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The survey makes it possible to draw a detailed profile of the living and study conditions of students across Switzerland. It is an instrument to help make higher education policy decisions.

We guarantee that your data will be treated confidentially and that your anonymity will be strictly protected.

The time necessary to answer the questionnaire can vary depending on your degree programme, but should be around 30 minutes.

The survey's success depends on your participation.

It is imperative that all students who have been contacted answer the questionnaire in order to obtain a complete picture of the situation.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

To go forwards and backwards within the questionnaire, please only use the "back" and "forward" buttons at the bottom of the questionnaire.

1 Current degree programme and previous education

1.1 Are you currently pursuing an academic degree programme?

- | | | |
|---|---|---------------------------|
| ☐ Yes |  | continue to question 1.2 |
| ☐ Yes, but I have taken one semester/one year off |  | continue to question 1.1b |
| ☐ No, I have interrupted my degree programme, but I would like to continue it at a later stage |  | continue to question 1.1b |
| ☐ No, I have stopped my degree programme |  | continue to question 1.1a |
| ☐ No, I have already completed my degree programme |  | end |

Dear Sir or Madam

This questionnaire is intended for persons who are studying at the present time. As you have already completed your course of study, you do not belong to the target audience for this survey.

In this case you are already at the end of the questionnaire. We thank you for agreeing to take part in the survey.

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1.1a Why have you decided to stop your degree programme?
(Please select a maximum of 5 answers)

- ☐ I had doubts about the purpose of my degree programme
- ☐ I wanted to obtain other experiences
- ☐ I was refused a grant
- ☐ I had to pursue a paid employment
- ☐ I had to interrupt my degree programme for family reasons
- ☐ I had to interrupt my degree programme for health reasons
- ☐ I had to interrupt my degree programme due to maternity
- ☐ I had to perform my civil or military service
- ☐ I was facing financial problems
- ☐ I felt stressed out or overworked by my degree programme
- ☐ My professional prospects seemed to be too uncertain
- ☐ I failed my exams
- ☐ Other (please explain briefly): _____

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1.1b What reasons prompted you to temporarily interrupt your degree programme?
(Please select a maximum of 5 answers)

- ☐ I had doubts about the purpose of my degree programme
- ☐ I wanted to obtain other experiences
- ☐ I was refused a grant
- ☐ I had to pursue a paid employment
- ☐ I had to interrupt my degree programme for family reasons
- ☐ I had to interrupt my degree programme for health reasons
- ☐ I had to interrupt my degree programme due to maternity
- ☐ I had to perform my civil or military service
- ☐ I was facing financial problems
- ☐ I felt stressed out or overworked by my degree programme
- ☐ My professional prospects seemed to be too uncertain
- ☐ I failed my exams
- ☐ Other (please explain briefly): _____

1.2 For which degree level did you register for the spring semester 2009?

- ☐ Bachelor
- ☐ University "licence"/diploma
- ☐ Master/specialised Master
- ☐ Phd
- ☐ Other

 continue to question 1.3

 continue to question 1.4

 continue to question 1.2a

 continue to question 1.5a

 continue to question 1.4

1.2a How much time has passed since you got your Bachelor and the beginning of the Master degree you are currently pursuing?

- ☐ 1 month or less ■ continue to question 1.2b
- ☐ 2 months ■ continue to question 1.2b
- ☐ 3 months ■ continue to question 1.2b
- ☐ 4 months
- ☐ 5 months
- ☐ 6 months
- ☐ 7 months
- ☐ 8 months
- ☐ 9 months
- ☐ 10 months
- ☐ 11 months
- ☐ 12 months
- ☐ Between 1 and 2 years
- ☐ More than two years

1.2aa Why didn't you start your Master sooner after you got your Bachelor?

(Several answers possible)

- ☐ Because I had to wait several months after I got my Bachelor before I could start the Master
- ☐ Because I had to fulfil additional conditions to be able to start the Master (exam, training course, obtaining ECTS credits, etc.)
- ☐ To get more professional experience
- ☐ For financial reasons
- ☐ In order to learn a foreign language or improve my language skills
- ☐ Other (please explain briefly): _____

1.2b What conditions did you have to meet to start the Master you are currently pursuing?

(Several answers possible)

- ☐ My Bachelor (or my "licence") were sufficient to start the Master without fulfilling additional requirements ■ continue to question 1.2c
- ☐ I had to obtain additional ECTS credits before starting my Master ■ continue to question 1.2ba
- ☐ I have to obtain additional ECTS credits during my Master ■ continue to question 1.2bb
- ☐ I had to retake exams which I had already passed as part of my Bachelor ■ continue to question 1.2c
- ☐ I had to go through a selection procedure based on an overall assessment of my application ■ continue to question 1.2c
- ☐ I had to pass a language exam ■ continue to question 1.2c
- ☐ I had to do a work placement/internship (or other professional training period) before I was able to start my Master ■ continue to question 1.2bc

1.2ba How many additional ECTS credits did you have to obtain before you started your Master programme ?

_____ ECTS credits

 continue to question 1.2c

1.2bb How many additional ECTS credits do you have to obtain during your Master programme ?

_____ ECTS credits

 continue to question 1.2c

1.2bc What was the duration of this work placement/internship (or other professional training) ?

_____ weeks

1.2c Did you change higher education institution to start your Master?

(Exmatriculation from the higher education institution in which you obtained your Bachelor or "licence"/diploma and registration in another higher education institution for the Master)

☐ Yes

 continue to question 1.2ca

☐ No

 continue to question 1.2cb

1.2ca What were your reasons for changing higher education institution to start your Master?

(Several answers possible)

- ☐ The Master I wanted to do didn't exist in my original higher education institution
- ☐ Because the Master I am pursuing in my new higher education institution has a good reputation
- ☐ To pursue a Master in another language
- ☐ To study with a specific professor
- ☐ To get to know another region
- ☐ To keep the costs of my degree as low as possible
- ☐ To pursue a paid employment
- ☐ Because I came to Switzerland after my Bachelor to pursue a Master
- ☐ For another reason (please explain briefly): _____

1.2cb Why did you not change higher education institution to start your Master?

(Several answers possible)

- ☐ The Master programme I wanted to do was offered in my original higher education institution
- ☐ Because my Master has a good reputation in my original higher education institution
- ☐ To pursue a Master in the same language
- ☐ To study with a specific professor
- ☐ To avoid having to relocate
- ☐ To keep the costs of my degree programme as low as possible
- ☐ To pursue a paid employment
- ☐ Because there was no reason for me to change higher education institution
- ☐ For another reason (please explain briefly): _____

 continue to question 1.4

1.3 Are you planning to start a Master or a specialised Master after your Bachelor?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

 continue to question 1.4

 continue to question 1.4

1.3a When do you think you will start your Master or specialised Master programme?
(Several answers possible)

- ☐ As soon as possible after the Bachelor
- ☐ After a work placement/internship that is required to begin the Master
- ☐ After getting professional experience
- ☐ After having worked to finance my education
- ☐ After having done a language study period abroad
- ☐ After having travelled
- ☐ After having taken a break to think about my education
- ☐ Other (please explain briefly): _____

1.3b Are you planning to change higher education institution to pursue a Master or specialised Master degree?
(Exmatriculation from the higher education institution in which you obtained your Bachelor or "licence"/diploma and registration in another higher education institution for the Master)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

 continue to question 1.3ba

 continue to question 1.3bb

1.3ba Why are you planning to change higher education institution to pursue your Master?
(Several answers possible)

- ☐ Because the Master I want to pursue does not exist in my original higher education institution
- ☐ Because the Master I want to pursue has a good reputation in another higher education institution
- ☐ To pursue a Master in another language
- ☐ To study with a specific professor
- ☐ To get to know another region
- ☐ To keep the costs of my degree programme as low as possible
- ☐ To pursue a paid employment
- ☐ To pursue a Master abroad
- ☐ For another reason (please explain briefly): _____

 continue to question 1.4

1.3bb Why are you not planning to change higher education institution to pursue your Master?

(Several answers possible)

- ☐ Because the Master I want to pursue is offered in my original higher education institution
- ☐ Because the Master I want to pursue has a good reputation in my original higher education institution
- ☐ To pursue a Master in the same language
- ☐ To study with a specific professor
- ☐ To avoid having to relocate
- ☐ To keep the costs of my degree programme as low as possible
- ☐ To pursue a paid employment
- ☐ Because there was no reason for me to change higher education institution
- ☐ For another reason (please explain briefly): _____

1.4 What is the highest higher education degree you plan to obtain?

(Please only indicate the highest degree you plan to obtain)

- ☐ Bachelor in a university/federal institute of technology
- ☐ Bachelor in a university of applied sciences/university of teacher education
- ☐ Master in a university/federal institute of technology
- ☐ Master in a university of applied sciences/university of teacher education
- ☐ Diploma/university "licence"
- ☐ University of applied sciences/university of teacher education diploma
- ☐ State examination
- ☐ DESS (Diploma of Advanced Specialised Studies), DEA (Diploma of Advanced Studies), MAS (Master of Advanced Studies), MBA (Executive Master of Business Administration), etc.
- ☐ PhD

1.5a What non-university and non-university of applied sciences/university of teacher education educational programmes did you complete prior to starting your current degree programme?

(Please state all educational programmes you completed)

- ☐ 2-4 years apprenticeship, initial vocational training with Federal Certificate of Capacity or Federal Vocational Certificate (or equivalent education/training); full-time vocational school, commercial or school of arts and trades diploma or equivalent education/training
- ☐ Professional Maturity (higher education qualification certificate) or specialised Maturity (diploma middle school/specialised Maturity school)
- ☐ General Maturity (higher education qualification certificate)
- ☐ Teacher training college (for future infant school, primary school, handicrafts and home economics teachers)
- ☐ Adult Maturity (higher education qualification certificate, evening high school)
- ☐ Further education/training or second education/training, after initial education/training, with a minimum duration of 3 years
- ☐ Advanced vocational training with federal certificate, higher vocational examination with federal diploma or "maîtrise" (Master certificate)
- ☐ Technical school or equivalent vocational school, technical school or higher school, higher commercial management school (2 years of full-time study or 4 years of part-time study)
- ☐ Higher school, higher technical school, higher school of economy and administration, higher school of applied arts, institute of social studies/social work college (3 years part-time study or 4 years part-time study)
- ☐ (Further) in-company training (6 months minimum)
- ☐ (Further) off-the-job training (6 months minimum)
- ☐ None

1.5b What university programmes (higher university institution, federal institute of technology) or programme in another university of applied sciences or university of teacher education did you complete before you started your current degree programme?

(Please state all educational programmes you completed)

- ☐ Bachelor from university/federal institute of technology which was a requirement to begin the Master I am currently pursuing
- ☐ Bachelor from university of applied sciences/university of teacher education which was a requirement to begin the Master I am currently pursuing
- ☐ Other university/federal institute of technology Bachelor
- ☐ Other Bachelor from university of applied sciences/university of teacher education
- ☐ "Licence"/diploma from university/federal institute of technology
- ☐ University of applied sciences/university of teacher education diploma
- ☐ Teaching certificate
- ☐ University/federal institute of technology Master
- ☐ University of applied sciences / university of teacher education Master
- ☐ State examination
- ☐ Post-graduate university/federal institute of technology diploma
- ☐ Post-graduate university of applied sciences/university of teacher education diploma
- ☐ PhD
- ☐ None

1.6 How much time elapsed between getting your certificate to begin higher education (generally "Maturity certificate") and your first registration in a higher education institution?

- ☐ 1 month or less  continue to question 1.7
- ☐ 2 months  continue to question 1.7
- ☐ 3 months  continue to question 1.7
- ☐ 4 months
- ☐ 5 months
- ☐ 6 months
- ☐ 7 months
- ☐ 8 months
- ☐ 9 months
- ☐ 10 months
- ☐ 11 months
- ☐ 12 months
- ☐ Between 1 and 2 years
- ☐ More than two years

1.6a Why did you not start your degree programme immediately?

(Several answers possible)

- ☐ Because I was required to wait several months after obtaining the certificate that allowed me to start my degree programme
- ☐ In order to learn a foreign language or improve my language skills
- ☐ To pursue or complete a vocational training programme
- ☐ Because after my school education or vocational training, I wanted to work
- ☐ Because I was offered an interesting job
- ☐ To get more work experience before starting a degree
- ☐ For financial reasons
- ☐ For health reasons
- ☐ Due to maternity
- ☐ Due to civil or military service
- ☐ Because obtaining professional experience was a precondition for registration
- ☐ In order to have time to think to better define my academic choice
- ☐ To travel or engage in other leisure activities
- ☐ Because no vacancy was available in the degree programme
- ☐ To take a preparatory course or prepare my entrance exam to start my degree programme
- ☐ Because at the time I did not intend to pursue higher education studies
- ☐ Other (please explain briefly): _____

1.7 Before you started your current degree programme, did you have a regular paid employment?

(At least 12 months at 50%. Please note that vocational training does not count)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

1.8 What are you doing as part of your degree programme during the Spring 2009 semester?

(Several answers possible)

- ☐ I attend courses and seminars
- ☐ I write seminar/semester/research papers
- ☐ I am pursuing my degree programme whilst working in paid employment at the same time
- ☐ I am doing a work placement/internship  continue to question 1.8a
- ☐ I am preparing my intermediate exams or my final exams
- ☐ I am writing my final thesis (Bachelor, Master or "licence"/diploma)
- ☐ I am doing research for my PhD dissertation
- ☐ I have temporarily interrupted my degree programme

 continue to question 1.9

1.8a What is the duration of your work placement/internship?

(Please state the duration in weeks)

___ weeks

1.8b As part of your degree programme, your work placement/internship is...

- ☐ compulsory
- ☐ optional

1.8c Your work placement/internship is...

- ☐ paid
- ☐ unpaid
- ☐ unpaid, but it comes with a stipend/grant from your higher education institution

 continue to question 1.9

1.8c1 What remuneration do you get for your work placement/internship?

(Please state the amount you receive or have received for the whole work placement/internship)

___ CHF for the entire duration of the work placement/internship performed

1.9 Is there a time limit to the degree programme you are currently pursuing?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

 continue to question 1.10

 continue to question 1.10

1.9a What are the consequences of this limit?

(Please respond to each statement on a scale of 1 to 5: 1=not at all 5=completely)

	1=not at all	2	3	4	5=completely
I am studying in a more focused way in order to meet the deadlines I have been given	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
This situation limits my possibility of having a paid employment	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I have to take out a loan	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I am postponing having children	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I risk not being able to finish my degree programme	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
This limit is the cause of the health problems	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
This limit does not change the way I am studying	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Other consequences (please explain briefly): _____

1.10 To what extent do the following statements apply to you?

(Please respond to each statement on a scale of 1 to 5: 1=not at all 5=completely)

I chose my academic subject...

	1=not at all	2	3	4	5=completely
because I was interested in this academic field	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
because the requirements in this subject correspond to my abilities	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
to improve my earning potential	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
to realise my professional goal	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
to have good chances on the job market	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
because of the multiple professional possibilities that are opened up by these studies	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
because it allows me to keep the cost of my degree programme as low as possible	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
to broaden my horizons	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
because I come from a family that has always valued academic achievement	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
for better social recognition	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
because it allows me to have a paid employment at the same time	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
to pursue an additional educational programme after my vocational training	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
to do my part to improve society	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other (please explain briefly): _____					

1.11 To what extent did the following factors influence how you chose the institution where you are currently studying?

(Please respond to each statement on a scale of 1 to 5: 1=not at all 5=completely)

	1=not at all	2	3	4	5=completely
Proximity to my home before I started my degree programme	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Possibility of studying with friends and acquaintances	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Reputation of the higher education institution	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Quality of supervision and support in this institution	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Reputation of my academic field in this higher education institution	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Only institution that offers the academic focus I was interested in	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
My financial situation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The main language of instruction	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Proximity to my workplace	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other (please explain briefly): _____					

1.12. How is your degree programme structured?

- ☐ Full-time programme
- ☐ Part-time programme or programme for students, who are also working

 continue to question 2.1

1.12a Does your degree programme require you to pursue a parallel professional activity during your studies

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

 continue to question 2.2

2 Paid employment(s)

2.1 Have you had one (or several) paid employments in the past 12 months?

Note: this includes paid work placements and assistantships but not occupations exercised before you started your degree programme.

- ☐ Yes, both during the semesters and during class-free periods (semester holidays)  continue to question 2.2
- ☐ Yes, only during the semesters  continue to question 2.2
- ☐ Yes, only during class-free periods (semester holidays)  continue to question 2.2 then 2.4 (without 2.3)
- ☐ No  continue to question 2.1a
- ☐ I was not yet registered in the higher education institution while I was gainfully employed  continue to chapter 3

2.1a Why have you not been gainfully employed in the past 12 months? (Several answers possible)

- ☐ It was not financially necessary
- ☐ I was not interested in being gainfully employed
- ☐ Because of my study load
- ☐ Because of maternity, family responsibilities
- ☐ For health reasons
- ☐ No work permit in Switzerland
- ☐ Unsuccessful search for paid employment
- ☐ Other reason (please explain briefly): _____

 continue to chapter 3

2.2 In total, what was your average employment rate during the past 12 months (including paid work placements and assistantships but not employment before you started your degree programme)?

(For example, 25 days of work or 4 hours per week correspond to 10% of a full-time job over a year)

My employment rate was: _____ %

2.3 On what days do you most frequently work during the semester (period when you have classes)?

(Only one answer possible)

- ☐ Mainly from Monday to Friday
- ☐ Mainly during the weekend (Saturday-Sunday)
- ☐ Every day
- ☐ On a very irregular basis

2.3a At what time during the day do you most frequently work?

(Only one answer possible)

- ☐ Mainly during the day (between 6 am and 6 pm)
- ☐ Mainly in the evening (between 6pm and 10 pm)
- ☐ Mainly at night (between 10 pm and 6 am)
- ☐ On a very irregular basis

2.4 To what extent is what you do in your paid employment connected to your degree programme?

(If have several paid employments, please indicate the one which takes up most of your time)

(Please respond to the statement on a scale of 1 to 5: 1=no connection 5=closely connected)

	1=no connection	2	3	4	5=closely connected
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

2.5 Please explain the nature of your principal paid employment :

(Only one answer possible)

- ☐ Compulsory work placement/internship as part of the academic programme (including medical internship)
- ☐ Voluntary work placement (paid work placement, but voluntary as part of the academic programme)
- ☐ Student assistant, academic assistant within the higher education institution
- ☐ Paid employment which does not require specific or additional education or training (e.g. babysitter, secretary, researcher, assistant cashier, school tutor, etc.)
- ☐ Paid employment which requires specific education or training (e.g. teacher, secretary, translator, skilled worker, etc.)
- ☐ Self-employment (e.g. freelance journalist, etc.)
- ☐ Other paid employment (please explain briefly): _____

2.6a To what extent do the following statements constitute a reason for you to have one or several paid employments?
(Please respond to each statement on a scale of 1 to 5: 1=not at all 5=completely)

I exercise paid employment ...

	1=not at all	2	3	4	5=completely
because I need the income I earn from it to live	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
because it makes things easier for me financially	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
to be able to maintain my standard of living	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
because it gives me independence from my parents	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
because this occupation allows me to acquire practical experience that will be useful in my future professional life	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
to make contacts for my future integration into working life	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
because I have to financially support other people (partner, children)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
because I hope to increase my chances in the labour market	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
because this paid employment makes me feel socially better integrated	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
because this paid employment is an obligatory part of my degree programme	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
because my degree programme leaves me free time	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
because I don't get a grant/student loan or my grant/student loan is insufficient	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
to broaden my personal horizons	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
because my paid employment is my main interest; my degree programme takes second place	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

2.6b To what extent do the following statements constitute a reason for you to study part-time or while being employed at the same time?

(Please respond to each statement on a scale of 1 to 5: 1=not at all 5=completely)

I am studying part-time or while being employed at the same time...

	1=not at all	2	3	4	5=completely
to get a higher qualification without having to quit my paid employment	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
because it corresponds more closely to my view of life than full-time studies	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
because I can make a direct connection between the content of my degree programme and professional practice	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
because my employer has asked me to get a higher qualification	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
because I am looking after my child/children	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

2.7 Does your paid employment have consequences for your degree programme?

(Please respond to each statement on a scale of 1 to 5: 1=not at all 5=completely)

	1=not at all	2	3	4	5=completely
My paid employment stimulates me in my studies	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I find it difficult to reconcile the two (paid employment and studies)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
My degree programme is just a secondary activity	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
My paid employment risks handicapping my educational success	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I study in a more focused way and I am aware of what is more important	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I would gladly work less to have more time to study but I cannot afford it financially	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I am not able to do an academic stay in another institution of higher education although I would like to	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I cannot take certain courses because of a conflict of schedules	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I have health problems because of the double burden of my study load and having a job	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

3 Living and studying conditions

3.1 Do you find the following aspects of your degree programme and your current life satisfactory?

(Please respond to each statement on a scale of 1 to 5: 1=very unsatisfactory 5=very satisfactory)

	1=very unsatisfactory	2	3	4	5=very satisfactory
Educational conditions	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Housing conditions	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Total work load (degree programme and paid employment)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Health	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Social life	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Help : Time spent on various activities

This question is about how much time students spend on various activities. If the amount of time you devote to a particular activity varies widely from one period to another, please indicate the amount spent on this activity during a "typical" week during the semester.

"Voluntary activities" comprise activities involving social, political or cultural engagement. In this sense, they are to be differentiated from leisure activities. For example, a "coach" in a sports club is a voluntary activity. But as far as we are concerned a sports activity in a sports club is "only" a leisure activity.

3.2 During an academic week you consider to be typical, how much time do you devote to the following activities?

(Here a week is a full week from Monday to Sunday. Please round off to give full hours and enter <<0>> for the activities you do not practise)

- ___ Academic programme (lectures, seminars, internships, exercises, etc.)
- ___ Other academic work (preparation, research and final papers, library study, library research, etc.)
- ___ Paid employment (all paid activities: jobs, professional activity, babysitter, etc.)
- ___ Voluntary activities (within or outside of your academic institution: societies, youth groups, politics, etc.)
- ___ Family activities, looking after children, household chores

3.3 Do you actively participate in the following activities in your higher education institution?

(Please check the activities you participate in occasionally or regularly)

	Yes	No	This activity does not exist in my higher education institution
Artistic or cultural activities (choir, theatre, orchestra, etc.)	☐	☐	☐
Student union or political activities (student organisation, political group, etc.)	☐	☐	☐
Charitable activities (mutual aid student association, international solidarity, etc.)	☐	☐	☐
Sports activities	☐	☐	☐

3.4 To what extent do you find the following services in your higher education institution satisfactory:

(Please assess each service on a scale of 1 to 5: 1=very satisfactory to 5= very unsatisfactory)

	1=very unsatisfactory	2	3	4	5=Very satisfactory	Service does not exist or I don't make use of it
Restaurant, cafeteria of the higher education institution	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Student advisory service	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Student loans council	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Housing service	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Student mobility scheme, international relations service	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Language centre	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Gender-equality services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Crèche and childcare services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Social services, health services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Job fair, employment referral services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Student associations	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sports facilities and options	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Cultural offerings	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

3.5 How do you see your studies compared to other interests and activities of yours?

(Only one answer possible)

- ☐ More important
- ☐ Equally important
- ☐ Less important

4 Housing

4.1 Where do you live during the academic semester?

Note: please consider your housing situation during the week.

(Only one answer possible)

- ☐ At my parents'  continue to question 4.1a
- ☐ In a student hostel
- ☐ In a room in a private home
- ☐ Alone in a studio, flat or house
- ☐ In a flat, a house with my partner/my children  activate questions 6.2b and 6.3b instead of 6.2a and 6.3a
- ☐ Sharing rent in a flat
- ☐ Other (please explain briefly): _____
 continue to question 4.2

4.1a To what extent do the following statements correspond to your situation?

(Please respond to each statement on a scale of 1 to 5: 1=not at all 5=completely)

	1=not at all	2	3	4	5=completely
I am content to be living at my parents'	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I chose where I was going to study to be near my parent's home	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I cannot afford to pay for housing myself	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I am currently looking for housing but so far without success	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

4.2 How far from your higher education institution do you live during the week?

Please state the approximate distance in kilometres _____

Less than 1 km

1 km

2 km

3 km

4 km

5 km

6 km

7 km

8 km

9 km

10 km

11 – 15 km

16 – 20 km

21 – 25 km

26 – 35 km

36 – 50 km

51 – 75 km

76 – 100 km

More than 100 km

4.3 This semester, which municipality (commune) are you living in during the week?

- ☐ In Switzerland
- ☐ Abroad

 continue to question 4.3a.

 continue to question 4.3b.

4.3a. This semester, which municipality (commune) are you living in during the week?

please select a canton first: _____

please select now a municipality _____

 continue to question 4.4

4.3b. This semester, which municipality (commune) are you living in during the week?

_____ (postcode) _____ (Place of residence) _____ (Country)

4.4 What means of transport do you use most often to get to your higher education institution?

(If you use several means of transport, please indicate the one you use to make the longest part of the trip)

- ☐ On foot
- ☐ By bicycle
- ☐ By bus, tram, etc.
- ☐ By train
- ☐ By car, motorcycle, motor scooter

4.5 To what extent do you find the following aspects of your current housing conditions satisfactory?

(Please respond to each statement on a scale of 1 to 5: 1=very unsatisfactory 5=very satisfactory)

	1=very unsatisfactory	2	3	4	5=very satisfactory
Comfort	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The amount of space you have	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Quietness of the surroundings	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The rent (if you pay rent)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Distance between your housing and the higher education institution	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

5 Student financial aid

5.0 Are you receiving financial aid for your degree programme from your employer for the 2008-2009 academic year?
(Please indicate all the types of financial aid you are receiving)

- | | |
|---|---|
| ☐ Grant or loan from the employer |  continue to question 5.1 |
| ☐ Possibility of devoting part of the paid work time to degree programme |  continue to question 5.1 |
| ☐ Payment of tuition (in whole or in part) |  continue to question 5.0a |
| ☐ Other (please explain briefly): _____ |  continue to question 5.1 |
| ☐ No financial support from employer |  continue to question 5.1 |

5.0a What percentage of your tuition has your employer offer to pay for the 2008-2009 academic year?
(Only one answer possible)

- ☐ 1-25%
- ☐ 26-50%
- ☐ 51-75%
- ☐ 76-100%

Note:

For the following questions, please specify all applications for financial aid from the public and private sector with the exception of

- bank loans
- mobility scheme for university studies grants or loans (e.g. Erasmus)
- allowances obtained as part of work placements/internships that form part of academic programmes

5.1 Are you receiving financial aid for your degree programme for the 2008-2009 academic year?
(Please indicate all financial aid you receive)

- | | |
|--|--|
| ☐ Yes, I receive a grant (government, higher education institution, non-profit private institution) |  activate questions 5.2. |
| ☐ Yes, I receive a loan (government, higher education institution, non-profit private institution) |  activate questions 5.3 |
| ☐ I have applied for one or several grants/loans but have not yet received a response |  continue to question 5.6 |
| ☐ No, I do not receive financial aid for my degree programme |  activate questions 5.4 |

5.2 Your grant comes from...
(Several answers possible)

- | | |
|---|---|
| ☐ the government |  activate questions 5.2a |
| ☐ your higher education institution |  activate questions 5.2b |
| ☐ a non-profit private institution (e.g. a foundation) |  activate questions 5.2c |
| ☐ I don't know | |

5.2a1 The grant you receive from the government comes...

- ☐ a level of the Swiss government (Confederation, canton, municipality)
- ☐ from a foreign government (central government, local authority, etc.)
- ☐ I don't know

5.2a2 The grant you receive from the government is...

- ☐ dependent on your parents'/partner's income
- ☐ independent of your parents'/partner's income
- ☐ I don't know

5.2b1 The grant you receive from the higher education institution is...

- ☐ dependent on your parents'/partner's income
- ☐ independent of your parents'/partner's income
- ☐ I don't know

5.2b2 Is the grant you receive from the higher education institution something like an "excellence scholarship"?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

5.2c1 The grant you receive from a private institution is...

- ☐ dependent on your parents'/partner's income
- ☐ independent of your parents'/partner's income
- ☐ I don't know

5.2c2 Is the grant you receive from a private institution something like an "excellence scholarship"?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

5.3 Your loan comes from...

(Several answers possible)

- ☐ the government
- ☐ your higher education institution
- ☐ a non-profit private institution (e.g. a foundation)
- ☐ I don't know

 activates questions 5.3a

 activates questions 5.3b

 activates questions 5.3c

5.3a1 The loan you receive from the government comes from.....

- ☐ a level of the Swiss government (Confederation, canton, municipality)
- ☐ a foreign government (central government, local authority, etc.)
- ☐ I don't know

5.3a2 The loan you receive from the government is...

- ☐ dependent on your parents'/partner's income
- ☐ independent of your parents'/partner's income
- ☐ I don't know

5.3b The loan you receive from the institution of higher education is...

- ☐ dependent on your parents'/partner's income
- ☐ independent of your parents'/partner's income
- ☐ I don't know

5.3c The loan you receive from a private institution is...

- ☐ dependent on your parents'/partner's income
- ☐ independent of your parents'/partner's income
- ☐ I don't know

5.4 Have you already submitted one or several applications for a grant or loan for the 2008-2009 academic year or for a previous year?

- ☐ Yes but my application(s) were rejected  continue to question 5.5a
- ☐ Yes, but the aid I received has already run out  continue to question 5.5c
- ☐ No  continue to question 5.5d

5.5a What was the main reason you were given when your grant or loan application(s) were rejected?
(Please select the main reason that determined the rejection of your application. Only one answer possible)

- ☐ My parents/partner's financial situation
- ☐ My personal financial situation
- ☐ My academic results were not good enough
- ☐ I am pursuing a second education/training programme
- ☐ My age
- ☐ My principal place of residence is abroad
- ☐ My Swiss residence permit does not allow it
- ☐ Other (please explain briefly): _____

5.5b What are the consequences of this rejection for your degree programme?
(Several answers possible)

- ☐ I have to spend more time in paid employment
- ☐ The total duration of my degree programme will become longer
- ☐ I am thinking about giving up my degree programme
- ☐ I have borrowed money from my family or friends
- ☐ I have taken out a bank loan
- ☐ I am financially dependent on my parents
- ☐ I am financially dependent on my partner
- ☐ I have decided to study in a university of applied sciences whilst working in paid employment at the same time
- ☐ Other (please explain briefly): _____
- ☐ There are no consequences; I can continue my degree programme as planned

 continue to question 5.6

5.5c What are the consequences of the end of this aid for your degree programme?
(Several answers possible)

- ☐ I have to spend more time in paid employment
- ☐ The total duration of my degree programme will become longer
- ☐ I am thinking about giving up my degree programme
- ☐ I have borrowed money from my family or friends
- ☐ I have taken out a bank loan
- ☐ I am financially dependent on my parents
- ☐ I am financially dependent on my partner
- ☐ I have decided to study in a university of applied sciences whilst working in paid employment at the same time
- ☐ Other (please explain briefly): _____
- ☐ There are no consequences; I can continue my degree programme as planned

 continue to question 5.6

5.5d Why did you not apply for a grant or loan?
(Please select a maximum of three reasons)

- ☐ Because of my parents' financial situation
- ☐ Because of my personal financial situation
- ☐ Because my academic results were not good enough
- ☐ Because I am pursuing a second education/training programme
- ☐ Because of my age
- ☐ Because my place of residence is abroad
- ☐ Because my residence permit does not allow it
- ☐ I do not need financial aid
- ☐ I did not know with whom/where to apply
- ☐ I do not want to get into debt
- ☐ Because I am studying part-time/whilst working in paid employment at the same time
- ☐ Other (please explain briefly): _____

5.6 Have you taken out a bank loan to finance your degree programme for the 2008-2009 academic year?

This question refers to private bank loans (credits) used only to finance your degree programme studies. Loans taken out to pay for goods and services unrelated to your degree programme, such as a car or holidays, should be ignored here.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I prefer not to comment on this subject

6 Financial situation

6.1 Are you benefiting from a partial or total waiver from paying tuition during the Spring 2009 semester?

- ☐ No, I pay all my tuition
- ☐ Yes, I benefit from a total waiver for social or financial reasons  continue to question 6.1b
- ☐ Yes, I benefit from a partial waiver for social or financial reasons
- ☐ Yes, I benefit from a total waiver because I am attending fewer classes  continue to question 6.1b
- ☐ Yes, I benefit from a partial waiver because I am attending fewer classes
- ☐ Yes, I benefit from a partial or total waiver for other reasons (please explain briefly): _____

6.1a What is the amount of your total tuition for the Spring 2009 semester?

Note: Please include all the tuition and fees you pay for your degree programme (registration fee, examination fees, etc.) for one semester and not for an academic year.

Tuition: _____ CHF for the Spring 2009 semester

6.1b In addition to tuition what is the total amount of your study and/or work placement/internship fees for the Spring 2009 semester?

Note: please include tuition and work placement/internship fees for a semester and not for an academic year

Study costs (materials, books, etc.) and work placement/internship fees: _____ CHF for the Spring 2009 semester

The questions below refer to your financial situation. They help us get a better understanding of the expenses students confront as well as of the funds that are available to them.

We assure you once again that all information you give us will be handled with the strictest confidentiality.

Because a student's budget can vary widely from one month to the next, we ask you to estimate which of your expenditures and funds represent the average for a "normal" month (during the semester and not the holidays). If you cannot give an exact amount, please give an approximation you consider to be the most realistic.

Monthly expenditures during this semester

This question aims to ascertain students' average expenditures. These include your own expenditures as well as those covered by other people (parents, family, etc.) on your behalf, such as paying in whole or in part for your rent, your food, clothing and health insurance.

If you live at your parents', please do not include your parents' fixed expenditures (e.g. rent, telephone bill).

6.2a What are your average monthly expenditures during this semester?

To enable us to take due account of your answers, please state both sums in each column and enter <<0>> for the items that do not apply to you.

	I pay out of my own pocket	My parents/ my family pay or for me
Accommodation (including charges) (if you are not paying a rent, enter "0")	—	—
Food (including restaurant and canteen meals)	—	—
Clothing and footwear	—	—
Health (medical insurance, medicine, medical consultations)	—	—
Children (crèche, nursery schools, child care)	—	—
Transport costs (public and private transport)	—	—
Tuition (XXX corresponds to the sum you indicated for the preceding question, divided by six months)	—	—
Educational costs (material, books, etc.) and work placement/internship costs (XXX corresponds to the sum you indicated for the preceding question, divided by six months)	—	—
"Communication" costs (telephone, Internet, TV, radio)	—	—
Leisure activities (sport, culture, holidays, etc.)	—	—
Others (taxes, insurance, paying back debts, presents, cosmetics, etc.)	—	—

Your expenditures are as follows :

CHF

In total, your average monthly expenditures amount to: _____ Swiss francs paid by yourself and/or your parents. If this sum is correct, please continue. If the result does not correspond to your expenditures, please correct them on the preceding page.

6.2b What are your family's/household's average monthly expenditures during this semester?

Attention : You have indicated that you share housing with your partner/children.

Expenditure greater than CHF 30,000: You have indicated monthly expenditures of more than CHF 30,000. Is this correct? If not, please check again the amounts you have indicated for monthly expenditure.

6.2ba How many persons are there in your household?

___ Adults (including yourself)
___ Children aged below 18

6.3a What are your average monthly resources during this semester?

To enable us to take due account of your answers, please state a sum for each item and enter <<0>> for the items that do not apply to you.

- ___ Income from my own paid employment
- ___ Amount received from my parents (directly, money transfer, expense paid directly by them, etc.)
- ___ Amount received from my partner/spouse or other members of my family (directly, money transfer, expense paid directly by them, etc.)
- ___ Average monthly grant awarded by the government (Confederation, canton, municipality, foreign institution)
- ___ Average monthly loan awarded by the government (Confederation, canton, municipality, foreign institution)
- ___ Average monthly grant from the higher education institution
- ___ Average monthly loan from the higher education institution
- ___ Average monthly grant from a private institution
- ___ Average monthly loan from a private institution
- ___ Average monthly loan from friends or family
- ___ Average monthly grant/loan from employer
- ___ Average monthly private bank loan
- ___ Average monthly contribution from savings from previous paid employment
- ___ Monthly utilisation of other savings
- ___ Other sources of income (please explain briefly): _____

In total you have an average of _____ francs per month at your disposal.

If this is correct, please continue. If the result is wrong, please correct it on the previous page.

 continue to question 6.4

6.3b What are your household's/family's average monthly resources during this semester?

Note: You indicated that you share housing with your partner and/or your children.

Based on this, please indicate your household's total resources: CHF _____

6.4 Do you currently have any debts connected to your financial situation as a student?

(Debts refer to all loans or borrowed funds from public or private institutions, family members or friends, as well as late bills)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I prefer not to comment on this subject

 continue to question 6.5

 continue to question 6.5

6.4a What is the nature of your debts?

(Several answers possible)

- ☐ Loan from the government, the higher education institution or a foundation
- ☐ Private bank loan
- ☐ Borrowed funds/loan from members of your family
- ☐ Borrowed funds/loan from friends
- ☐ Late bills

6.4b What is the current amount of your debts?

- ☐ Up to CHF 2,500
- ☐ CHF 2,501-5,000
- ☐ CHF 5,001-10,000
- ☐ CHF 10,001-20,000
- ☐ CHF 10,001-20,000
- ☐ More than CHF 30,000
- ☐ No indication

6.5 How would you assess your current financial situation?

- ☐ Very bad
- ☐ Bad
- ☐ Not very good
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Very good

7 Student mobility programmes

You are now coming to the questions about national and international student mobility programmes.

By this we understand:

- national mobility: changing Swiss higher education institution for at least one semester and returning to your original higher education institution,
- international mobility: studying for at least one semester in a higher education institution outside Switzerland and returning to your original higher education institution.

Please include here the academic stays you have already completed or are currently undertaking:

- during your degree programme.
Note: "degree programme" includes the entire academic programme for the Bachelor, Master or diploma/licence, which you have followed in the subject/field you are currently studying.
- only academic stays that involved moving elsewhere for all your courses.

Note: the following situations are NOT considered "mobility":

- changing higher education institution to pursue a complete degree programme in it (registration in another higher education institution)
- attending courses during the same period in different locations or in different higher education institutions
- stays in Switzerland or abroad without following an academic programme in a higher education institution (e.g. language course, work placement/internship, summer school).

7.1 During your current degree programme, have you or are you currently undertaking an academic stay of at least one month in another higher education institution?

(Only one answer possible)

- | | | |
|--|--|---------------------------------|
| ☐ Yes, in Switzerland |  | activate questions 7.2 and 7.4b |
| ☐ Yes, abroad |  | activate questions 7.3 and 7.4a |
| ☐ Yes, both in Switzerland and abroad |  | activate questions 7.2 and 7.3 |
| ☐ No |  | activate all questions 7.4 |

7.2a Was your (last) academic stay in Switzerland a compulsory part of your degree programme?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

7.2b What was the framework of your (last) academic stay in Switzerland?

(Only one answer possible)

- ☐ Bilateral or trilateral agreement involving my higher education institution, my field of studies
- ☐ Joint Bachelor or Master programme
- ☐ I organised the stay by myself, on my own initiative
- ☐ Other (please explain briefly): _____

7.2c What was the duration of your (last) academic stay in Switzerland?

- ☐ Less than one semester
- ☐ 1 semester
- ☐ 2 semesters
- ☐ 3 semesters
- ☐ 4 or more semesters

[Persons whose academic stay was only in Switzerland please go to question 7.4b]

7.3a Was your (last) academic stay abroad a compulsory part of your degree programme?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

7.3b What was the framework of your (last) academic stay abroad?

- ☐ Erasmus
- ☐ Other European programme
- ☐ Bilateral or trilateral agreement involving my higher education institution, my field of studies
- ☐ Joint Bachelor or Master programme
- ☐ I organised the stay by myself, on my own initiative
- ☐ Other (please explain briefly): _____

7.3c What was the duration of your (last) academic stay abroad?

- ☐ Less than one semester
- ☐ 1 semester
- ☐ 2 semesters
- ☐ 3 semesters
- ☐ 4 or more semesters

7.3d In what country are you doing or did you undertake your (last) academic stay abroad?
(Only one answer possible)

- ☐ Germany
- ☐ Italy
- ☐ France
- ☐ UK
- ☐ Spain
- ☐ Austria
- ☐ Belgium
- ☐ USA
- ☐ Canada
- ☐ Australia
- ☐ Sweden
- ☐ Other (please explain briefly): _____

7.3e To what extent were the following aspects determinant for your (last) academic stay abroad?
(Please respond to each statement on a scale of 1 to 5: 1=not at all 5=completely)

	1=not at all	2	3	4	5= completely
Studying other academic subjects that are not taught in my higher education institution	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Taking courses with other lecturers	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Improving my chances on the labour market	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Improving my knowledge of a foreign languages that is widely used in my academic field or in the profession I aim to pursue	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Improving my knowledge of foreign languages	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Getting to know another culture, another way of thinking	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Getting to know another economic and political reality	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Leaving my usual routine and my everyday life	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Personal development	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other (please explain briefly): _____					

7.3e1 To what extent did your (last) academic stay meet the following expectations?

(Please respond to each statement on a scale of 1 to 5: 1=not at all 5=completely)

	1=not at all	2	3	4	5= completely
Studying other academic subjects that are not taught in my higher education institution	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Taking courses with other lecturers	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Improving my chances on the labour market	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Improving my knowledge of a foreign languages that is widely used in my academic field or in the profession I aim to pursue	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Improving my knowledge of foreign languages	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Getting to know another culture, another way of thinking	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Getting to know another economic and political reality	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Leaving my usual routine and my everyday life	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Personal development	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

7.3f How many courses taken abroad or ECTS credits obtained abroad have been recognised for your degree programme?

- ☐ All courses (all credits)
- ☐ At least 75%
- ☐ Between 50% and 75%
- ☐ Less than 50%
- ☐ No course (no credit)

7.3g How did you finance your (last) academic stay abroad?

(Please give an approximate percentage for each source)

Parents, partner or other relatives: __ %

Own resources from paid employment before academic stay: __ %

Own resources from paid employment during the academic stay: __ %

EU grant (Erasmus, etc.): __ %

Grant from a level of the Swiss government (Confederation, canton, municipality): __ %

Grant from my original higher education institution: __ %

Grant from the host higher education institution: __ %

Loan from a level of the Swiss government (Confederation, canton, municipality): __ %

Loan from my original higher education institution: __ %

Loan from the host higher education institution: __ %

Other (please explain briefly): _____ : __ %

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7.3h To what extent have you faced the following difficulties with respect to your (last) academic stay abroad?
(Please respond to each statement on a scale of 1 to 5: 1=not at all 5=to a considerable extent)

	1=not at all	2	3	4	5=to a considerable extent
Before the academic stay					
Time required to organise a mobility stay	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Difficulties in obtaining information about possibilities to study abroad	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Difficulties in obtaining information about possibilities for support	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Difficulties in finding housing in the host country	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Feeling unsettled by the prospect of leaving my familiar surroundings	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
No or few mobility exchange vacancies in my academic programme or higher education institution	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Failed to meet selection criteria (e.g. insufficient grades, etc)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Limited access to the country I chose (visa, residence permit)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Limited access to the higher education institution or academic courses I chose abroad	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
During the academic stay					
Excessive financial costs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Insufficient knowledge of foreign languages	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Incompatibility with my paid employment	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Separation from my partner/children	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Loss of social benefits (grant, allowance, etc....)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
After the academic stay					
Problems in having my foreign study recognised (ECTS credits)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Prolongation of the duration of my degree programme	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Little use to my degree programme	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

7.3i How long before your (last) academic stay abroad did you start planning for it?

- ☐ During the previous semester
- ☐ Two semesters before
- ☐ Between one and two years before the academic stay
- ☐ More than two years before the academic stay

7.4a Are you planning to do an academic stay in another Swiss higher education institution during your current degree programme?

- ☐ No
- ☐ No, probably not
- ☐ I don't know yet
- ☐ Yes, probably
- ☐ Yes, I have already taken concrete steps in this direction

- ☐ No
- ☐ No, probably not
- ☐ I don't know yet
- ☐ Yes, probably
- ☐ Yes. I have already taken concrete steps in this direction

	1=not at all	2	3	4	5=to a considerable extent
Time required to organise a mobility stay	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Difficulties in obtaining information about possibilities to study abroad	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Difficulties in obtaining information about possibilities for support	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Difficulties in finding housing in the host country	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Feeling unsettled by the prospect of leaving my familiar surroundings	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
No or few mobility exchange vacancies in my academic programme or higher education institution	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Failed to meet selection criteria (e.g. insufficient grades, etc)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Limited access to the country I chose (visa, residence permit)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Limited access to the higher education institution or academic courses I chose abroad	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Excessive financial costs	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Insufficient knowledge of foreign languages	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Incompatibility with my paid employment	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Separation from my partner/children	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Loss of social benefits (grant, allowance, etc....)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Problems in having my foreign study recognised (ECTS credits)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Prolongation of the duration of my degree programme	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Little use to my degree programme	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
No interest	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The structure of my degree programme does not allow it	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

(Several answers possible)

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8 Personal information

8.1 Sex:

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female

8.2 What is your marital status ?

- ☐ Single
- ☐ Married or civil-partnered
- ☐ Cohabiter, living together without being married or civil-partnered
- ☐ Divorced, legally separated
- ☐ Widowed

8.3 Do you have a child/children?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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8.4a How many children do you have?

Number of children: _____

8.4b How old is your (youngest) child?

- Less than 1 year
- 1 to less than 2 years
- 2 to less than 3 years
- 3 to less than 4 years
- 4 to less than 5 years
- 5 to less than 6 years
- 6 to less than 7 years
- 7 to less than 8 years
- 8 to less than 9 years
- 9 to less than 10 years
- 10 to less than 11 years
- 11 to less than 12 years
- 12 to less than 13 years
- 13 to less than 14 years
- 14 to less than 15 years
- 15 to less than 16 years
- 16 to less than 17 years
- 17 to less than 18 years
- 18 years and over

8.4c Who looks after your (youngest) child most frequently while you are studying?
(Please check the answer that best describes your situation)

- ☐ My partner
- ☐ Other family members/acquaintances
- ☐ A childminder/babysitter
- ☐ The higher education institution's day nursery
- ☐ Another day nursery
- ☐ His/her nursery school/school
- ☐ I take him/her along to the higher education institution
- ☐ He/she stays alone he/she does not need to be looked after
- ☐ My child does not live with me

 continue to question 8.5

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8.4d What consequences do your childcare arrangements have on your studies for your degree programme?
(Please respond to each statement on a scale of 1 to 5: 1=not at all 5=completely)

	1=not at all	2	3	4	5=completely
I find it difficult to reconcile my studies and looking after my child/children	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
My child/children's childcare forces me to structure my student life around the arrangements	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
My child/children's childcare risks handicapping my academic success	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I have health problems because of this double burden (children and studies)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I cannot do an academic stay although I would like to	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
My child/children's childcare prevents me from taking certain courses because of a conflict of schedules	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
My child/children's presence helps me to overcome the difficult phases of my studies	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The need to raise my child/children means that my degree programme has become no more than a secondary activity	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The lack of logistical support (day nursery, childminder) makes it difficult for me to pursue my studies	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

8.5 What language do you think in and have the best command of?
(Only one answer possible)

- 1 ☐ German/Swiss German dialect
- 2 ☐ French
- 3 ☐ Italian
- 4 ☐ Romansh
- 5 ☐ Other (please explain briefly): _____

8.6 Please indicate how well you know the languages listed below:

(Please respond to each statement on a scale of 1 to 5: 1=not at all 5=very well)

	1=not at all	2	3	4	5=very well
German	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
French	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Italian	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
English	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Spanish	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other (please explain briefly):	_____				

9 Family origin

9.1a Your father ...

- ☐ is professionally employed full time
- ☐ is professionally employed part time
- ☐ is unemployed
- ☐ is not professionally employed (homemaker)
- ☐ is an annuitant, pensioner (disability pension, old-age pension, etc.)
- ☐ is deceased
- ☐ is unknown

9.1b Your mother ...

- ☐ is professionally employed full time
- ☐ is professionally employed part time
- ☐ is unemployed
- ☐ is not professionally employed (homemaker)
- ☐ is an annuitant, pensioner (disability pension, old-age pension, etc.)
- ☐ is deceased
- ☐ is unknown

9.2a What is your father's profession or what was it during his last paid employment?

Note: the occupational status is identified based on the international ISCO-88 classification. This includes some designations that do not correspond exactly to the Swiss situation. They are nonetheless necessary in order to allow international comparisons.

- ☐ Please type the profession in the space provided: _____
- ☐ My father has never been employed
- ☐ I don't know my father's profession

9.2b What is your mother's profession or what was it during his last paid employment?

Note: the occupational status is identified based on the international ISCO-88 classification. This includes some designations that do not correspond exactly to the Swiss situation. They are nonetheless necessary in order to allow international comparisons.

- ☐ Please type the profession in the space provided: _____
- ☐ My mother has never been employed
- ☐ I don't know my mother's profession

9.3a What is your father's highest level of education?

(Please indicate the highest completed level of education)

- ☐ Compulsory schooling (primary school, secondary school, orientation cycle, pre-gymnasium, special class)
- ☐ One-year training programme: business school, general education, language course, home economics school, "social year", preparatory course for the paramedical professions, occupational training preparatory course
- ☐ Elementary vocational training with training contract (minimum 2 years)
- ☐ General education school (diploma degree school, administration school, general culture school) (minimum 2 years)
- ☐ Apprenticeship (Federal Certificate of Capacity or equivalent) or full-time vocational school (business school, trade school) (2 or 3 years)
- ☐ Professional Maturity (higher education qualification certificate)
- ☐ High school (lycée), preparatory school for the General Maturity (higher education qualification certificate)
- ☐ Teacher training college (e.g. nursery school, primary school), music teachers, sports teachers
- ☐ Higher vocational school 2 years full time or 3 years part time (obtaining a federal certificate, a federal Master certificate (maitrise fédérale), business management college, ET (technical school) technician diploma)
- ☐ Higher vocational school with a minimum duration of 3 years full time or 4 years part time (e.g. higher technical school, higher school of economy and administration, higher school of applied arts, social studies institute)
- ☐ University of applied sciences, University of teacher education
- ☐ University, Federal institution of technology
- ☐ Unfinished school education
- ☐ I don't know

9.3b What is your mother's highest level of education?

(Please indicate the highest completed level of education)

- ☐ Compulsory schooling (primary school, secondary school, orientation cycle, pre-gymnasium, special class)
- ☐ One-year training programme: business school, general education, language course, home economics school, "social year", preparatory course for the paramedical professions, occupational training preparatory course
- ☐ Elementary vocational training with training contract (minimum 2 years)
- 4 ☐ General education school (diploma degree school, administration school, general culture school) (minimum 2 years)
- 5 ☐ Apprenticeship (Federal Certificate of Capacity or equivalent) or full-time vocational school (business school, trade school) (2 or 3 years)
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- ☐ University of applied sciences, University of teacher education
- ☐ University, Federal institution of technology
- ☐ Unfinished school education
- ☐ I don't know

9.4 Are your parents...

- ☐ Married or civil-partnered
- ☐ Cohabiting, living together without being married or civil-partnered
- ☐ Divorced or legally separated

9.5 How many siblings do you have?

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5 and more



9.5a How many of your siblings are currently pursuing an educational or professional training programme?

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5 and

Thank you for taking part in this survey.

Complementary data from the Swiss Institutions of Higher Education Information System (SHIS) or compiled on the basis of the SHIS

Types of Institutions of Higher Education

- ☐ Universities (cantonal universities und federal technical institutes)
- ☐ Universities of Applied Sciences and universities of teacher education

Institutions of Higher Education

- ☐ University of Basel
- ☐ University of Bern
- ☐ University of Fribourg
- ☐ University of Geneva
- ☐ University of Lausanne
- ☐ University of Lucerne
- ☐ University of Neuchâtel
- ☐ University of St-Gallen
- ☐ University of teacher education of St Gallen
- ☐ University of Zurich
- ☐ University of Lugano
- ☐ FS-CH
- ☐ IUKB
- ☐ Other institutions of higher education
- ☐ Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne
- ☐ Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich
- ☐ Berne University of Applied Sciences
- ☐ University of Applied Sciences of Western Switzerland
- ☐ University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland
- ☐ Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts
- ☐ University of Applied Science of Southern Switzerland
- ☐ University of Applied Sciences of Eastern Switzerland
- ☐ University of Applied Sciences Zurich
- ☐ Other universities of teacher education (not integrated)
- ☐ Other universities of applied sciences (not integrated)
- ☐ Kalaidos
- ☐ Other universities of teacher education and teacher education institutions

Type of course (only for students at universities of applied sciences)

- ☐ Full-time
- ☐ Part-time (extra-occupational)

Level of study

- ☐ Bachelor
- ☐ Master
- ☐ University "licence"/diploma

University faculties

- ☐ Humanities and Social Sciences
- ☐ Economics
- ☐ Law
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Medicine and Pharmacy
- ☐ Technical Sciences
- ☐ Interdisciplinary and others

Universities of applied sciences faculties

- ☐ Architecture, Construction and Planning
- ☐ Technology and IT
- ☐ Chemistry and Life Sciences
- ☐ Agriculture and Forestry
- ☐ Economy and Services
- ☐ Design
- ☐ Sport
- ☐ Music, Theatre and other Arts
- ☐ Applied Linguistics
- ☐ Social Work
- ☐ Applied Psychology
- ☐ Health
- ☐ Teacher Education

Ages of students in reference year**Origin of students**

- ☐ Swiss
- ☐ Foreign students with education in Switzerland
- ☐ Foreign students with education abroad

Year of obtaining qualification giving access to university (Maturity)**Qualification giving access to university**

Year of study (incl. current year). Only students at universities of applied sciences.

Number of terms completed in Switzerland in current faculty (Situation at: winter term 2004/2005). Only university students (cantonal and fti)