

COMPARATIVE EDUCATION

SWITZERLAND

J-TERM 2027



COURSE OPTION

EDUC 385 (GE)

PREREQUISITE

2.0 minimum GPA

CREDITS

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APPLICATION

- Apply online at studyaway.plu.edu
- Application Requirements:
 - \$50 non-refundable application fee
 - Application questions
 - 3 short-answer essays (250 words each)
 - 1 faculty recommendation
 - Following the online application process, you may be contacted by the faculty leader(s) for an interview
- April 15th: Application Deadline
- May 8th: Decision Date

PROGRAM FEE

- Final program fee will be determined April 1, 2026. Check studyaway.plu.edu for pricing and details about inclusions and exclusions.
- * Global Scholar Award eligible (25% reduction of program fee)

COURSE OVERVIEW

In this one-month course, students will be teaching assistants for approximately 3 weeks in primary, middle, or high schools located in Zurich. All students will compare and contrast educational practices in Switzerland and the United States. This experience will be augmented by study tours to historically throughout the region, including Freiburg in the Black Forest region of Germany, an Arts Education workshop at the Modern Art Museum in Zurich, and a deep dive into the History and Making of Swiss Chocolate.

Why Study Education in Switzerland?

Immerse yourself in the heart of Europe by spending a month in Switzerland, where you'll gain invaluable classroom experience as an intern in a premier international school. This unique program allows you to bridge theory and practice by pairing your daytime practicum with an evening Comparative Education course led by your own university faculty. Beyond the classroom, you'll explore breathtaking Alpine landscapes and diverse cultural hubs, all while developing a global perspective on pedagogy that will set your college experience apart and create some lifelong memories. You do not need to be an education major to take advantage of this opportunity to learn about how other cultures choose to educate their children bi-culturally and bi-lingually.

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