

# **Mobility Regulations (Erasmus)**



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#### 1. IMPORT

E RASMUS is the European Commission's programme for education, training, youth and sport, which aims to enhance skills and employability as well as to modernise education, training and youth systems, in all areas of Lifelong Learning (Higher Education, Vocational Education and Training, Adult Education, Youth Activities, etc.). The Action in the field of Higher Education is inextricably linked to the Erasmus+ programme and its continuation (Erasmus 2021-2027) and subsidises the mobility of students and staff in Higher Education Institutions in Countries participating in the Programme.

The Erasmus program, among other things, enables students registered and active in a Higher Education Institution, at all levels of study (undergraduate, postgraduate, doctoral) to travel for studies in collaborating institutions abroad or for internships in a host institution abroad, with full recognition for the duration of their studies. It also provides for the travel of institutional staff (faculty members, academic staff, administrative staff) for the purpose of teaching, training and the exchange of good practices.

This gives *students the opportunity to develop new skills and qualifications through mobility abroad*. Specifically, students are given the opportunity to improve their language skills, develop intercultural skills and thus develop into citizens of Europe. Especially, in the case of the Internship, the opportunity is given to gain valuable work experience in a company/organization abroad. Furthermore, the action, simultaneously with the student's progress and in combination with the possibility of staff mobility, promotes the good reputation of the University of Thessaly in Universities abroad and acts as a vehicle for the inter-institutional transfer of good educational, learning and organizational practices as well as operating practices.

The Universities with which the University of Thessaly has entered into a cooperation agreement and have faculties and departments that treat the subject of physiotherapy are listed in the table below:

	BILATERAL DEPARTMENT AGREEMENTS					
No.	COUNTRY	CODE	INSTITUTION	POSITION S		
1.	Spain	E SANTAND01	UNIVERSITY OF CANTABRIA	2		
2.	Spain	E MADRID238	UNIVERSIDAD UNIE SL	2		
3.	Spain	E MALAGA01	UNIVERSITY OF MALAGA	2		
4.	Cyprus	CY NICOSIA24	EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY CYPRUS	2		
5.	Cyprus	CY NICOSIA14	UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA	2		
6.	Portugal	P SETUBAL01	UNIVERSITY OF SETUBAL	2		
7.	Lithuania	LT KLAIPED09	KLAIPEDA STATE UNIVERSITY	2		
8.	Turkey	TR INSTABU55	BIRUNI UNIVERSITY	2		
9.	France	F MONTPEL54	UNIVERSITY OF MONTPELLIER	2		

information <u>students</u>, as well as academic and administrative staff, are referred to the Academic Director of the Department as well as to the University's website related to the <u>Erasmus program</u>, <u>at</u> the following <u>address</u>: <u>www.uth.gr/diethni/erasmus</u>.

### 2. STUDENTS

Erasmus mobility grants for studies and traineeships are based on:

- Eligibility of candidates: The specific selection criteria for students, candidates for mobility.
- Distribution of available scholarships: The method of distributing available scholarships by category of study (undergraduate, postgraduate, doctoral candidates) and the method of ranking candidates in each category.

#### 2.1. Eligibility of Candidates

a) When the move concerns studies, candidates must have completed the 2nd year of studies before the time of departure. When the move concerns internship, candidates must have completed the 7th semester of studies before the time of departure.

b) When the transfer concerns studies, at the time of their application they must have successfully completed at least 12 courses with an average grade of at least six out of ten (6/10). When the transfer concerns an internship, as this is a specialty course, at the time of their application they must have successfully completed all other specialty courses with an average grade of at least six out of ten (6/10). The number of successful courses and their average is proven by a certificate from the Department's secretariat (at the time of the application).

c) In the event that language knowledge is required by the host University, candidates must have the corresponding level of certification.

d) In the selection of participation in the program, students who are applying for mobility for the first time are given priority. Students who have previously used mobility with the program may be selected if the program rules allow it and after the applications of students who are moving for the first time have been satisfied.

e) In special cases of students (e.g. issues of ethics, cooperation, etc.), the General Assembly of the Department decides upon a recommendation from the Academic Director of the Department.

#### 2.2. Distribution of available scholarships

Students who have submitted an application for participation in the program are pre-approved by the Department Assembly upon recommendation of the Department's Academic Director. The recommendation ranks the candidates by sequentially applying the following criteria, until any "tie" in the competition for a place in the program is resolved:

- i) Priority is given to students who, at the time of application, meet the requirements for participation in the program (a, b, c).
- ii) Students with special needs are given priority.

- iii) Priority is given to students who can certify their knowledge of the language of the host country (even if it is not required by the host University), with an advantage for those who certify knowledge at a higher level.
- iv) Older students go first.
- v) Students who have successfully completed the largest number of courses by the time of application will be given priority.
- vi) Students with the highest average in the courses they have successfully attended take precedence, as mentioned above.
- vii)The above criteria work in conjunction with the result of the student's interview with the Academic Director of the Department. In the interview, the student introduces himself, expresses his motivations for participation and highlights his research-academic-socio-cultural skills and abilities. For undergraduate students, the distribution of those selected for Erasmus mobility for studies and internships is made proportionally to the number of applications for expression of interest per type of mobility.

#### 2.3. Support and quota procedures

Candidates submit their applications to the International Relations/ Erasmus office of the Department of Cultural Exchanges and Public Relations, University of Thessaly. In the application, they are required to indicate the host country and the period for which they wish to be funded for their mobility. In addition, if this is included in their plan, they are also required to indicate the period for which they would like to extend their mobility without funding ( zero grant ). At the same time, they submit the acceptance letter from the host institution.

During the student application period, the Academic Director of the Department supports, as far as possible, students in the process of finding a University or a place of work abroad. The Academic Director also supports students in drafting the Learning Agreement (Learning Agreement). Agreement ) and the correct assignment of courses.

The Academic Director of the Department reviews the applications and rejects those that do not meet the basic participation requirements. Of the applications that meet the requirements of section 1 (eligibility of candidates), the Director may approve them in their entirety, in order of evaluation ( ranking ) and based on this order, in each category, he proposes for funding those that are eligible, depending on the available positions and the available budget.

#### 2.4. Postgraduate students and doctoral candidates

The postgraduate students and doctoral candidates fall into the category of optional Internship travel. Consequently, they follow the terms and conditions set by the International Relations Office/ Erasmus , of the University of Thessaly and are detailed in the <u>link http://erasmus.uth.gr/gr/</u>.

## 3. ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

The terms and conditions for the mobility of the academic and administrative staff of the Department follow those set by the International Relations Office/Erasmus, of the University of Thessaly and are detailed in the link http://erasmus.uth.gr/gr/. In the event of a number of applications from staff members exceeding the number that can be funded, applications from members who have not moved in the past with corresponding funding will be prioritized.