

POLICY FOR DIRECT ENTRY INTO YEAR TWO BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

EHL's Bachelor of Science Program

EHL's Bachelor of Science Program in International Hospitality Management comprises four years of study, including a one-year Preparatory Year followed by a three-year course of studies for the Bachelor Degree. Students who successfully complete the entire four-year Program are awarded two degrees: the Swiss "*Bachelor of science HES-SO en hôtellerie et professions de l'accueil*" and the American "Bachelor of Science in International Hospitality Management."

Direct entry into Year Two

EHL offers the possibility for certain candidates to apply for direct entry into Year Two of its Bachelor of Science Program. This concerns students who have already completed or are in the process of studying for a first degree or diploma in the field of hospitality at another institution. The first degree may be either a Swiss or foreign qualification. Candidates who are accepted for direct entry into Year Two are able to obtain EHL's Bachelor of Science Degree after two years of study at EHL.

The awarding institution of the candidate's first degree should be at least of the level of a Swiss *Ecole supérieure* (ES) or recognized as such. In all other cases, the awarding institution should be officially recognized by the government of the country concerned as being at university level (Bachelor or equivalent). Candidates must also be able to prove that they have had at least one year of professional experience in hospitality; their internships may count towards this requirement.

Options for students to transfer into Year Two

Students are eligible to apply for direct entry into Year Two with the following:

a. Swiss and French qualifications

- Diploma in Hotel Management or Tourism from ES/HF/SS (Ecole supérieure / Höhere Fachschule /Scuola superiore) schools
- BTS Hôtellerie - Restauration (ideally option A : Management and Marketing)
- BTS Tourisme with a minimum 6 months' work experience in a hotel or restaurant

EHL reserves the right to recognize the qualifications offered by other types of institutions, provided that the teaching is of excellent quality and corresponds to the requirements of EHL's Bachelor Program.



b. Other transfer possibilities

In accordance with Bologna Agreements, EHL may consider candidates transferring from from other bachelor programs in hospitality (or equivalent) after 2 academic semesters + 1 year of practical experience at their current institution. All academic transcripts and proof of work experience (internships included) must be submitted at time of application. These applications will be considered on a case by case basis.

In every case:

- The candidate must have successfully passed all academic subjects in the institutional institution he is transferring from;
- The candidate's grades prior his transfer to EHL must be excellent;
- The candidate must have had one year of full-time professional experience in the area of hospitality, including internships.

Application procedure

Candidates who wish to apply for direct entry into Year Two of EHL's Bachelor Program must satisfy the same admission criteria – including language qualifications – as candidates who are applying for admission to EHL's Preparatory Year. Please refer to the "Admissions" section on EHL's website (www.ehl.edu) for further details.

Candidates must submit a regular application for admission to the Bachelor Program by completing EHL's online admissions module. Candidates should indicate they are applying as a transfer student.

In addition to completing the online admissions module, candidates applying for direct entry into Year Two must submit the following with their application:

- Copy of hospitality diploma or degree if applicable;
- Transcripts showing courses taken and grades obtained for each year of the attended program of study in hospitality or tourism;
- Course descriptions for each course followed in the hospitality / tourism program if applicable;
- Copies of secondary school diplomas and final examination results;
- Copies of certificates of employment indicating length of employment, positions held and hours worked.

EHL's Admissions Commission will examine all applications for direct entry on a case-by-case basis. Eligibility will be determined taking into account both the candidate's results and the quality of the educational institution in which the degree or diploma has been obtained.



Selection procedure

Upon receipt of a candidate's complete application, a first evaluation will determine whether a candidate will be invited to participate in EHL's selection process. Once a candidate has finished the selection process EHL's Admissions Commission will reach a final decision regarding the candidate's admission to EHL, as well as a decision on the candidate's request for direct entry into Year Two of EHL's Bachelor of Science Program.

Remarks

To obtain EHL's *Bachelor of Science Degree in International Hospitality Management*, as well as EHL's *Bachelor of Science HES-SO en hôtellerie et professions de l'accueil*, students must obtain 180 ECTS/120 US credits. Students who have been admitted for direct entry into Year Two will be awarded 60 ECTS/40 US credits (or 90 ECTS/60 US credits for those who come from ES schools and are exempt from the internship¹) that will contribute towards completing EHL's graduation requirements.

Students who are studying in other universities for a degree in subjects other than hospitality, such as economics or law, are not eligible for entry into Year Two of EHL's Bachelor Program. These students should apply for the full four-year Bachelor Program; they may however consult with EHL's Academic Advisor in order to apply for limited credit transfer within the framework of the regular program.

Students who have obtained a hospitality diploma for a program that has fewer than two academic semesters, will not be eligible to apply for direct entry into Year Two. However, these students may apply for direct entry into Year One as long as they can satisfy the professional experience requirement, i.e. a year of full-time work in a hospitality enterprise (for further details, please refer to the Policy for Exemption from the Preparatory Year).

The conditions governing direct entry for graduates of schools that have a formal agreement with EHL – e.g. schools that have been certified by EHL or those that have signed a mobility agreement with EHL – are described in a series of separate policies that are specific to each institution.

EHL reserves the right to modify this policy without prior notice.

¹ Diploma in an institution using the new education plan established by the Swiss Confederation ("Neurechtlich anerkannt")