Information for international medical students

1) Target group for this information sheet
Non-German speaking medical students interested in completing
• a part of their medical studies at the University of Bern or
• one or more clinical electives at Swiss hospitals.

2) Language
Be aware that the communication in our practical clinical work is done in German, Swiss German and French. Therefore you are expected to be fluent at least in German. Otherwise your learning will not be successful.

3.1) Exchange agreements (complete academic year)
There are exchange agreements between the University of Bern and the following universities for the completion of a whole academic year:
• RWTH Aachen University, Germany
• Dresden University of Technology (TUD), Germany
• Munich University of Technology (TUM), Germany
• Medical University of Vienna, Austria
• Witten/Herdecke University, Germany
• Vilnius University, Lithuania (only PhD)
• Bezmialem Vakif University Istanbul, Turkey (only PhD)

There are no exchange agreements with other universities.

3.2) Clinical electives
You are welcome to come to Switzerland during your final years of studies to do clinical work at Swiss hospitals. You will be treated equal to the Swiss students, which means that you will have to organise your electives by yourself. The University of Bern does not help students to find electives. Please get in touch directly with the clinic of your choice.

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