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# Program of Study

Question A) : Your program of study (courses, assignments, course format). Add the exact number of class hours per course.

Bachelor of Science – Économie et Management, Free plan 3<sup>rd</sup> year bachelor

Courses:

## Empirical Research in Management and Economics

**6 ECTS, two 2-hour lectures per week, delivered in French**

A1: Summary and presentation of a research paper of your choice (20% of grade)

A2: Create and present a group research paper (80% of grade)

The course aims to allow students to develop the skills necessary to write an empirical research paper. It is taught in French, but all deliverables can be submitted in English.

Structure:

4 hours every Monday, divided into two two hour blocks. Each week has different types of sessions:

1. "Plenary" sessions: they aim to present the organization of the course as well as the teaching staff. The choice of your research question is also discussed during these sessions. Note that there are only 2 "plenary" sessions, given during the first two weeks of classes.
2. "Return" sessions: they allow each group to exchange one-on-one with teachers on their research project, throughout the semester. These sessions usually last 15 minutes per group, once every two weeks.
3. "Laboratory" sessions: they focus on the application of empirical methods in practice, through examples and exercises, and which can be used in the context of your respective projects. The sessions consist of a Q&A session related to the video of the day, or any other question related to the technical aspects of the labs/projects.
4. "Presentation" sessions: during these sessions, each group presents the article to be summarized and criticized (week 5), as well as its research paper (week 11-12).

## Project Management

**6 ECTS, one 4-hour lecture per week, delivered in French**

A1: Simulation game (project charter is 25% of grade, final report is 25% of grade)

Final Exam: 50% of final grade

Objective

This course underlines the reality of projects (ambiguous, fragmented, emerging and with a great political dimension) to help one manage them. This course is also a prerequisite for the Masters in Information Systems and it will address the 2 main approaches to project management: traditional approaches (waterfall) and agile approaches (Scrum).

Understand and master the different methods to manage projects (approaches and referentials)

Understand the technical aspects of project management (toolbox) as well as the related human and behavioral aspects

Build, plan, manage, and close a project

Learn how to ask oneself the right questions at the right time

Know the essential elements to be implemented during each phase of a project

The course will include theoretical learning and practical learning through experiences related by professionals, a simulation game and workshop (Lego4Scrum et Lean management).

## Market Design and the Economics of Asymmetric Information

**6 ECTS, one 4-hour lecture per week, delivered in English**

Final grade is based on two exams, both worth 50% of your course grade.

The first half of the course, all for exam one, aims to introduce students to one of the most applied areas of microeconomics - market design. This class is about how to design mechanisms to allocate scarce resources and how to create successful marketplaces and platforms. Different marketplaces have different tasks to accomplish. Practical market design that aims to design marketplaces that will be adopted, implemented, and maintained can be thought of as a kind of economic engineering.

The goal of part two, for the second exam, is to introduce students to the economics of asymmetric information. At the end of this part of the course students should know that informational asymmetries can lead to market failures and that there exist decentralized solutions (e.g., signaling and screening) and centralized solutions (e.g., mandatory insurance) that can reduce or prevent these market failures. Students should also know that informational asymmetries can cause welfare losses in contractual relationships not mediated by a market and that contract theory shows us how to reduce or prevent these welfare losses.

## Principles of Finance

**6 ECTS, one 3-hour lecture per week and one 1-hour DGD per week, delivered in French**

Entire grade (100%) is based on the final written exam in June.

In this course you will learn to analyse investment project and understand how to manage a portfolio. We will discuss valuation of assets and determine how companies should pay dividends. We will also show how to use and price options. It's kind of a step up from ADM 2350.

## Italian Language (B1)

**3 ECTS, one 2-hour lecture per week and one 45-minute DGD per week, delivered in French**

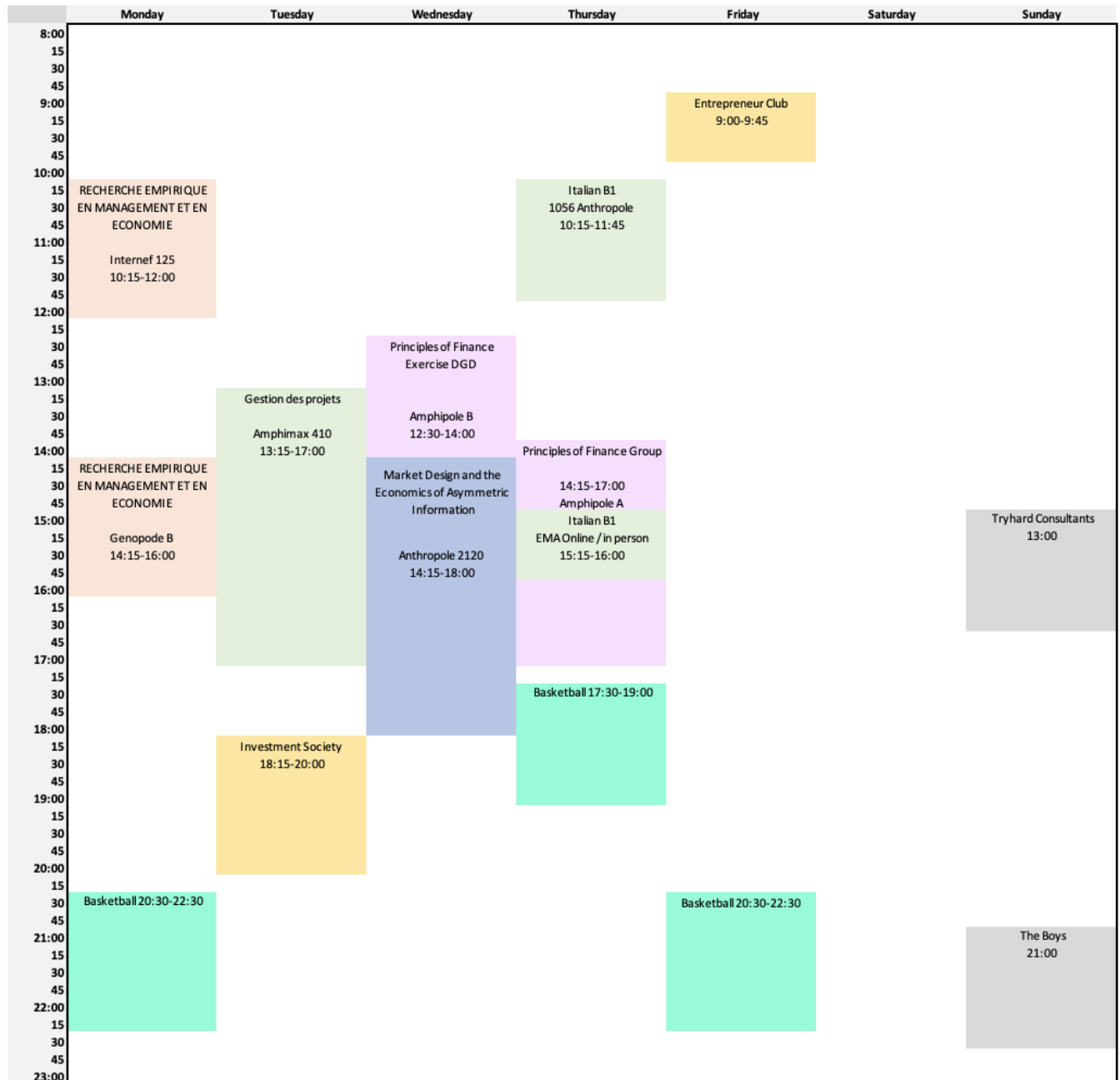
Grading

Language Skills (75% from final grades)	Learning how to learn (10% from final grades)	Intercultural Competence (15% from final grades)
1 written task integrating the themes and skills covered in class 1 grammar / vocabulary work 1 test on the skills and subjects covered	1 task developing the ability to learn: reflection on the learning process or strategies	1 task developing intercultural competence

1 oral tâche		
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Course goals include participating in common conversations, understanding presentations on general topics, reading texts in a familiar field, writing structured texts to convey information or opinions, navigating basic intercultural differences, and using self-directed work techniques. A proficiency test was mandatory to be placed at the right level to enter the course.

### My Schedule



# Preparation and Arrival Timetable

Question 2: The timetable (academic calendar, registration dates, orientation, beginning and end of classes, exams, holidays, number of semesters, etc.) Please submit the precise dates so students will know when to book their flights next year.

## Preparation Phase:

- Mid-July 2023: Created an account on [fme.ch](https://fme.ch) for residence
- November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023: VISA Application mailed to Swiss Consulate in MTL
- November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023: UNIL contact you with all necessary information to register under FMEL (residence) and the Canton of Vaud (the region in Switzerland where Lausanne is)
- Beginning of December 2023: Registration opened, and residence secured on [fme.ch](https://fme.ch)

## Travel and Arrival:

- October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023: Booked flight from YYZ ✈ FRA ✈ GVA one-way ticket, CAD 397.72 (booked through AMEX)
- January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Arrived in Geneva via Toronto and Frankfurt, then trained in Milan to stay with family
- February 1st, 2024, 3 PM: I arrived in Lausanne, took the M1 from Lausanne Flon to EPFL station, and moved into the Atrium residence.

## Settling In:

- February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Welcome week started with weeklong friend-making and Swiss-touring activities

## Academic Schedule:

- February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024: First day of classes
- March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Last day to register for your exams (equivalent to registering for classes)
- March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024: First day of Easter break
- April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Last day of Easter break
- End of May 2024: Classes end / exam dates are announced
- Beginning of June 2024: The exam period starts
- End of June 2024: Exams end

## Departure:

- July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Move-out date (I haven't booked my return flight yet)

# Arrival Procedures

Question 3: Procedures to follow upon arrival. List and description of services offered by the International Exchange Office of the host institution. Registration and course selection. Social activities.

Upon arrival:

1. Present yourself to the township in which you are staying. For me it was Ecublens, VD. It depends on where your residence is, and you need to check their specific arrival requirements and costs to register with your township.
2. Then, you must mail either your exemption from Swiss health insurance with proof of your existing healthcare or your Swiss health insurance.
3. Head to the UCU equivalent at UNIL, the Unicentre, the week before school starts, and claim your student card and welcome package.
4. After a few weeks, you'll receive a letter to head to downtown Lausanne to perform biometrics. This costs 20 CHF. This will secure your arrival in Switzerland and trigger the canton to mail you your residence card! This officially certifies your legality to be in the country. I received mine on February 26<sup>th</sup>, and I started the process on February 2<sup>nd</sup> (going to the township of Ecublens to get registered)
5. Follow ESN UNIL/EPFL on Instagram to stay in the loop with exchange student activities.

I personally didn't use any of the exchange office services. Everything you need to know is on the Swiss consulate and UNIL websites.

# Budget

Question D: Budget outlining the cost of studying abroad (i.e. airplane tickets, housing, vacation and daily travel costs, textbooks, meals, etc.).

I severely underestimated the cost of this country.

This was my first budget created:

Categories	February	March	April	May	June	Assumptions
Travel	144.00 CHF	144.00 CHF	144.00 CHF	144.00 CHF	144.00 CHF	One trip per month
Toiletries	10.00 CHF	10.00 CHF	10.00 CHF	10.00 CHF	10.00 CHF	I brought most stuff with me
Subscriptions	87.27 CHF	57.27 CHF	57.27 CHF	57.27 CHF	57.27 CHF	apple iCloud + music, dry cleaning, other subscriptions
School	47.92 CHF	47.92 CHF	47.92 CHF	47.92 CHF	47.92 CHF	based on monthly averages from sep 2022 to jan 2024
Miscellaneous	47.92 CHF	47.92 CHF	47.92 CHF	47.92 CHF	47.92 CHF	based on monthly averages from sep 2022 to jan 2024
Home	250.00 CHF	30.00 CHF	30.00 CHF	30.00 CHF	30.00 CHF	it is a furnished apartment, and I will arrive with bedsheets and pillow case. Items that may not be there: laundry drying rack, laundry bin, detergent, kitchenware, pillow, blanket, towels, paper towels, dish soap, sponge.
Groceries	210.84 CHF	210.84 CHF	210.84 CHF	210.84 CHF	210.84 CHF	based on monthly averages from sep 2022 to jan 2024, + extra 25 for protein costs
Going out	100.00 CHF	100.00 CHF	100.00 CHF	100.00 CHF	100.00 CHF	based on monthly averages from sep 2022 to jan 2024
Clothes	15.00 CHF	15.00 CHF	15.00 CHF	15.00 CHF	15.00 CHF	not planning to splurge on clothes abroad. I will be buying dress shoes at some point
<b>SUM</b>	<b>912.94 CHF</b>	<b>662.94 CHF</b>	<b>662.94 CHF</b>	<b>662.94 CHF</b>	<b>662.94 CHF</b>	
Rent	740.00 CHF	740.00 CHF	740.00 CHF	740.00 CHF	740.00 CHF	

Then, I received a scholarship and faced the reality of Swiss prices. This is my adjusted budget based on my first month of living there and aid from scholarship:

Revisited	February Spending	March Projection	April	May	June	Assumptions
Travel	627.30 CHF	500.00 CHF	400.00 CHF	400.00 CHF	400.00 CHF	I am travelling more than I thought
Toiletries	- CHF	- CHF	- CHF	- CHF	- CHF	Realized I'll be good with what I brought
Subscriptions	95.41 CHF	50.00 CHF	50.00 CHF	50.00 CHF	50.00 CHF	phone plane and apple subscriptions
School	20.10 CHF	250.00 CHF	30.00 CHF	30.00 CHF	30.00 CHF	bough into an investment fund
Miscellaneous	- CHF	50.00 CHF	50.00 CHF	50.00 CHF	50.00 CHF	idk
Home	215.40 CHF	- CHF	- CHF	- CHF	- CHF	one time Ikea purchase
Groceries	385.38 CHF	350.00 CHF	350.00 CHF	350.00 CHF	350.00 CHF	food is expensive
Going out	43.87 CHF	50.00 CHF	50.00 CHF	50.00 CHF	50.00 CHF	not really going out too much
Gift	- CHF	- CHF	- CHF	- CHF	- CHF	
Clothes	100.00 CHF	- CHF	- CHF	- CHF	- CHF	I have no space in my luggage for more clothes
<b>SUM</b>	<b>1,487.47 CHF</b>	<b>1,250.00 CHF</b>	<b>930.00 CHF</b>	<b>930.00 CHF</b>	<b>930.00 CHF</b>	
Rent	740.00 CHF	740.00 CHF	740.00 CHF	740.00 CHF	740.00 CHF	

Exceptional One-time Purchases that ARE NOT INCLUDED IN MY FEBRUARY SPENDING ABOVE			
02-Feb	half fare ticket for Swiss travel	Travel	\$ 193.29
02-Feb	commune Ecublens payment	School	142.00 CHF
09-Feb	Monthly subway pass	Travel	\$ 86.88
02-Feb	Coffee pot	Home	\$ 52.74
22-Feb	green card for Lausanne discounts	Going Out	\$ 47.29
25-Feb	textbook	School	\$ 38.87
03-Feb	Bought an outdoor basketball	Home	\$ 36.74
18-Feb	PubliBike 6-month membership	Travel	25.00 CHF
02-Feb	IKEA haul	Home	\$ 271.62



# Legal Preparation Procedures

Question E: Application procedures before your arrival (visa deadlines, documents required for visa, course registration, housing deposit, etc.).

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- Beginning of December 2023: Registration opened, and residence secured on [fme.ch](https://fme.ch)
- The housing deposit will depend on your residence. Mine was 1200 CHF, and I wired it mid-December after securing my residence.

# Address and Housing

Question F: Address and description of housing. Cost of housing.

Address:

Atrium Residence

Rue Louis Favre 4 (Building address)

E403 (my room)

1024 (postal code)

Écublens (town), VD (canton), CH (country)

I have three roommates, and we share a common area and kitchen. In the kitchen, you have your cupboard and share the fridge.

I have a desk, closet, shelves, single bed, nightstand, private bathroom, and a huge window in my private room.

It's a good location.

- 10-minute walk / 5-minute train / 5-minute bike to UNIL campus
- 20-minute walk / 10ish minute bike to UNIL sports centre and Lac Lemman
- 15-minute train / 25 min bike to downtown Lausanne

I recommend getting a PubliBike account and biking everywhere instead of the TL Monthly pass for the metro.

Rent: 740 CHF / month + 1200 CHF initial deposit

# Summary

## Extra stuff to keep in mind and Recommendations

- Take the first week of classes to visit as many courses as you can.
- Sign up for courses on Moodle, which is like Brightspace, and also register for exams on the UNIL platform (UNIL will email you about it)
- DO NOT TAKE PUBLIC TRANSIT WITHOUT A TICKET – you will be charged 100 CHF if caught.
- A half-fare card from SBB will get you half off on all transportation within Switzerland.
- The dryers here suck – you'll end up airdrying your clothes
- Download TheFork app to get 20%-50% discounts on restaurants in Lausanne
- Download LaCarteGreen to get student discounts
- Get involved in student societies to meet people! I recommend scoping them out before your exchange and reaching out because some clubs' onboarding process is somewhat lengthy.
- The economy shuts down on Sundays, so make sure you have groceries for Sundays. In other words, the majority of businesses close on Sundays

## My Personal Summary

This is such a fantastic country. Aside from the expensive cost of living, UNIL and Europe are generally rich in culture everywhere you turn. The people here have open arms; surprisingly, many speak English. I've been able to play drop-in basketball, join the Investment Society, join the Entrepreneur Society, ski for the first time, make friends with locals and exchange students, and travel to 6 countries in my first two months. I'm thankful to be able to leverage my trilingual tongue since the non-Swiss UNIL students are either French, Italian, or English speakers from elsewhere. The food quality here is superior to Canada's; the transport systems are functioning and reliable, the weather is milder, and the school isn't too hard. I would say that this is a fantastic European experience so far with new core memories made, but be prepared to spend more money compared to the rest of Europe.