



UNDERGRADUATE SUMMER PROGRAM

Nestled between the Swiss Alps and Lake Lugano, **Franklin Switzerland** is a private liberal arts institution that seamlessly blends American and Swiss educational models. Offering integrative study, hands-on research, cultural immersion, and global travel opportunities, Franklin empowers students to broaden their perspectives and explore new horizons.

 **LUGANO, SWITZERLAND**



**FRANKLIN
SWITZERLAND**

U.S. UNIVERSITY & SWISS UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE

MAKE THE MOST OF **YOUR SUMMER IN LUGANO!**

Join Franklin Switzerland this summer to enrich your knowledge while soaking in the breathtaking beauty of Lugano, surrounded by lakes, water sports, and mountain hikes. From **May 18 through the end of July**, we offer undergraduate students the opportunity to study at Franklin and experience summer in Switzerland.

Choose from **4-week sessions** and expand your skills and academic horizons while earning extra credits to boost your academic journey.

Prefer hands-on learning? Opt for our **2-week intensive session**, where you can immerse yourself in a focused study experience and bring your learning to life.



Summer in Lugano is vibrant and full of excitement! Both Franklin and the city offer a wide variety of activities and events to make your stay unforgettable.

Explore a UNESCO World Heritage Site, tour a chocolate factory, enjoy boat trips on the lake, or dive into food and music festivals. These are just a few of the many adventures awaiting you at Franklin this summer!

EXPERIENCE ACADEMIC TRAVEL (FOR ONE MONTH!)

Take your learning beyond the classroom through immersive, on-site study in **Morocco or Botswana**. Through these combined-course programs, discover hidden landscapes, engage with local communities, and explore pressing global issues—from culture and identity to sustainability and development. This is education you can feel, touch, and live.

6-CREDIT ACADEMIC TRAVEL PROGRAMS

DISCOVER MOROCCO: LEARN BY LIVING IT

CLCS 258T + ML 100 *

PROFESSOR Patrick Saveau

Course dates: 29 May - 12 June 2026

Immerse yourself in **Moroccan culture** while exploring its history, society, and diverse identities through lectures, expert talks, and field trips to Rabat, Fez, and Essaouira. Engage with locals and scholars, while learning the **essentials of Arabic** to build speaking, reading, and writing skills and connect more deeply with the community.

* These courses take place in Morocco



PROGRAM COST

The total tuition for **CLCS 258T** and **ML 100** is **CHF 6,400 / USD 7,800**. Round-trip flights from Lugano to the Academic Travel destination and accommodations are included.



LEARN, ACT, IMPACT: SUSTAINABILITY IN BOTSWANA

POL 176/376 + POL 281T *

PROFESSOR Armando Zanicchia

Course dates: 30 June - 23 July 2026

Explore **global environmental challenges** and the **politics of sustainable development** through hands-on case studies and team-based research in **Botswana**. Examine issues from climate change and biodiversity loss to sustainable agriculture and renewable energy, and discover how nations, international organizations, and NGOs tackle these challenges across both the Global North and South.

* Week 1 and 2: On campus (Lugano) / Week 3 and 4: Offsite (Botswana)

PROGRAM COST

The total tuition for **POL 176/376** and **POL 281T** is **CHF 8000 CHF / 9900 USD**. Round-trip flights from Lugano to the Academic Travel destination and accommodations are included.

CREATE, PERFORM, EXPRESS

Unleash your artistic side through hands-on experiences in music, dance, painting, writing, and film. Participate in the **Lugano Dance Project**, dive into the world of cinema, and get inspired by live performances. This is your chance to create, express, and explore in one of Europe's most vibrant cultural destinations: Lugano, Switzerland.

CLCS 204

PROFESSOR
Kate Roy

Story-Making Material: Creative Commerce in Switzerland

Get hands-on experience with bookmaking and promotion projects with this **travel course to cities like Basel, Zurich, and Lausanne**, discovering how narratives are crafted, packaged, and shared with audiences.

CLCS 246

PROFESSOR
Andra Yount

Exploring Dance and Movement

Explore how movement shapes stories, culture, and everyday life. Experience performance through workshops, research, and events at the **Lugano Dance Project**, and reflect on how bodies communicate meaning.

MUS 218

PROFESSOR
Chrisanta
Trebici-Marin

Music and Politics: From the French Revolution to Communism

Study how **politics influenced music** and how artists found creative freedom in challenging times, from censored pieces under totalitarian regimes to groundbreaking compositions like *Nixon in China*.

STA 219

PROFESSOR
Dean Dalfonzo

Academic Travel Log: Picturing the World

Learn how to draw, paint, and collage your experiences en plein air on campus and around Lugano. Take the opportunity to **join the Lugano Dance Festival** to draw and paint during rehearsals, create a personal travel sketchbook, and develop the skills to turn academic travel and everyday life into meaningful creative experiences.

WTG 200

PROFESSOR
Sara Rutkowski

Advanced Academic Writing: Ethics at Work

Strengthen your **academic writing and communication skills** through the lens of business and work ethics. Engage with **case studies** to build critical reading, argumentative writing, and presentation skills, to enter academic and professional communities with confidence.

VCA 205 + CLCS 207

PROFESSORS
Elettra Fiumi,
Libertad Gills

AI & Cinema Practice: Crafting the Future of Film + AI, Cinema, and Philosophy (6-credit experience)

Gain a deeper understanding of **AI's impact on filmmaking** through hands-on projects, expert-led discussions, and a dynamic international learning environment. Join this **combined-course program** for an immersive experience that blends creativity, innovation, and critical thinking in the heart of Europe.



FROM ECONOMICS TO ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Step inside the world of **global business**. Connect with local entrepreneurs, gain insights from experts, and build a strong foundation in **economics, finance, and management**. Whether you are exploring these fields for the first time or deepening your knowledge, these courses offer real-world perspectives and practical skills.

BUS 243

PROFESSOR
David Suleiman

Personal Finance

Learn the essential tools and concepts to make **smart personal financial decisions**, from budgeting and credit management to investing in stocks, bonds, and real estate. This **practical course** helps you apply finance skills to your own life and interpret economic news that affects your financial choices.

COM 298

PROFESSOR
Davide
Dukcevic

The Billionaire's Cheat Sheet: How to Read the Wall Street Journal

Step inside the world of **financial journalism** with The Wall Street Journal as your guide. Analyze top stories, master newsroom skills, and **create your own WSJ-style articles**, while learning from experienced journalists in Milan and New York.

BUS 217

PROFESSOR
Martin Stack

The Business of Food and Drink in Ticino

Explore business and entrepreneurship through **Ticino's food and drink industry**, combining readings, case studies, and company visits. Meet founders at breweries, wineries, farms, and more to learn how they started, grew, and plan for the future, while discussing **marketing, funding, and business strategy**.

ECN 100

PROFESSOR
Goran Filic

Principles of Macroeconomics

Dive into the big picture of economics by exploring **national income, economic growth, inflation, and employment trends**. Analyze currency systems, government policies, and current economic events to understand how economies function on a national and global scale.

ECN 101

PROFESSOR
Martin Stack

Principles of Microeconomics

Examine the behavior of individuals, households, and firms in the marketplace. This course covers **supply and demand, market structures, efficiency**, and the role of government in addressing market failures and shaping economic outcomes.

ECN 297

PROFESSOR
Quentin Duroy

Financing Sustainable Development

Explore how financial markets can drive a transition to a **sustainable, renewable-energy future**. This course examines global market operations, international governance, and the role of individuals as responsible world citizens in promoting **fair and sustainable development**.



UNDERSTAND THE WORLD YOU LIVE IN

Curious about what shapes the world today? Explore courses in **international relations, politics, and the history of religions**. Understand the forces behind global conflicts, cooperation, beliefs, and identities—and build the tools to analyze the events and ideas driving today's biggest conversations.

POL 101

PROFESSOR
Goran Filic

Introduction to International Relations

Learn the fundamentals of international relations, exploring key concepts like **national power, foreign policy, conflict, trade, and international organizations**, with an introduction to realist and liberal approaches.

POL 290

PROFESSOR
Ahron Bregman

Government & Politics of the Middle East

Examine the **political dynamics shaping conflict and consensus** in the Middle East, including key regional tensions like Iran vs. the Arab world and Israel vs. its neighbors. The course also explores modernization, tradition, and historical power rivalries in the region.

REL 296

PROFESSOR
Alex Novikoff

Three Faiths, One God: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

Explore the origins and global influence of **Judaism, Christianity, and Islam**, from their beginnings in the Middle East to their impact today. This course examines **key historical, intellectual, and cultural developments**, including early conflicts, philosophies, and the search for religious identity in a modern, pluralistic world.



UNLOCK A NEW LANGUAGE

Learn **Italian**, the language of Ticino and nearby Italy, and immerse yourself in the region's culture. Improve your speaking skills, understand local customs, and experience daily life in an Italian-speaking environment.

From beginners to intermediate learners, students gain practical communication experience through project-based assignments and active participation in local festivals, events, and the Italian-speaking community.

INTRODUCTORY ITALIAN, PART 1

ITA 100

PROFESSOR Alessandra Zanoli

INTRODUCTORY ITALIAN, PART 2

ITA 101

PROFESSOR Mara Kugler Bertola

IMMERSIVE INTERMEDIATE ITALIAN

ITA 202

PROFESSOR Ariane Mottale





DEEPEN YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Strengthen your academic skills or push your interests further. From economics to writing, Franklin's summer courses help you **stay on track, fulfill requirements, or transfer credits**. Use your summer to catch up, get ahead, or dive into a subject you have always wanted to explore.

MAT 181

PROFESSOR
Noura
El Moussa

MATHEMATICS

for Quantitative Literacy Requirements

The *MAT 181 - Math for Everybody* course provides essential tools to **understand the world and make informed decisions**, covering topics from basic math and algebra to linear, polynomial, exponential, and logarithmic functions, growth sequences, and systems of equations with three or more variables.

ITA 100, 101, 202

PROFESSORS
Alessandra
Zanolli, Mara
Kugler Bertola

ITALIAN

for Language Requirements

Whether you are starting from scratch or building on prior study, our **Italian courses** help you communicate confidently in everyday situations and connect with the local culture. Through interactive lessons, hands-on projects, and real-life practice in Ticino, you will develop your listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills while exploring Italian traditions, social life, and community events.

ECN 100 + ECN 101

PROFESSORS
Goran Filic,
Martin Stack

ECONOMICS

for Many Universities' General Ed. or Major Requirements

Explore the **foundations of economics**, from individual and firm behavior in **Microeconomics** to national and global trends in **Macroeconomics**. Study supply and demand, market structures, economic growth, inflation, employment, and the role of government and policy, while applying concepts to real-world events and decisions.

POL 101

PROFESSOR
Goran Filic

POLITICS

for Many Universities' General Ed. or Major Requirements

The *POL 101 - Introduction to International Relations* course introduces the fundamentals of international relations, exploring key concepts such as **national power, foreign policy, conflict, trade, and international organizations**. Engage with realist and liberal approaches to analyze how global politics influence events and decisions.

WTG 200

PROFESSOR
Sara Rutkowski

WRITING

for Writing Requirements

Enhance your **communication skills** and fulfill writing requirements with *WTG 200 - Advanced Academic Writing: Ethics at Work*, while exploring key topics in business and work ethics. Analyze case studies to develop critical reading, persuasive writing, and presentation abilities, preparing you to contribute confidently in both academic and professional settings.



FIND THE **PERFECT PROGRAM** FOR YOU

SESSION	STUDENT ARRIVAL	STUDENT DEPARTURE
INTERIM SESSION I MAY 19 - 29	MAY 17 BETWEEN 12:00 AND 17:00	MAY 30 BY 12:00
INTERIM SESSION I INTENSIVE MAY 19 - JUNE 12	MAY 17 BETWEEN 12:00 AND 17:00	JUNE 13 BY 12:00
SESSION I INTENSIVE JUNE 2 - 12	MAY 31 BETWEEN 12:00 AND 17:00	JUNE 13 BY 12:00
SESSION I JUNE 2 - 25	MAY 31 BETWEEN 12:00 AND 17:00	JUNE 26 BY 12:00
SESSION 2 JUNE 30 - JULY 23	JUNE 28 BETWEEN 12:00 AND 17:00	JULY 24 BY 12:00

WHY CHOOSE A **SUMMER COURSE** AT FRANKLIN?



TUITION

Students may register for a maximum of two courses in each summer session. Citizens and permanent residents of the United States or Canada can pay in US dollars. Students from all other countries must pay in Swiss francs.

TUITION (PER COURSE)	CHF 3,200	USD 3,900
APPLICATION FEE	CHF 50	USD 65
HOUSING		
PER 4-WEEK SESSION	CHF 1,000	USD 1,250
PER 2-WEEK SESSION	CHF 500	USD 625
OPTIONAL MEAL PLAN		
PER 4-WEEK SESSION	CHF 250	USD 335
PER 2-WEEK SESSION	CHF 125	USD 168

PAYMENT OPTIONS



The payment due date for **Summer Session 1** is May 1, 2026, and for **Summer Session 2** is June 1, 2026.

HOW TO APPLY

- 1 Online Application**
Apply online through our [website](#) or [Common App](#).
- 2 Academic Transcripts**
Submit your official high school transcripts.
- 3 Personal Statement**
Share what motivates you, the experiences that have shaped you, and the goals you hope to achieve.
- 4 Recommendation Letter**
Provide one letter from individuals who can speak to your academic strengths and/or extracurricular involvement.
- 5 English Proficiency (if required)**
If your studies were not in English, submit a TOEFL, IELTS, or equivalent scores.
- 6 Interview**
A conversation for us to learn more about your ambitions, interest, and what drives you—so we can help design a path for your success at Franklin.
- 7 WELCOME TO FRANKLIN**

EXPLORE

THE FULL SCHEDULE



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