

Your Pathway to Global Management Excellence



Shaping Leaders Since 1991..

A Boutique Hospitality School

With over three decades of expertise, we've built a reputation for delivering world-class hospitality education. With small class sizes, we offer personalised attention, and our prestigious UK university accreditations add global recognition to your qualifications.

Proudly Swiss Family-Owned

Proudly family-owned, we blend Swiss tradition with cutting-edge innovation, ensuring excellence in everything we do. Our location in the heart of Europe makes us the ideal base for exploring this diverse and inspiring continent.

Personalised Path to Success

We inspire growth through a bespoke, forward-thinking approach to education. Paid internships, both in Switzerland and abroad, can be taken after each semester, and provide invaluable, real-world experience.

A Global Perspective

With students from over 35 nationalities, our campus is a hub of cultural exchange and collaboration. Studying at IMI, you'll gain the skills, connections, and confidence to excel in international industries while being part of a diverse and welcoming community.

OUR SCHOOL'S MILESTONES

1990

1995



In 1997, the school relocated to its current home of **Kastanienbaum** on the shores of **Lake Lucerne**.

2001

2012



The school celebrates its **25th** anniversary with a special alumni reunion at campus Kastanienbaum.



All degree programmes –
hospitality, business and
culinary arts – are consolidated
under the Manchester
Metropolitan University
validation.

Validation agreement signed with Manchester Metropolitan University in the UK, initially covering IMI's diploma awards.



In 1991, IMI welcomes its first intake of **55** students to its hotel campus in Weggis.



Manchester Metropolitan
University validation extended to
cover IMI's degree programmes.

2016

IMI launches its culinary brand the International Culinary Institute in collaboration with validating partner Oxford Brookes University.



2022

IMI enters the newly launched **QS World University Rankings** as one of the top 20 hospitality schools worldwide.





WHY CHOOSE IMI SWITZERLAND?



Established in 1991 with a global reputation



Boutique campus just outside Luzern

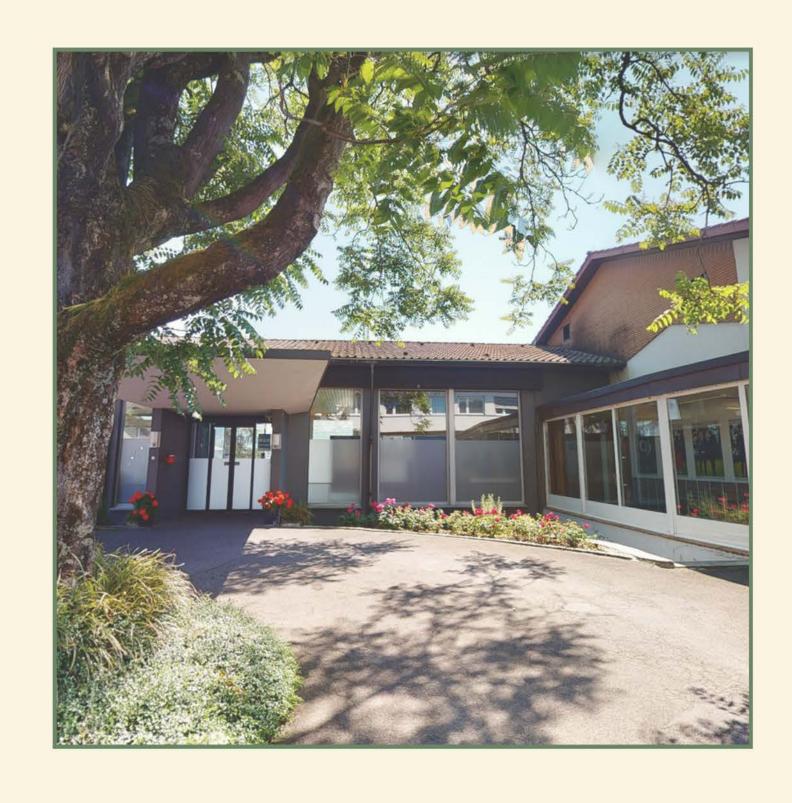


Personal attention with small class sizes



International university accreditations







OUR VALUES

Excellence

We aim for excellence in everything we do — whether it's delivering world-class academic programmes, curating career-boosting internship placements, or crafting an exceptional student experience. Excellence is not just a goal; it's our standard.

Innovation

The future of hospitality demands forwardthinking solutions. We embrace the latest trends, techniques, and ideas, to ensure our students are prepared to lead and innovate in a constantly evolving industry.

Professionalism

Building trust is key. With a strong foundation of professionalism, we nurture long-standing, mutually beneficial relationships with students, alumni, industry partners, and staff.

Diversity

Our campus reflects the world. With students from over 35 countries, we celebrate the richness of cultural diversity and the opportunity it brings to grow and learn from one another.



SWITZERLAND - A GLOBAL LEADER IN HOSPITALITY EDUCATION



World-renowned education system



Paid internships and excellent earning potential



Safe, clean and multi-cultural



The perfect gateway to discover Europe







#1

ranking in the
Global Innovation
Index for 14
consecutive years.

%93

of international students in Switzerland reported being satisfied or highly satisfied with their study experience.



official languages:

German, French, Italian, and Romansh. %97

employability rate for

IMI students within one year of graduating.
(Based on our most recent alumni survey.)



IMI is, and will always be, fundamentally about our people...

...whether these are students, alumni, staff or our vast, international network of partners - the happiness and prosperity of each and every member of the IMI family is how we measure our success."

Heinz Bürki - IMI Founder & Owner





Study at IMI

BOUTIQUE EDUCATION TO SUPPORT YOUR CAREER GOALS



Small class sizes and a personalised approach



UK-validated degrees with global recognition



Industry-experienced lecturers



Holisitic blend of practical training and management theory







QUALITY ASSURANCE

All degree programmes validated by:



Other key quality-assurance accreditations:











Undergraduate Programmes

CERTIFICATE IN

INTERNATIONAL HOTEL AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT

Designed For

Awarded by



individuals seeking to develop essential knowledge and skills for the global hospitality, tourism, and events industry. With a strong focus on operational knowledge, academic skills, and English language proficiency, this programme lays the groundwork for pursuing higher education or careers in hospitality.





- High school certificate or equivalent (GCSEs / O-Levels etc.)
- IELTS 4.5 (or equivalent)



Duration:

Six months



Intakes:

February, May, August, November

Study Semester

22 WEEKS

The Hotel, Tourism and Events Industry

Studying at University

Introduction to Food & Beverage Service

Hygiene Management

English for University Studies

Hospitality Business Basics

Total credits: 120

Optional Internship Semester

BA (HONS) IN

INTERNATIONAL HOSPITALITY BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Awarded by





Designed For

aspiring leaders passionate about the global hospitality industry, this degree combines core business disciplines with specialised hospitality expertise. Students gain technical, interpersonal, and problem-solving skills while applying innovative and sustainable practices in real-world contexts. Graduates are empowered to excel and leave a lasting impact in the dynamic hospitality sector.





- IMI Certificate/High School / IB /
 A Levels or equivalent
- IELTS 5.0 (or equivalent)
- 18 years of age



Duration:

2.5 - 3 years



Intakes:

February, May, August, November

Year 1

DIPLOMA SEMESTER - 22 WEEKS

Academic Skills

Introduction to Business & Services Management

The Digital Consumer

Hospitality Business Operations

Principles of Entrepreneurship

Business Accounting

The Tourism Business

Introductory Economics

Total Credits: 120

Internship Semester

Year 2

HIGHER DIPLOMA SEMESTER - 22 WEEKS

Talent Management & Development

Consumer Behaviour & Market Research

Financial Performance Analysis & Revenue Control

Project Management for Business

Tourism in the Digital Age

Event Design & Production

Hospitality & Tourism Across Cultures

Total Credits: 120

Internship Semester

22 WEEK PAID PLACEMENT IN SWITZERLAND OR ABROAD

Year 3

BA (HONS) SEMESTER - 22 WEEKS

Research Project

Digital Marketing Strategies

International Marketing Management

Applied Research

Sustainable Tourism Destination Management

Hospitality Concepts

Strategic Event Planning & Management

Total Credits: 120

Optional Internship Semester

BA (HONS) IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Awarded by





Designed For

aspiring business leaders or entrepreneurs, this degree combines core business disciplines with specialised hospitality expertise. Students gain technical, interpersonal, and problem-solving skills while applying innovative and sustainable practices in real-world contexts. Within a multicultural environment, graduates are prepared to excel in diverse professional sectors.





- IMI Certificate/High School / IB /
 A Levels or equivalent
- IELTS 5.0 (or equivalent)
- 18 years of age



Duration:

2.5 - 3 years



Intakes:

February, May, August, November

Year 1

DIPLOMA SEMESTER - 22 WEEKS

Academic Skills

Introduction to Business & Services Management

The Digital Consumer

Hospitality Business Operations

Principles of Entrepreneurship

Business Accounting

The Tourism Business

Introductory Economics

Total Credits: 120

Internship Semester

Year 2

HIGHER DIPLOMA SEMESTER - 22 WEEKS

Talent Management & Development

Consumer Behaviour & Market Research

Financial Performance Analysis & Revenue Control

Project Management for Business

Operations Management for Services

International Trade & Finance

International Business Law

Total Credits: 120

Internship Semester

22 WEEK PAID PLACEMENT IN SWITZERLAND OR ABROAD

Year 3

BA (HONS) SEMESTER - 22 WEEKS

Research Project

Digital Marketing Strategies

International Marketing Management

Applied Research

Cross-Cultural Management

Sustainability & Corporate Social Responsibility

International Strategic Management

Total Credits: 120

Optional Internship Semester

BA (HONS) IN INTERNATIONAL CULINARY MANAGEMENT

Awarded by





Designed For

aspiring culinary leaders looking to gain practical kitchen skills alongside essential business knowledge to prepare them for a dynamic career in the global culinary industry. Whether you aim to work in top-tier restaurants or start your own venture, the programme blends hands-on training, managerial expertise, and an international perspective.





- IMI Certificate/High School / IB /
 A Levels or equivalent
- IELTS 5.0 (or equivalent)
- 18 years of age



Duration:

2.5 - 3 years



Intakes*:

February, May, August, November

*Diploma semester entry only possible in February and August

Year 1

DIPLOMA SEMESTER - 22 WEEKS

Academic Skills

Pastry & Baking Arts

Food Hygiene & Safety

Oenology & Beverage Management

Restaurant Management & Control

Culinary Fundamentals

Nutritional Trends & Applications

Total Credits: 120

Internship Semester

Year 2

HIGHER DIPLOMA SEMESTER - 22 WEEKS

Talent Management & Development

Consumer Behaviour & Market Research

European Cuisine

New Product Development & Menu Design

Commercial Kitchen Management

Contemporary Cuisine

Culinary Career Development

Total Credits: 120

Internship Semester

22 WEEK PAID PLACEMENT IN SWITZERLAND OR ABROAD

Year 3

BA (HONS) SEMESTER - 22 WEEKS

New Product Creation Project

Professional Development

Culinary Entrepreneurship

International Gastronomy and Culture

Advanced Practical Culinary

Total Credits: 120

Food Informatics and Technology

Optional Internship Semester

Postgraduate Programmes

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN INTERNATIONAL HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

Awarded by



Designed For

professionals with early to mid-career experience, particularly from the hospitality and tourism sectors, aiming to transition into general management roles. This programme also caters for individuals from other industries seeking to enhance their expertise in hotel and events management.





- Bachelor's award in any discipline or a minimum three years of work experience
- IELTS 5.0 / TOEFL 40-45 or equivalent



Duration:

Six months



Intakes:

February, May, August, November

Study Semester

22 WEEKS

Food & Beverage Service

Business Accounting

Talent Management & Development

Consumer Behaviour & Market Research

Project Management for Business

Hospitality Concepts

Hospitality & Tourism Across Cultures

Total credits: 120

Optional Internship Semester

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN INTERNATIONAL CULINARY ARTS

Awarded by



Designed For

those aspiring to transition into the culinary sector, looking for a blend of practical culinary training and essential management skills. preparing students for entry-level roles in professional kitchen operations, the rigorous yet supportive environment helps students gain both technical expertise and theoretical knowledge to thrive in this global industry.





- Bachelor's award in any discipline or a minimum three years of work experience
- IELTS 5.0 / TOEFL 40-45 or equivalent



Duration:

Six months



Intakes:

February, May, August, November

Study Semester

22 WEEKS

Food Hygiene & Safety
Culinary Fundamentals
Restaurant Management & Control
Pastry & Baking Arts
Oenology & Beverage Management
Contemporary Cuisine

Total credits: 120

Optional Internship Semester

MSC DEGREE IN

INTERNATIONAL HOSPITALITY BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Designed For

Awarded by





ambitious professionals seeking advanced expertise in hospitality management, this degree offers a 12-month intensive study period that combines in-depth knowledge with practical insights. It also includes up to 12 months of paid professional placements, facilitated by IMI's Careers team, providing invaluable experience to boost career prospects in the global hospitality industry.





Entry Requirements

- Bachelor's award in any discipline
- IELTS 6.0 / TOEFL 78 or equivalent



Duration:

12 months



Intakes:

February, August

Study Semester

22 WEEKS ON CAMPUS

Hospitality Operations Management

Human Resources and Talent Development

Hospitality Asset Management

International Strategic Management for Hospitality

Hospitality Concept Development

Marketing in the Digital Era

Contemporary Issues in the Global Business Environment

Business Research Methods

Total credits: 180

Dissertaion Semester

22 WEEKS - FLEXIBLE

Optional Professional Placements

UP TO 44 WEEKS OF PAID PLACEMENTS IN SWITZERLAND OR ABROAD

Your Future



INTERNSHIPS - REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE DURING YOUR STUDY



Guaranteed internship opportunities in Switzerland and abroad



Career workshops, CV review and personalised placement support



A global network of employment partners and alumni







LEADERSHIP PROGRAMMES - YOUR FIRST STEP INTO THE INDUSTRY

Graduate programmes offering management training for hospitality school graduates.

- Swiss Young
 Professionals Programme
- Marriott Voyager

 Programme

- Hyatt Corporate

 Leadership Training
- Hilton Elevator
 Programme



DREAM ROLES IN...

HOSPITALITY

General Manager **Events** Executive F&B Manager **Tourism** Manager













DREAM ROLES IN...
BUSINESS

Marketing
Manager

Manager

Business
Consultant

Project Manager



DREAM ROLES IN...

CULINARY

Executive Chef

Restaurant Manager

> Culinary Entrepreneur

Culinary Educator







GLOBAL PLACEMENT PARTNERS























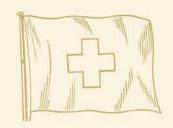




Life at IMI

Switzerland:

A Premier Destination for Education



High standard of living



Gateway to Europe



Multilingual opportunities



Natural Beauty

An unforgettable student experience



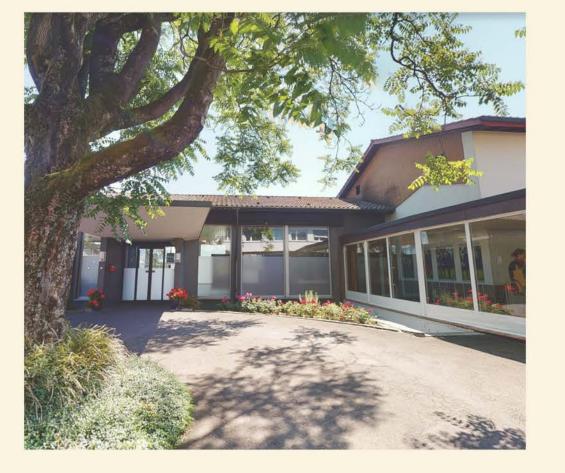


THE IMI CAMPUS

Your Home Away from Home



On-campus amenities including a gym and recreation areas.





Comfortable single or twin rooms, with many offering balcony access.



Fine-dining experiences in our Swiss Room training restaurant.



Access to outdoor activities such

as hiking, swimming, and

sports.









OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM

Your Home Away from Home



Sports and Wellness

Participate in football, basketball, and even marathons like the Swiss City Marathon.



Excursions

Join International Field Trips and explore nearby attractions such as Europa Park or enjoy ski trips in winter.



Cultural Events

Attend Luzern's annual festivals, from the Fasnacht carnival to the Lucerne Festival.



Gastronomy

Join IMI's Wine Club or visit local culinary exhibitions and producers.

THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

Run by students for students







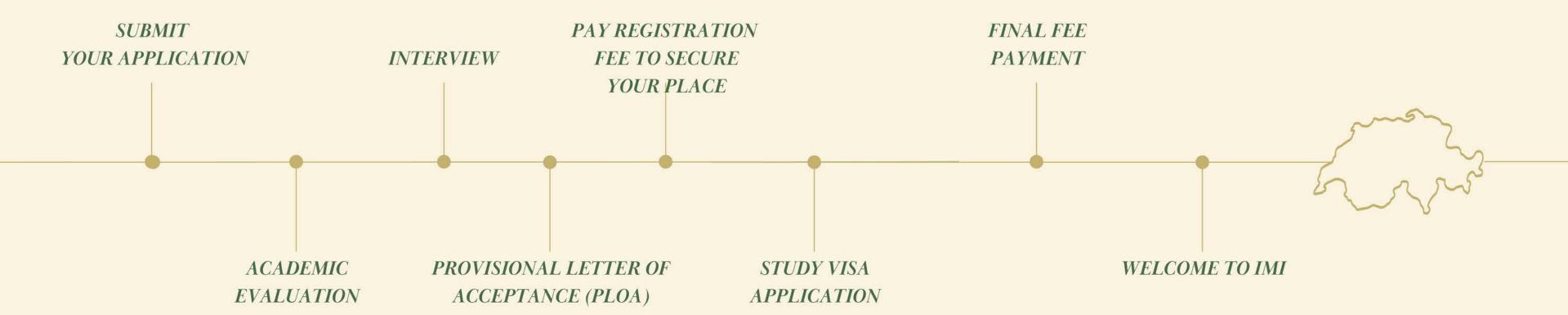






How to Apply

ADMISSIONS PROCESS



VISA DOCUMENTS

- Proof of financial means
- A valid passport
- Proof of health insurance
- Acceptance letter confirming your enrolment at IMI Switzerland.

SCHOLARSHIPS









Start your journey today!



IMI Website



IMI Brochure Download

Switzerland is the start of your success story, and IMI is your partner in making it happen!

