Master in chemical engineering & biotechnology

Semester information on key points regarding studies completion

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General calendar

2016

Jan  | Févr | Mars | Avr | Mai | Juin | Juill | Août | Sept | Oct | Nov | Déc | Janv

2017

Exam | Spring semester | Exam | internship (4 or 6 months) | MSc thesis

2018

or

End of Minor | Exam

End of Semester
Deadline for Minor

End of June
Deadline Lab internship

End of Semester
Deadline MSc thesis
Lab internship vs MSc thesis

**MSc thesis**
- Under the responsibility of a EPFL Prof. or MER
- Personal research
- Original work
- Publishable
- MSc thesis
- Thesis defense
- Jury gives a grade

**Lab internship**
- Under the responsibility of a EPFL Prof. or MER
- Integration in a team
- Original or usual work
- Publishable or confidentiality
- Internal research report
- Internal oral presentation
- No grade (pass or fail)
Internship

Duration: 4 or 6 months
Spring semester:
Applicate through internship portal

http://stages.epfl.ch/page-93564-en.html

Deadline: end of June 2017
If the student is not able to get an internship, the Section can redirect him/her to the EPFL Minor Programme. Then the student will have to compete the MSc thesis in a company.
MSc thesis

Selection

- At ISIC: any professor or MER
  Their research topics on SCGC web site:
  http://sb.epfl.ch/page-121149-en.html

- Outside
An ISIC professor MUST supervise the exchange. He/She is responsible and keeps in touch with the student before and during the research project and acts as president of jury.

NB: if an Lab internship was done in company, the MSc thesis must be completed in academia.
MSc thesis

Registration

1) Conditional admission to the project: up to 8 missing credits during the MSc cycle i.e. after a first attempt.

Deadline: end of Fall semester

Fill up the registration form available at:

http://sb.epfl.ch/page-121149-en.html

and return it to the secretary of section

A registration in IS-Academia is also compulsory in June
MSc thesis

Kick off: September 19th
Duration: 4 months
Projects in outside EPFL can be done in 6 months
The duration must be indicated in registration form.

Directives and Deadlines
The process description, requirements and deadlines are available at: http://sb.epfl.ch/page-121149-en.html
then download Directives for Master thesis.
Assistantship recruitment

The Section enroles MSc Thesis students as assistant-étudiant
You are paid ca. 25.-CHF/hours

Each day as assistant is given back for your thesis, i.e. the submission deadline is postponed by the number of assistantship's days

Announce your candidacy to the secretary