Welcome to the UZH English Department!

First Steps
This information sheet is intended for exchange and guest students. We hope this sheet will make it easier for you to find your way around the department, and to feel at home here at UZH.

Welcome Event
The Department organizes a small welcome event for exchange and guest students. The event usually takes place on Tuesday evening, in the first or second week of term. For more information, contact the department’s study abroad coordinator, Dr. des. Martin Mühlheim: studyabroad@es.uzh.ch.

Student Groups
The English Department is not only a place to study. It also hosts the activities of three different student groups. For a complete overview of UZH student groups see:


  a) FAVA: Fachverein Anglistik
  The FAVA is the English Department’s official student organization. They represent the views of the students in the Institutsversammlung and also address issues concerning the entire university. In addition, the FAVA provides useful resources for students and organizes various social events, including Cake Days, Christmas Parties, and a Grill’n’Chill.
  

  b) The Blueprint Masquerades
  For more than twenty years, the English Department drama group has been staging English-language plays such as Oscar Wilde’s The Importance of Being Earnest, William Shakespeare’s The Tempest, or – most recently – Tom Stoppard’s Arcadia. Aspiring actors, directors, and stage technicians: this is the group for you!
  
  - [www.blueprintmasquerades.com](http://www.blueprintmasquerades.com)

  c) The Zurich English Student
  The Zurich English Student is an online newspaper written for the students by the students. It features film and book reviews, creative writing, reports from students who are currently studying abroad, opinion pieces (on current events both at and outside the English Department) – and much, much more.
  
  - [www.zuriest.wordpress.com](http://www.zuriest.wordpress.com)

Checklist: I Have ...
- discussed my course selection with Nathalie Meyer, the study abroad coordinator at the UZH English Department (studyabroad@es.uzh.ch).
- confirmed my course selection with the study abroad coordinator at my home university.
- managed to log onto my UZH webmail account.
- opened an account on OLAT, the UZH online learning platform (required for most of the courses).
- informed the UZH Admissions Office about my current address and phone number.
- read the information provided by the UZH International Relations Office.
  
  - [www.int.uzh.ch/en.html](http://www.int.uzh.ch/en.html)

Don’t hesitate to contact us if anything is unclear!
Where Can You Find Us?
The English Department is located in two buildings, PLH (at Plattenstrasse 47) and PET (at Pestalozzistrasse 50). Both are in walking distance from the university main building at Rämistrasse 71.

PLH-Building
In addition to three classrooms (PLH-05, PLH-102, and PLH-105), the building at Plattenstrasse also houses the Kafistübl, a common room for students of English.

PET-Building
The English Department Library, as well as a fourth classroom (PET-04), are located at Pestalozzistrasse.

English Department Library
The holdings of our open-stack library comprise circa 60,000 books relevant to the field of English Studies, as well as numerous journals, audiobooks, and films.  
https://www.es.uzh.ch/en/Library.html

Other Buildings
Please note that some classes take place in other buildings, as indicated in the online course catalog. Interactive maps of all UZH buildings are also available.

Walking Distance from the Train Station
From the main station (Hauptbahnhof), it’s about a 25-minute walk to the English Department; from Bahnhof Stadelhofen, it’s only about 15 minutes.

Language courses: www.sprachenzentrum.uzh.ch/en.html

Tram Stops
The stops closest to the English Department are:
- trams 5 or 6 to Platte
- trams 5 or 9 to Kantonsschule
(Also close: trams 9 or 10 to ETH/Universitätsspital and trams 3 or 8 to Hottingerplatz.)