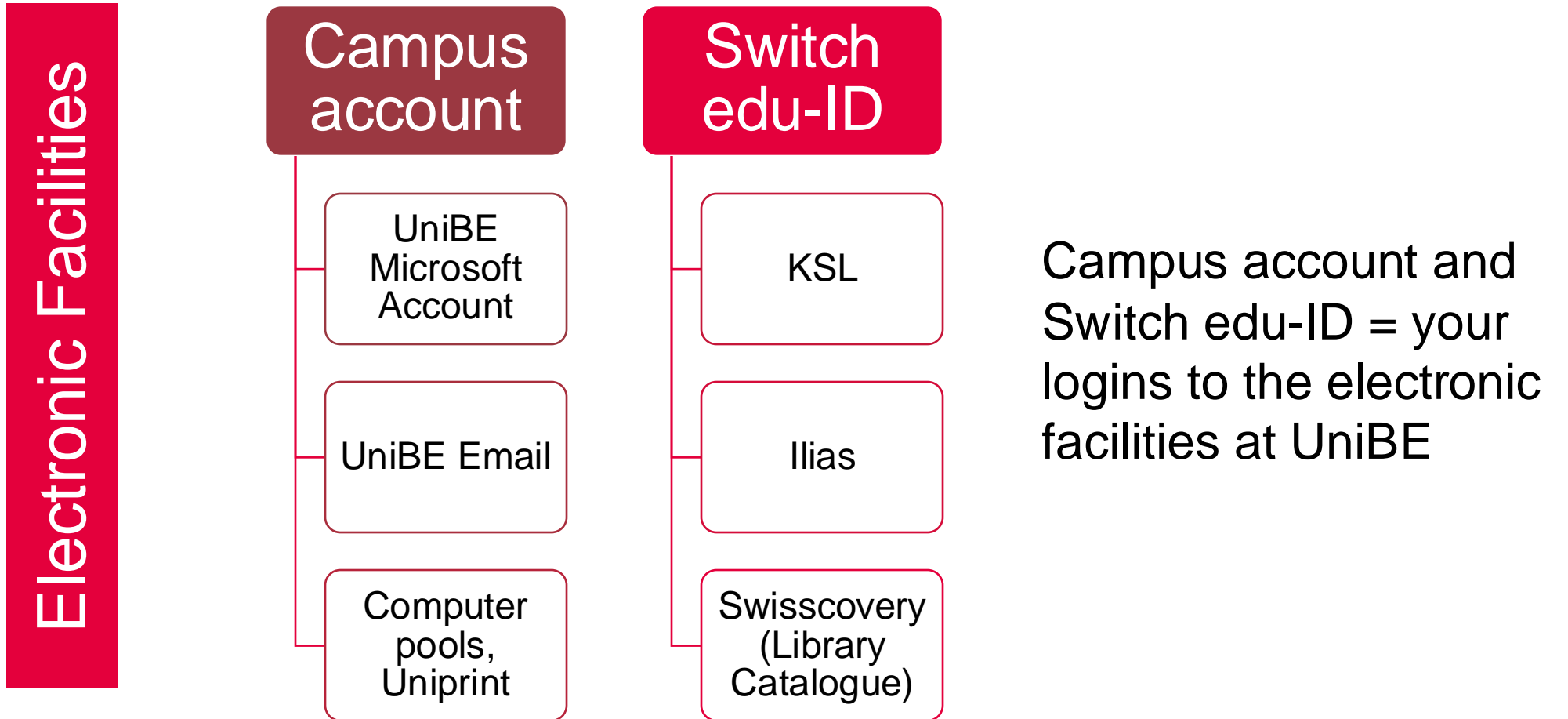


↑ validate your card each semester

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Electronic Facilities UniBE

Campus Account, SWITCH edu-ID



u^b Wifi, Copy, Print, Scan

WiFi

Wireless access to internet in all university buildings

1. Download the eduroam CAT profile
2. Connect to the WiFi access point “eduroam” and log in with your UniBE students e-mail address and Campus Account password



@ www.wireless.unibe.ch

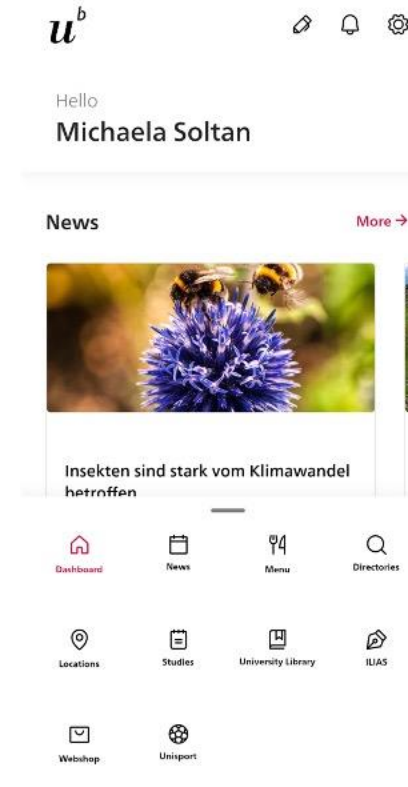
Uniprint

Copy, print and scan using your student card (Campus Account required)

@ uniprint

u^b UniApp – UniBE Mobile

- > Cafeterias and catering (daily menus)
- > Calendar of University events and news
- > Library (access to databases, free working spaces etc.)
- > University sports
- > ILIAS (course contents)
- > CTS (course catalogue and registration)
- > Locations (interactive UniBE map)
- > And much more!



App Store



Google Play

Grading System and ECTS

European Credit Transfer System ECTS

1 ECTS = 25-30 hours' work (student workload)

Full time semester load for regular students 30 ECTS

Grading System

| | |
|-----|-----------------------------|
| 6 | excellent (ausgezeichnet) |
| 5.5 | very good (sehr gut) |
| 5 | good (gut) |
| 4.5 | satisfactory (befriedigend) |
| 4 | adequate (genügend) |
| <4 | inadequate (ungenügend) |



University Libraries

Central Library UB www.ub.unibe.ch

19 libraries: academic field and faculty libraries as well as the Münsterergasse library and the institute libraries

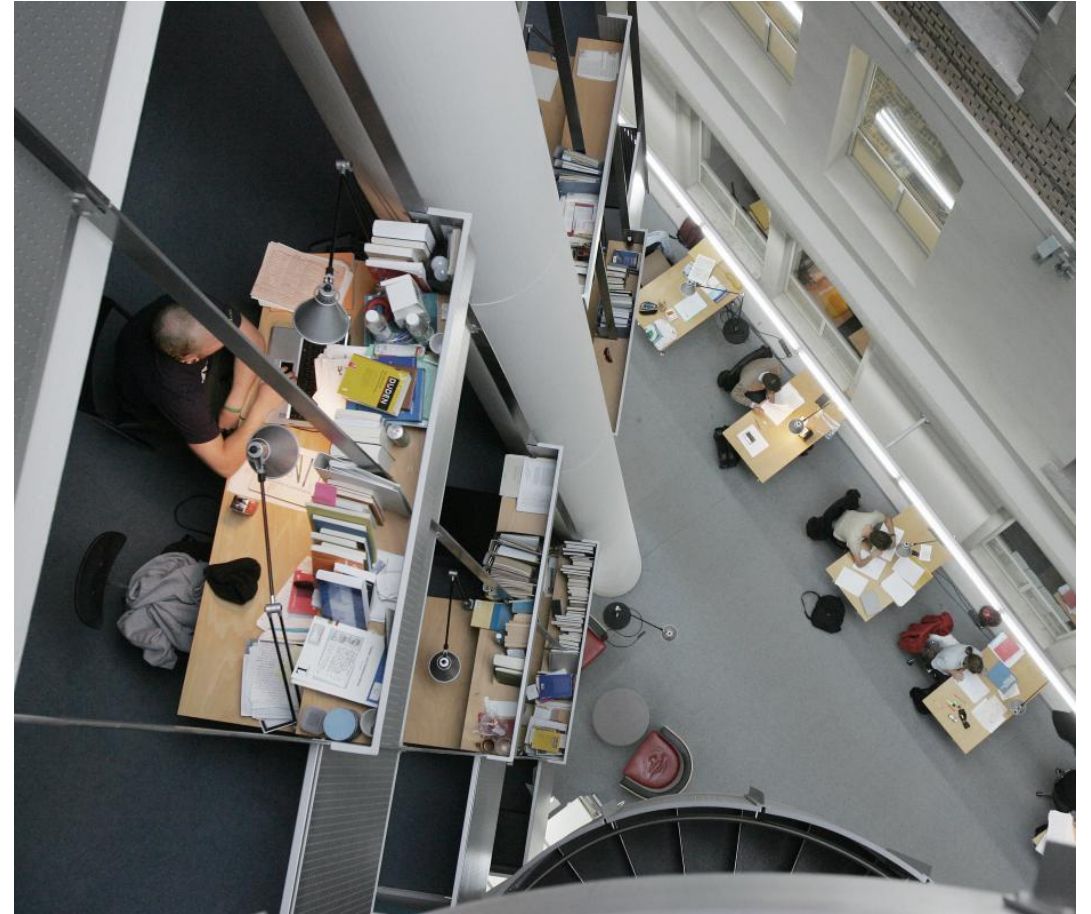
- Register at the information desk at any university library free of charge (bring your ID and unicon!)
- Borrowing books is free of charge
- Loan period 28 days (loans are automatically renewed up to 5 times, if no one else requests the book)
- Online library catalogue, [Swisscovery](#)
- Library study places



Swisscovery: Library Catalogue

Swisscovery: Libraries of UniBE, PHBern as well as 475 other Swiss academic libraries

To use the library catalogue Swisscovery, you will need a Swisscovery Account → see login manual (self-study module Campus Account, SWITCH edu-ID, KSL & Ilias) for step-by-step instructions.



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University Sports

From Aerobics to Yoga

Sports classes, courses,
individual training...



Most courses free of charge
access with Unicard



www.sport.unibe.ch



University Canteens



Meals 7.60 – 8.50 CHF (with student card)
Subscribe to a weekly menu newsletter

Locations:

- Gesellschaftsstrasse 2
- Von Roll, Fabrikstrasse 8
- UniS, Schanzeneckstrasse 1
- Main Building, Hochschulstrasse 4
- Unitobler, Lerchenweg 49
- Bühlplatz, Gertrud-Woker-Strasse 3
- Zentrum Sport, Bremgartenstrasse 145
- DCB, Freiestrasse. 3

@ gastro-unibern.ch

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Who to ask

Where to go

- ❖ Am I allowed to work in Switzerland? / I found a job and need a confirmation that I am allowed to work besides my studies.
- ❖ I have not yet received my Campus Account / Unicard.
- ❖ I'm not sure whether there are certain courses which I should take at the beginning of my Master's. / I would like more information on the curriculum and how to organise my studies.
- ❖ I'm a PhD student and an assistant. I have difficulties with my supervisor.
- ❖ I'm a PhD student and I have my family here with me. Is there special support for students who are parents?

Who can help? Whom would you contact?

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Who to ask

Where to go



UniBE International (International Office / Welcome Center)

General questions about the university, life in Bern and Switzerland

Main Building, Hochschulstrasse 4, ground floor, rooms 013-018



<http://www.incoming.unibe.ch/,www.welcomecenter.unibe.ch>



<https://www.facebook.com/unibe.mobility>



<https://www.instagram.com/unibe.mobility/>

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Who to ask Where to go



Admissions Office

Questions concerning your admission/immatriculation at the University of Bern

Main Building, Hochschulstrasse 4, ground floor, room 021

info.zib@unibe.ch, Tel. 031 684 39 11

Student counselling (Studienfachberatung)

Questions concerning your studies, exams etc.

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Who to ask Where to go



Office for Equal Opportunities

Advice in gender-equality-relevant and inclusion matters, courses and workshops, mentoring program

[Office for Equal Opportunities](#)

Intermediate Staff Association

Represents and promotes the interest of intermediate staff

www.mvub.unibe.ch

****Upcoming Events****

25 February: [Meeting for Docs- and Postdocs](#)



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Who to ask Where to go



Universities of Bern Counselling Centre (Beratungsstelle Berner Hochschulen)

Psychological counselling/coaching (confidential, free of charge)

- study organization: balancing studying and employment, combining studying with family life
- work and learning techniques and coping with exams
- career planning
- conflicts in personal and study relationships
- difficulties, crises and personal development

Erlachstrasse 17, Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 8-12, 13.30-17 h, Wed morning closed, Fri till 16:30 h

 www.bst.bkd.be.ch, beratungsstelle.bernerhochschulen@be.ch, Tel. 031 635 24 35

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MILSA

Inbound

Intercultural learning program for
Master and PhD students

Purpose

- Improve your quality of stay by gaining intercultural awareness
- Get to know Bern
- Social networking



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MILSA Inbound

Activities

- Workshops
- Cultural and social events
- Blog writing

2 ECTS

www.milsa.unibe.ch



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Initiative Afrique

New Regional Focus of UniBE

UniBE has a longstanding tradition of working with African partners and doing research on Africa → new regional focus of our internationalisation strategy, community to support this focus (prioritisation of further structures and activities).



Next event: Ubuntu Lunch, 27 February 2025, 11:45 - 13.30, UniS, room B-105, Schanzeneckstrasse 1, 3012 Bern

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