



Welcome to the Goetheanum Campus Student Guide



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Welcome

Dear student,

We are delighted that you have decided to join us **at the Goetheanum - Freie Hochschule für Geisteswissenschaft!** With this Student Guide we want to warmly introduce you to the campus.

During your study program, you will have the opportunity to explore Anthroposophy and Rudolf Steiner's work in its many expressions across different fields. You will also experience the Goetheanum as a place of study and research, learn about its history, and take part in the activities and events taking place during your stay.

This handbook contains important information to help you prepare for your study trip and find your way during the first weeks. We encourage you to read it carefully before your arrival, as it may answer many of the questions you have in advance

With our best wishes for an inspiring and meaningful time at the Goetheanum,

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The Sections

About the Goetheanum - Freie Hochschule für Geisteswissenschaft

The **Goetheanum** is a multifaceted organization that 100 years after its founding continues to evolve and grow through the study and research of Anthroposophy and its contribution to world developments and the questions of our time.

Located in Dornach, Switzerland, the Goetheanum Campus it is home to twelve Sections dedicated to research and learning in the fields of natural and social sciences, the humanities, the arts, and education.

Each Section conducts research within its own field and organizes conferences, seminars, and events that bring professionals together, foster collaboration, and share new insights.

Contact Information

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✉ sektion.landwirtschaft@goetheanum.ch
📍 Glashaus, Goetheanum Campus

General Anthroposophical Section

✉ allgemeinesektion@goetheanum.ch
📍 West, First Floor, Goetheanum building

Literary Arts and Humanities Section

✉ ssw@goetheanum.ch
📍 Rudolf Steiner Halde, Goetheanum Campus

Mathematics and Astronomy Section

✉ mas@goetheanum.ch
📍 Mathematics and Astronomy Institute, Goetheanum Campus

Medical Section

✉ team@medsektion-goetheanum.ch
📍 Albert Steffenweg 2, Dornach

Natural Sciences Section

✉ science@goetheanum.ch
📍 Glashaus, Goetheanum Campus

Pedagogical Section

✉ paed.sektion@goetheanum.ch
📍 North, Ground floor, Goetheanum building

Performing Arts Section

✉ srmk@goetheanum.ch
📍 South, Third floor, Goetheanum building

Section for Inclusive Social Development

✉ info@inclusivesocial.org
📍 Ruchti-Weg 9, Dornach

Social Sciences Section

✉ sektion.sozialwissenschaften@goetheanum.ch
📍 Social Sciences House, Goetheanum Campus

Visual Arts Section

✉ sbk@goetheanum.ch
📍 Rudolf Steiner Halde, Goetheanum Campus

Youth Section

✉ mail@youthsection.org
📍 East entrance, Goetheanum building



Goetheanum Studium

The department for studies and further education, **Goetheanum Studium**, is part of the **General Anthroposophical Section**. It offers study programs for adult learners interested in Rudolf Steiner's work and its application across a wide range of fields.

All programs are taught by teachers, researchers, and professionals from the twelve Sections of the Goetheanum - Freie Hochschule für Geisteswissenschaft.

On-campus

- Anthroposophy Studies
- Art Study Year/Kunststudienjahr
- Deepening Anthroposophy through Eurythmy
- Experiential Learning Youth Program

Hybrid/Online

- 5 Weekends of Anthroposophy
- Goethean-Anthroposophic Natural Science
- CALM-LD: Training for Medical Doctors, Therapists and Caregivers

Student Area

As an enrolled student, you have access to the [Student Area](#) on our website. There you will find your detailed program, class schedules, registration forms, and other useful documents and information for your studies.

Log in using the username and password you received to access these resources.

Go to Student Area



Checklists



Get ready

Use the lists below to help you organize your study trip

Before the beginning of classes:

- ☒ Send online application
- ☒ Have the admission interview

Sign and send the **Student Agreement** (available in the Student Area)

Fill and send the **Emergency Contact form** (available in the Student Area)

Pay CHF 150 registration deposit (deducted from tuition fee)

Inform the Goetheanum Studium office of your arrival date

Inform the Student Residence administrator of your arrival date

Review the class schedules

Join the Goetheanum Studium Telegram Group Chat

Travel documents and resources:

Valid travel documents (Passport/ID)

(Contact the Swiss embassy in your country for details on entry and visa)

Read carefully the information on Residence Registration (page 9)

2x ID photos for your Student Pass and records

Swiss Health Insurance or EU Health Card or Swiss Care

(only for students staying over 3 months. Read about it on [page 10](#))

Sufficient financial resources to support yourself during your stay

Credit card for international use

EUR/CHF cash for small transactions

We recommend bringing:

The books you will study in class (in any language you prefer, or buy/borrow a copy at the Goetheanum)

Eurythmy shoes

Art supplies (sketch pad, watercolours, pastels, pencils)

Hiking shoes and outdoor clothing

Plug adapter

Laptop/tablet/recording device



Admissions

Acceptance to the study programs is contingent upon submission of the application form and an admission interview. The number of spots is limited.

General Conditions

Students must be over 18 years old to apply. No previous education is required for study at the Goetheanum, apart from a good command of the course language. This will be assessed in the admission interview.

Student Agreement & Deposit

Prior to the start of classes, students are requested to review and sign the Student Agreement outlining the terms and conditions available in the Student Area.

To formally secure a place in the Goetheanum Studium on-campus programs, students are requested to pay a non-refundable deposit of CHF 150. This requirement will be indicated in your admission letter, and the amount will be deducted from your tuition fees at registration.

Accessibility & Learning Support

The Goetheanum aims to be an accessible and inclusive place for everyone who wishes to study Anthroposophy. Within the resources available to us, we are committed to taking practical steps toward this goal. To help us support you, we warmly invite applicants to share any access or learning support needs that may help you in your study process. You may communicate this in the application form, by emailing our team, or through a conversation with a staff member.

The Goetheanum faculty strives to teach responsively. The ways in which we can adapt to individual needs depend both on the information students share with us and on the resources available within the school. We will communicate clearly and transparently about the support we are able to offer. Although we may not always be able to meet every request, we will consider each one carefully and do our best to support your participation.



Admissions Office

Andrea de la Cruz - Coordination and Admissions

Contact: studium@goetheanum.ch

Goetheanum Studium Office: Haus Schuurman (ground floor)



Stay Informed

Join our Telegram Channel

Schedules may change, special events take place, and reminders are shared when needed. To stay informed, it is important to join the **Goetheanum Studium - News & Info** Telegram channel, only for our on-campus students.

Announcements in this channel are posted by the Goetheanum Studium coordination only. Replies are disabled to keep information easy to find.

Join Telegram Channel



If you do not have the Telegram app installed yet, you can download it [here](#).

Events at the Goetheanum

Many events take place at the Goetheanum throughout the year. Conferences, lectures, theater plays, eurythmy performances and more. Discounts or free entrance are available upon presentation of your Student Pass.



Check the [Events Calendar](#) regularly to make sure you do not miss anything happening at the Goetheanum during your time on campus.

Student Pass

Full-time students receive a **Goetheanum Student Pass** valid for the duration of the course. This entitles you to reduced or free tickets for lectures, stage performances and conferences at the Goetheanum.

It also gives a 10% at the **Goetheanum Bookshop** and **cafeteria**, as well as free book loans from the **Goetheanum Library**.

Be sure to bring a passport-sized photo to obtain your card.





Travelling to Switzerland

Switzerland is a confederation of 26 cantons. The Goetheanum is located in Dornach, in the canton of Solothurn, where the official language is German. Dornach is situated only 10 kilometers from Basel, Switzerland's third-largest city and the nearest airport.

Students from abroad should contact the Swiss Embassy in their home country for information about entry and visa requirements.

It is also important to secure sufficient financial resources for living in Switzerland before starting the course.

Residence Registration

Note: If you plan to study at the Goetheanum for only one trimester, you **don't** need to register as a resident.

If you plan to study at the Goetheanum **for more than one trimester**, it is mandatory to register as a resident with the municipal authorities within two weeks of your arrival.

Important information on residence registration and health insurance for students staying longer than three months is provided on the Goetheanum Studium website under the 'Info' menu [\(see here\)](#).

Please read this page carefully. Review the documents on the checklists to help you prepare the required documentation for the registration process.



Health Insurance

- **For students enrolled for only one trimester:**

For some countries, a travel health insurance is mandatory to enter Switzerland. Check the visa requirements for your country before traveling.

- **For students enrolled for more than one trimester:**

You must have a Swiss health insurance valid for your entire residence time or an exemption of health insurance, such as the EU Health Card or SwissCare. Read carefully the [Health Insurance Guidelines](#) on our website.

Accommodation on Campus

The Goetheanum Campus has a Student Residence with six shared apartments and 36 furnished single rooms. Each apartment has a fully equipped kitchen and a shared bathroom. Availability is limited.

Click the video

to get an overview of
the Student Residence



For everything related to the Student Residence on Campus, please refer to:

Nanna Osmer

Student Residence Office

studentrooms@goetheanum.ch

+41(0)763691014

If you have secured your reservation at the Student Residence, you will receive an email from **Nanna Osmer** close to the beginning of classes with all the details regarding rent, rules, amenities, etc.

Note: The Student Residence Office operates on a part-time schedule. We appreciate your patience while awaiting a response.



Arriving at the Goetheanum

Basel is the nearest major city to the Goetheanum, which is located in Dornach.

The easiest way to reach the Goetheanum is by taking a train from **Basel SBB** (the main railway station) to Dornach, followed by a short walk or a brief bus ride.



From the Airport to Basel SBB

Basel Airport (EuroAirport Basel/Mulhouse/Freiburg):

Take direct bus to Basel SBB Railway Station (15 minutes)

Zurich Airport

Take direct train to Basel SBB Railway Station (75 minutes)



From Basel SBB to Dornach (Goetheanum)

By Train

From **Basel SBB** Railway Station, take the **S3 train** in the direction to Laufen (it leaves every 30 minutes). Get off at the third stop "Dornach-Arlesheim".

From Dornach train station, take the **Bus 66** just across the rail. Hop off at "Goetheanum" stop. The bus leaves every 20 minutes.

You can also walk from the train station **straight uphill following the signs** to the Goetheanum. It takes about 15-20 minutes going up.

If you have luggage, taking the bus is recommended.



By Tram

As an alternative to the train, you can take the **tram** from **Basel SBB** and from other parts of the city. Take the **Line 10** towards Dornach, get off at the last stop "Dornach". Continue with Bus 66 or by foot as indicated above.

Buying tickets



Buy train or tram tickets from the **ticket machines** inside Basel SBB or at the Tram stops. The machine accepts CHF banknotes, coins and international credit cards. You can also [buy tickets online here](#) or [download the SBB mobile app](#).



By car

Drive towards Delémont (H18), exit Reinach-Süd and follow the signs to Dornach and the Goetheanum.

Note: If you plan to bring your own car during your studies, contact the **Student Residence Office** about parking fees. Contact information is on the previous page.



Moving around the Goetheanum Campus

The Goetheanum is located on a 12-hectare site with many outbuildings where the twelve Sections of the Freie Hochschule für Geisteswissenschaft carry out their work.

To help you get around and ensure a smooth start to your classes, the map on the next page shows important locations on campus.

Review your course's **Class Schedule** ([available on the Student Area](#)) and find the locations on the map. This will help you be on time and ready to go!





Campus Map

Classrooms

Places of interest

1 Studentenwohnheim
Student Residence

- 2 Haus Schuurman
- 3 Terrasensaal
(Goetheanum ground floor,
North Side)
- 4 Plastizieraum/Atelier
- 5 Südatelier
(Goetheanum top floor,
South Entrance)
- 6 Holzhaus

- 7 Library entrance
- 8 Youth Section House
- 9 Speisehaus - Vital Shop
- 10 Rudolf Steiner Archive
- 11 Rudolf Steiner- Halde
- 12 Glashaus
(Natural Science Section)
- 13 Heizhaus





Places of Interest on Campus



Haus Schuurman

Did you know that Haus Schuurman was the last building designed by Rudolf Steiner? It was sketched in 1924 and built between 1924-25.

Located just a few steps away from the Student Residence, **here is where most of your classes will take place.** On the ground floor, you will also find the Goetheanum Studium office.

Office hours:

Request an appointment via email:
studium@goetheanum.ch

Goetheanum Library

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 14:00 - 18:00

Books return and renewal

Borrowed books can be returned in the library during the opening hours or at the Goetheanum reception desk. Renewals of the lending period have to be addressed to the library via email: ausleihe@goetheanum.ch

Information and requests: bibliothek@goetheanum.ch

Goetheanum Bookshop

Tuesday to Friday 10:00 - 18:00

Saturday 09:00 - 17:00 | Sunday 11:00 - 16:00 | Monday closed

Opening hours may vary during events, conferences and holidays.

Information: info@goetheanum-buchhandlung.ch

Goetheanum Cafeteria

Monday to Friday 09:00 - 17:00

Located at the lobby (Wandelhalle) of the Goetheanum.

Discounts available upon presentation of the Student Pass.



Speisehaus - Vital Shop

Store and Bakery

Monday to Friday 08:00-18:30 | Saturday and Sunday 08:00-16:00

Discounts available upon presentation of the Student Pass.

More info: speisehaus.ch



Youth Section

The Youth Section is one of the 12 sections of the School of Spiritual Science. Its purpose is to offer young people a space for exploring ideas, developing initiatives, and shaping the future out of their unique potential and creativity.

Weekly social gatherings and many events take place at the Youth Section house. All students, regardless of age, are welcome to participate!

Stay updated on upcoming activities by joining the Youth Section's Telegram public chat [here](#).

Schreinerei

The Schreinerei (carpentry workshop) dates from 1913 and was originally intended for use during the construction of the Goetheanum as a place to store machinery and for craftspeople to work. Today this wooden structure hosts many events, lectures, meetings, theater and eurythmy performances.

Sculpture classes are held in one of the adjoining rooms.



Edith Maryon Zimmer

Haus Maryon, run by the General Anthroposophical Section, has a room for quiet reading and study **available on request**. A library is also at the disposal of students.

The space belonged to Edith Maryon and Assia Turgenev, close collaborators of Rudolf Steiner, and artists who helped design elements of the first Goetheanum.



Useful services in the area



Other relevant information such as SIM cards, public transport fares, student jobs, etc. can be found on the information board in the Student Area.

Post Offices

Die Post

Amthausstrasse 6, 4143 Dornach

Monday to Friday 07:30 - 12:00
13:30 - 18:00
Saturday 08:00 - 12:00
Sunday closed

Die Post

Postplatz 1, 4144 Arlesheim

Monday to Friday 07:30 - 12:00
13:30 - 18:00
Saturday 08:00 - 12:00
Sunday closed

Supermarkets

Migros

Wollmattweg 7, 4143 Dornach

Monday to Friday 07:30 - 18:30
Saturday 08:00 - 17:00
Sunday closed

Coop

Neuarlesheimerstrasse 4/6, 4143 Arlesheim

Monday to Thursday 08:00 - 18:30
Friday 08:00-20:00
Saturday 07:30 - 18:00 | Sunday closed

Migros

Postplatz 7, 4144 Arlesheim

Monday to Friday 08:00 - 19:00
Saturday 08:00 - 18:00
Sunday closed

Denner

Hauptstrasse 4, 4143 Dornach

Monday to Friday 07:00 - 18:30
Saturday 07:00 - 17:00
Sunday 08:00 - 18:00

Banks

UBS

Hauptstrasse 31, 4144 Arlesheim

Monday to Friday 09:00 - 12:00
14:00 - 17:00
Saturday closed
Sunday closed

PostFinance

Amthausstrasse 6, Dornach

Monday to Friday 07:30 - 12:00
13:30 - 18:00
Saturday 08:00 - 12:00
Sunday closed

Raiffeisen

Amthausstrasse 12, 4143 Dornach

Monday to Friday 08:00 - 12:00
14:00 - 17:00
Saturday closed
Sunday closed

Freie Gemeinschaftsbank

Meret Oppenheim-Strasse 10, 4053 Basel

Monday and Friday 09:00-12:00
Tuesday to Thursday 09:00 - 12:00
14:00 - 17:00
Saturday and Sunday closed



Gemeindeverwaltung Dornach

Hauptstrasse 33, 4143 Dornach

Monday 08:30 - 11:30 | 14:00 - 16:00

Tuesday 07:30 - 13:00

Wednesday 14:00 - 16:00

Thursday 14:00 - 18:00

Friday 08:30 - 11:30

More information on Dornach local authority at www.dornach.ch

Regarding residence registration for students living in Dornach, check [page 9](#).

Shopping in Weil am Rhein (Germany)

Groceries and everyday services are generally more affordable in Germany than in Switzerland. If you are looking to reduce your expenses, shopping in Germany can therefore be worthwhile. Weil am Rhein offers a wide range of shops and supermarkets, and can be reached from Dornach in approximately 40 minutes. Remember to bring your passport, as you will be crossing an international border.

For information on visiting Weil am Rhein: www.weil-am-rhein.de



Buy train or tram tickets from the **ticket machines** at the stops. The machines accept CHF banknotes, coins and international credit cards. You can also **buy tickets online here** or **download the SBB mobile app**.

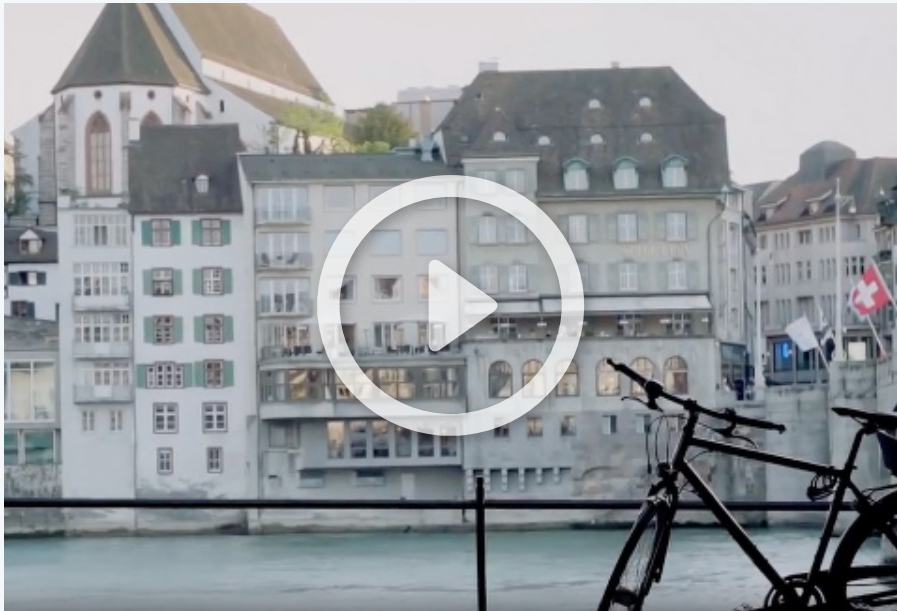
Basel

Basel is Switzerland's third-largest city and an important cultural, economic, and international centre in the region. With just a 10-minute train ride from Dornach, you can reach Basel and experience everything that city life has to offer.

Explore Basel's vibrant arts scene, marvel at its historic architecture, relax by the Rhine river, and more!

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Watch a short clip of our students enjoying Basel

For more information
www.basel.com





Emergency Numbers

In an emergency, you can reach out for help by dialing these numbers.

Ambulance: 144

Police: 117

Fire service: 118

Swiss Confederation: www.ch.ch

Poison Control: 145

Tox Info Suisse - 24/7 information in the event of poisoning or suspected poisoning:
www.toxinfo.ch

European Emergency: 112

European emergency phone number, available everywhere in the EU, free of charge:
www.europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/travel/security-and-emergencies

Crisis Support: 143

Heart2Heart - Counselling Helpline anonymous and free support by phone or chat, available daily from 6 to 11 pm: www.143.ch/en





 studium.goetheanum.ch

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