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National Survey on the Social and Economic Situation of Students 2013

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.

You can also take a break while completing the questionnaire and continue some other time.

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 am currently spending a semester abroad  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 1.1a
- ☐ No, I have stopped my degree programme  continue to question 1.1a
- ☐ No, I have already completed my degree programme

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.

We may contact you in the future as part of the FSO's graduate surveys.

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1.1a Why have you decided to stop or 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): _____

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1.1b What reasons prompted you to take one semester/one year off?

(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 2013?

- ☐ Bachelor  continue to question 1.3
- ☐ Between Bachelor and Master/compulsory vocational training prior to Master  continue to question 1.2a
- ☐ Master/specialised Master  continue to question 1.2a
- ☐ University "licence"/diploma  continue to question 1.3
- ☐ Phd  end
- ☐ Other  continue to question 1.3

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
- ☐ The Master programme builds on the Bachelor programme/There is no possibility to change
- ☐ For another reason (please explain briefly): _____

1.3 Do you intend to continue your studies after graduating from your current study programme?

- ☐ Yes, within a year after graduating from my current study programme  continue to question 1.3a
- ☐ Yes, but not within a year after graduating from my current study programme  continue to question 1.3a
- ☐ No  continue to question 1.5a
- ☐ I don't know yet  continue to question 1.5a

1.3a What qualification would you like to obtain after graduating from your current study programme?

- ☐ Bachelor
- ☐ Master
- ☐ PhD
- ☐ MAS (Master of advanced Studies), MBA (Executive Master of Business Administration), DESS (Diplôme d'études supérieures spécialisées), DEA (Diplôme d'études approfondies) usw.
- ☐ Another qualification (please explain briefly): _____

1.3b Do you plan to obtain this qualification in Switzerland or abroad?

- ☐ In Switzerland
- ☐ Abroad
- ☐ I don't know yet

 continue to question 1.3c

 continue to question 1.5a

 continue to question 1.5a

If the answer to question 1.2 is „Master“ and the answer to question 1.3a is „PhD“

 continue to question 1.5a

1.3c At what kind of higher education institution do you plan on obtaining this qualification?

- ☐ University or Federal Institute of Technology
- ☐ University of Applied Science (except teacher's education)
- ☐ University of Teacher Education or teacher's education at a University of Applied Science

If the answer to question 1.2 is „Bachelor“ and the answer to question 1.3a is „Master“

 continue to question 1.4a else continue to question 1.5a

1.4a 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): _____

1.4b 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 1.4ba

 continue to question 1.4bb

1.4ba 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
- ☐ To gain new experiences
- ☐ For another reason (please explain briefly): _____

 **continue to question 1.5a**

1.4bb 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
- ☐ The Master programme builds on the Bachelor programme/There is no possibility to change
- ☐ For another reason (please explain briefly): _____

1.5 What educational programmes did you complete before you started your current degree programme?

(Please indicate all educational programmes you completed.)

- ☐ two-year vocational education: Federal certificate (former basic vocational training 1-2 years),
two-year full-time vocational school, commercial college
- ☐ 2-3-year programme: general education school (upper-secondary specialised school, upper-secondary specialised school
FMS, administrative college)
- ☐ 2-4 year apprenticeship, dual vocational education with federal proficiency certificate
- ☐ 3-4 year full-time vocational school, vocational technical school, commercial school
- ☐ Vocational matura or specialised matura
- ☐ Academic matura/baccalaureate
- ☐ Adult matura (evening high school)
- ☐ Teacher seminar: teacher training up to 2006

Advanced vocational training with federal PET diploma, higher vocational examination with federal diploma or Master certificate,

- ☐ Technical school or equivalent vocational school, technical school or higher school (2 years of full-time study or 3 years of part-time study),
College of higher vocational education and training, higher technical school, higher school of economy and administration, college of design, higher vocational school (3-year full-time or 4-year part-time programme)
- ☐ University of teacher education: teacher training from 2007
- ☐ University of applied sciences: Bachelor, Master, diploma, post-graduate degree
- ☐ Universities and institutes of technology: Bachelor, Master, diploma, post-graduate degree in a university or a federal institute of technology
- ☐ No completed educational programme

1.6a Before you started your current degree programme, did you have a regular paid employment?

- ☐ Yes, for at least 12 months and with a work-time percentage of at least 50%.
- ☐ Yes, for less than 12 months and/or with a work-time percentage of less than 50%.
- ☐ No

1.7 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): _____

1.8 To what extent did the following factors influence how you chose the Swiss 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	2	3	4	5
	not at all				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): _____

1.9 How would you describe your current study situation?

- ☐ Full-time study
- ☐ Part-time study
- ☐ Programme for students who are also working

 **Continue to question 1.11**

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

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

1.11 How many ECTS points do you plan to obtain during the spring semester 2013?

___ ECTS points

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 2.1a
- ☐ Yes, only during the semesters  continue to question 2.1a
- ☐ Yes, only during class-free periods (semester holidays)  continue to question 2.2
- ☐ No  continue to question 2.1b
- ☐ Employment ended before I started my degree programme  continue to chapter 3

2.1a Are you in paid employment during the entire semester?

- ☐ Yes, I am in paid employment during the entire semester.
- ☐ No, I am occasionally in paid employment during the semester.

 continue to question 2.2

2.1b 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 To what extent is what you do in your paid employment connected to your degree programme?

(If you 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	2	3	4	5
no connection				closely connected
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

2.4 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, 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): _____

2.5a 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	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

If the answer to question 1.9 is „Full-time study“:

 continue to question 2.6

2.5b 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	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

2.6 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 0 to 10=very unsatisfactory 10=very satisfactory)

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	very unsatis- factory										very satis- factory
Educational conditions	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Housing conditions	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Workload (studies and paid employment)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Health	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Social life	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Financial situation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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?

(Please enter "0" for 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 How satisfied are you with your work load for your degree programme and paid employment?

(Please respond to each statement on a scale of 1 to 5: 1 = I would like to spend less time 5 = I would like to spend more time)

	1	2	3	4	5
	I would like to spend less time				I would like to spend more time
Time spent on my studies	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Time spent on paid employment	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Total time expenditure	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

3.4 Which of the following statements applies to you most?

- ☐ I am mainly a student
- ☐ I am mainly in paid employment
- ☐ I mainly meet other commitments (looking after children, work for an association, etc.)

3.5 How is your state of health in general? Is it...

- ☐ Very good
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Average
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Very poor

3.6 What long-term health problems do you have?

(Several answers possible)

- ☐ None
- ☐ Chronic diseases
- ☐ Psychological problems
- ☐ Walking disability
- ☐ Visual or hearing impairment (despite use of glasses or hearing aid)
- ☐ Learning disability (ADHS, dyslexia)
- ☐ Other health problems

3.7 To what extent have you been limited in carrying out ordinary activities of daily life or your studies over the past six months or longer due to a health problem?

(Please respond on a scale of 1 to 3: 1 = very limited 3 = not limited at all)

	1 very limited	2 limited but not seriously	3 not at all limited
Ordinary activities of daily life	☐	☐	☐
Study activities	☐	☐	☐

If the answer to question 3.7 "Study activities not at all limited":

 **continue to question 4.1**

3.8 Do you receive support from your institution of higher education in coping with the limitations you are suffering from in your studies due to health problems?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I do not need support

 **continue to question 4.1**

 **continue to question 4.1**

3.8a How satisfied are you with the support you have received from your institution of higher education in coping with the limitations you are suffering from in your studies due to health problems?

(Please respond on a scale of 0 to 10 : 0 = not at all satisfied 10 = completely satisfied)

0 not at all satisfied	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 completely satisfied
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

4 Housing

4.1 Who do you live with during the week during the semester?

(Please indicate how many people this applies to for each category)

- ___ Parents, stepparents
- ___ Partner, spouse
- ___ Children (natural, adopted or stepchildren)
- ___ Other relatives
- ___ Other non-relatives
- ☐ I live on my own

If the answer to question 4.1 „Parents, stepparents“ > 0

 continue to question 4.1c

4.1a Do you live in a student hall of residence or in another type of accommodation for students?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

4.1b If you moved for your studies, was it difficult to find a flat/room?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ This does not apply to me

 Continue to question 4.2

4.1c 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? (one-way journey)

Please indicate your approximate commute time in minutes: _____

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

- ☐ In Switzerland
- ☐ Abroad

 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?

Dropdown list of countries and regions

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, boat/ship
- ☐ By car, motorcycle, motor scooter

5 Student financial aid

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

5.0 Are you receiving financial aid for your degree programme for the 2012-2013 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**
- ☐ I receive financial support from my (former) employer  **activate questions 5.1**
- ☐ No, I do not receive financial aid for my degree programme  **activate questions 5.4**

5.1 Are you receiving financial aid for your degree programme from your employer for the 2012-2013 academic year?

(Please indicate all the types of financial aid you are receiving)

- ☐ Grant or loan from the employer
- ☐ Possibility of devoting part of the paid work time to degree programme
- ☐ Payment of tuition (in whole or in part)
- ☐ Other (please explain briefly): _____

5.1a What percentage of your tuition has your employer offer to pay for the 2012-2013 academic year?

(Only one answer possible)

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

5.2 Your grant comes from...

(Several answers possible)

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

 activate questions 5.2a

 activate questions 5.2b

 activate questions 5.2c

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 and assets
- ☐ independent of your parents'/partner's income and assets
- ☐ I don't know

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

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

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

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

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

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

5.4 Have you already submitted one or several applications for a grant or loan for the 2012-2013 academic year or for a previous year?

- ☐ Yes but my application(s) were rejected
- ☐ Yes, but the aid I received has already run out
- ☐ No

 continue to question 5.5a

 continue to question 5.5c

 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 2012-2013 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 2013 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 2013 semester?

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

Tuition: _____ CHF for the Spring 2013 semester

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

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

Study costs (materials, books, photocopies, compulsory field trips/outings, private tutor/tuition etc.) and work placement/internship fees: _____ CHF for the Spring 2013 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).

6.2 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 for me
Accommodation (including charges) (if you are not paying a rent or a mortgage payment, 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.)	—	—

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.

6.3 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 official sources (pensions, child/educational allowances, social assistance etc.)
- ___ Other private sources (please indicate 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.

6.4 To what extent are you currently experiencing financial difficulties?

(Please respond to each statement on a scale of 1 to 5: 1 = no financial difficulties at all 5 = very serious financial difficulties)

1		2		3		4		5
no financial								very serious
difficulties at all								financial difficulties
☐		☐		☐		☐		☐

6.5a If you were to get an unexpected bill in the amount of CHF 2000, would you be able to pay it out of your own pocket, e.g. from your savings, within one month?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

6.5b Can you take a week's holiday away from home once a year?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No, because of lack of financial resources
- ☐ No, for another reason

6.6 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 7.1**

 **continue to question 7.1**

6.6a 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

6.6b 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

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 (at least one semester) |  activate questions 7.2 and 7.4b / 7.4c |
| ☐ Yes, abroad (at least one semester) |  activate questions 7.3 and 7.4a |
| ☐ Yes, both in Switzerland and abroad (at least one semester) |  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?

_____ months

If the answer to question 7.1 is “Yes, in Switzerland“



continue 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 or 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?

_____ months

If the answer to question 1.2 is not “Master “



continue to question 7.3e

7.3d When did you do an academic stay abroad ?

- ☐ During Bachelor's degree programme
- ☐ Between Bachelor's and Master's degree programme
- ☐ During Master's degree programme

7.3e In what country are you doing or did you undertake your (last) academic stay abroad?

(Only one answer possible)

Dropdown list of countries and regions

7.3f How many ECTS credits did you obtain during your last academic stay abroad?

Number of ECTS credits obtained: _____

- ☐ I don't know yet



Gehe zu Frage 7.3g

7.3f1 How many of the ECTS credits you obtained abroad were credited to your degree programme?

Number of ECTS credits obtained: _____

- ☐ I don't know yet

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): _____ : __ %

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

7.4b Are you planning to do an academic stay abroad as part of your degree programme?

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

7.4c To what extent have the following aspects prevented you until now from doing an 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
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	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

8 Personal information

8.1 Please indicate your sex

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female

If the answer to question 4.1 "Partner/in, Ehemann/Ehefrau" > 0

 continue to question 8.3

8.2 Do you have a life partner (outside your household)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

8.3 Do you have a child/children?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

 continue to question 8.5

8.4a How many children do you have?

Number of children: _____

8.4b How old is your (youngest) child?

____ years

If the answer to question 8.4a „number of children“ = 1 the answer to question 4.1 „Children“ > 1 and the answer to question 8.4b > 12 years:

 continue to question 8.4d

If the answer to question 8.4a „number of children“ = 1 the answer to question 4.1 „Children“ = 0:

 continue to question 8.5

8.4c How old is your oldest child?

__ years

If the answer to question 4.1 „Children“ = 0:

 continue to question 8.5

If the answer to question 8.4b > 12 years:

 Gehe zu Frage 8.4e

8.4d How is the childcare of your (youngest) child by persons outside your household usually arranged during your studies for your degree programme? Please indicate the number of hours per week for each type of childcare.

- ____ Hours Childcare by relatives/acquaintances outside your household
- ____ Hours A childminder/babysitter
- ____ Hours The higher education institution's day nursery
- ____ Hours Another day nursery
- ____ Hours His/her nursery school/school
- ____ Hours Other

8.4e 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 Please list your language skills below

(Please respond on a scale from 1 to 5: 1 = none, 5 = very good)

	Native language	1 none	2	3	4	5 very good
German/Swiss German dialect	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
French	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Italian	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Romansh	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
English	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Spanish	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other (dropdown list of languages)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

9 Family origin

Below you will find a number of questions about your parents. "Father" and "Mother" refers to the persons who brought you up.

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

 continue to question 9.2a

is unknown

 continue to question 9.2a

9.1b What is your father's profession or what was it during his last paid employment?

Please indicate your father's profession: _____ (nomenclature of Swiss professions)

☐ My father is/was: _____ (nomenclature)

☐ I didn't find my father's profession, he is/was:

☐ My father has never been professionally employed.

 continue to question 9.1d

☐ I don't know my father's profession

☐ No answer

9.1c What is your father's current job status or what was it during his last employment?

☐ Employee without management function

☐ Employee with management function

☐ Self-employed with an enterprise of fewer than 20 jobs

☐ Self-employed with an enterprise of 20 jobs or more

9.1d 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 (licée), 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 (maîtrise 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

9.2a 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.  continue to question 9.4
- ☐ is unknown.  continue to question 9.4

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

Please indicate your mother's profession: _____ (nomenclature of Swiss professions)

- ☐ My mother is/was: _____ (nomenclature)
- ☐ I didn't find my mother's profession, he is/was:
- ☐ My mother has never been professionally employed  continue to question 9.2d
- ☐ I don't know my mother's profession
- ☐ No answer

9.2c What is your mother's current job status or what was it during her last employment?

- ☐ Employee without management function
- ☐ Employee with management function
- ☐ Self-employed with an enterprise of fewer than 20 jobs
- ☐ Self-employed with an enterprise of 20 jobs or more

9.2d 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)
- ☐ 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)
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- ☐ University of applied sciences, University of teacher education
- ☐ University, Federal institution of technology
- ☐ Unfinished school education
- ☐ I don't know

If the answer to question 9.1a is „Deceased“ or „unknown“:

 continue to question 9.4

9.3 Do your parents live ...

- ☐ together in the same household
- ☐ separately in different households

9.4 How many siblings do you have?

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

 continue to question 9.5

9.4a How many of your siblings are currently pursuing an educational or professional training programme?

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

9.5 In what country were you and your parents born?

- | | | |
|--------|--|-------------------------------------|
| You | Dropdown list of countries and regions | ☐ Don't know |
| Mother | Dropdown list of countries and regions | ☐ Don't know |
| Father | Dropdown list of countries and regions | ☐ Don't know |

Thank you for taking part in this survey.

Below you may wish to add further comments on your social situation as a student or about the questionnaire.

If you wish to be informed about the results of the national survey, please indicate below an email address where we can reach you.

Email address: _____

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
- ☐ 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 Zurich
- ☐ University of Lugano
- ☐ 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
- ☐ Kalaidos
- ☐ HES Les Roches-Gruyère
- ☐ 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****Number of terms completed in Switzerland in current faculty, current institution and in total**