

Instructions and useful information

Due to the current Covid-19 provisions and the consequent organization of activities and spaces, please note that the "Welcome 2021" welcome event is open only to freshmen, upon registration. Accompanying persons will therefore not be admitted.

To ensure the smooth running of the event, please read the following document carefully.

Code of conduct

- All participants are required to comply with the Covid-19 protection provisions available at the following link: www.desk.usi.ch/en/covid-19-protection-provisions.
- In general, participants are encouraged to maintain an appropriate and respectful behaviour towards other people and the spaces on campus. It is also requested to stick to the chosen program and to be on time.
- Any costs arising from damage, loss, carelessness, etc. will be borne by the participant.

Check-in and registration

It is mandatory to register at the Welcome Desk on **Friday 17** (in Mendrisio for students of the Academy of Architecture) or **Saturday 18** (in Lugano for all other students) for both the institutional day and Sunday activities. All participants will receive a nominal envelope containing, in addition to general information and documentation, the material for the following activities:

- Ticket for Saturday sessions (Lugano Campus)
- Identification for recreational activities (if applicable)
- Recreational activity sheet (if applicable)
- Public transport tickets for recreational activities (if applicable)
- Entrance ticket for the party on Saturday evening (if applicable)

Participants are responsible for bringing the necessary material with them.

Sunday 19 September: Sports, Recreational and Cultural Activities

1. Carrying out of activities
Some Sunday activities are subject to weather conditions. If these do not allow the activity to be carried out safely, the organizers reserve the right to modify or cancel the activity. Subscribers will be informed promptly.

Information regarding the weather conditions are available in the section of the website dedicated to activities (www.usi.ch/en/education/welcome/activity-programme). It is also advisable to consult the website www.meteoswiss.ch.

Activities are confirmed only if the minimum number of participants is reached. If an activity is cancelled, the organizers will do everything

possible to reallocate the participants in an alternative activity among those proposed, without guarantee.

2. Changes to registration and / or cancellation of participation
Changes to the registration will be considered only if justified by a valid reason, no later than 31 August. To change the registration, the participant must submit a written request to welcome@usi.ch. After this date, the registration will be considered final.

In case of partial or total cancellation of participation, the participant must promptly inform the organizers by sending an email to welcome@usi.ch.

3. No-show penalty
In the event of a no-show without a minimum notice of 48 hours, USI reserves the right to request coverage of the costs resulting from non-participation.
4. Recreation: what to take with you
It is highly recommended that you wear comfortable shoes and bring a bottle of water and some snacks. More specific information are indicated directly in the activity sheet itself. It is also mandatory to have a mask with you.
5. Punctuality
All activities include travel by public transport and / or defined times of entry and start of activities. The meeting places and the relative meeting times are established according to the means of transport and the activities that will be carried out. Maximum punctuality is therefore required. The group leader is not required to wait for any latecomers. All information is indicated on the activity sheet that you will receive both by email at the beginning of September and at the Welcome Desk.
6. Difficulty of recreational activities
The degree of difficulty is indicated on the individual activity sheet:
 - * **Easy.** It does not require a particular physical condition.
 - ** **Medium.** Usually includes a walking excursion of easy / medium difficulty.
 - *** **High.** It is a sport activity or an activity that involves a longer walk / excursion.
7. Lunch
 - **Friday (Mendrisio):** lunch is not included. The Mendrisio Campus canteen (Osteria Vignetta) is open to students.
 - **Saturday (Lugano):** lunch is not included. The West Campus canteen will be open from 10.00 to 14.00.
 - **Sunday (activities for all):** lunch is not always included. On the activity sheet it is indicated whether the participant must bring a packed lunch.