Erasmus+ Partnerships of the Dept. of Information Science Düsseldorf
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Erasmus+ Programme
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The funding programme of the European Union

- **Advantages**
  - No study fees (semester fees possible)
  - Partner universities with similar programmes and courses -> all courses can be credited within subject modules
  - Partial scholarship
  - Quite simply application process
  - Huge student exchange network

- Internships within Erasmus+ programme are possible
Requirements and Funding

- Undergraduates (Bachelor) from third semester, graduates (Master) from first semester
- Minimum stay
  - 3 month
  - max. 5 month for one term, 10 for 2 terms
- Funding for 2 month (can be split)
- Funding according to country groupings
- Participants get to payoffs, one at the beginning and a second one after mobility
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Planning your (Erasmus) Exchange
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I want to go abroad, but have no idea where to go...

- Important: my motivation -> take-aways
  - What is my central motivation?
    - Learn foreign language
    - Take relevant study courses?
    - Get to know country and people?
    - Live in an international metropole?
    - Which country is affordable?

- Motivation should guide decision
  - I really want to study in this country/in this city!
  - I really want to do this courses!
  - I really want to learn this language/about this country/people!
Planning your (Erasmus) Exchange

Start your planning one year in advance

**Financial issues**
- How much will it cost to go abroad?
- Should I save some money in advance?
- Do I get Auslands-Bafög?
- Are there other funding options?

**The host country**
- How will it be to live in this country?
- What is my motivation to go there?
- Do I know the people living there?
Planning your (Erasmus) Exchange

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- **Study issues** (after location decision)
  - Which modules/courses did I finish and will have finished before my study abroad?
  - Which modules/courses will I have to finish after my study abroad? When will they be offered?
  - Which final examinations do I have to do in my studies?
  - Which modules/courses would I like to finish at the partner university?
  - When would I like to finish my studies?
  - For student applying at Dept. of Information Science:
    - Have I passed APs I1 and I2? When will I complete these modules?
Planning your (Erasmus) Exchange

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- **Language issues**
  - You have to prove your English proficiency
    - at least B2 in CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)
    - Or equivalent point in TOEFL (~78) or IELTY (~6) test
  - Language certificate must be up-to-date

- English tests are offered at the HHU
  - Students studying English at HHU might have the chance to get their proficiency certified
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Partnerships
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Graz
Partnerships

Austria
- 83,879 km²,
- ~ 8.6 Mio. inhabitants

Graz
- ~ 269,997 inhabitants
Partnerships

Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz

- ~ 32,000 students
- Founded in 1585
- Academic year
  - Summer term: Feb-Jul
  - Winter term: Oct-Feb

- Contact person: Christian Schlögl
- http://www.uni-graz.at/
- http://informationswissenschaft-wirtschaftsinformatik.uni-graz.at/
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Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz

- Elective subject within business studies
  - Sozial- und Wirtschaftswissenschaftliche Fakultät
    - Institut für Informationswissenschaft und Wirtschaftsinformatik
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    [http://informationswissenschaft-wirtschaftsinformatik.uni-graz.at/de/studieren/lehrveranstaltungsangebot/](http://informationswissenschaft-wirtschaftsinformatik.uni-graz.at/de/studieren/lehrveranstaltungsangebot/)

- Course examples
  - Business Intelligence
  - Informationssystemen und Informationsmanagement
  - Grundlagen der Evaluierung in Theorie und Praxis
  - Grundlagen der Wirtschaftsinformatik: Information Systems, Mobile Computing and E-Commerce, Enterprise Information Systems, Social Media und Web 2.0
Partnerships

Åbo /Turku
Partnerships

Finland:
- 338,424 km$^2$
- ~ 5.5 m inhabitants

Åbo / Turku:
- ~ 184.123 m inhabitants
- Bi-lingual
Partnerships

Åbo Akademi University

- ~ 6500 students
- Academic year
  - Autumn term: Sep-Dec
  - Spring term: Jan-May
  - Two periods per term

Contact person: Gunilla Widén

- http://www.abo.fi
- http://www.abo.fi/fakultet/informationsvetenskap
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Åbo Akademi University

- Information Studies
  - Faculty of Social Sciences, Business and Economics
    - Subject: Social Sciences
    - Information Studies

- Course examples
  - Knowledge organisation and information seeking
  - Information needs and behaviour
  - Communicative skills
  - Information/communication technology
  - Information Management
Partnerships

Zadar
Croatia:
- 56,594 km²
- ~ 4.2 m inhabitants

Zadar:
- ~ 75,082 inhabitants
Partnerships

Sveučilište u Zadru

- ~ 6000 students
- Founded in 1396
- Academic year
  - Winter semester: Oct-Jan
  - Spring semester: Feb-Jun
- Contact person: Franjo Pehar
- http://www.unizd.hr/
Partnerships

Sveučilište u Zadru

- Library and Information Sciences
  - Department of Library and Information Sciences

- Course examples
  - Data mining
  - Digital humanities
  - Introduction to cognitive science
  - Human information behaviour
  - Introduction to network systems and technologies
Partnerships

Larissa
Partnerships

Department of Information Science :: Erasmus+

Greece:
- 131,957 km²
- ~ 10,955,000 m² inhabitants

Larissa:
- ~ 144,651 m² inhabitants
Partnerships

Technological Educational Institution of Thessaly

- Founded in 1983
- Academic year
  - Autumn semester
  - Spring semester
- Contact person: Leonidas Anthopoulos
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Technological Educational Institution of Thessaly

- School of Business and Economics
  - Business Administration
    - Preferred studies for Information Science students: Smart City, e-Government, Enterprise Architecture, Strategic Management
    - Mainly initiated as Master student exchange programme
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Application and Deadlines
Applications should be submitted in print version including:
- Complete Online Application Form of International Office
- Letter of motivation (plans, aims, motivation)
- Curriculum vitae
- Warrant of student ID (Studienbescheinigung)
- Transcript of Records (with records of modules/courses completed in Information Science)
- Study plan at partner university

Application is sent to Erasmus+ officer of the Dept.
Application and Deadlines

Deadlines

- Send you application to the Erasmus officer at your Department until **January 31st** of each year to apply for the following academic year starting in winter
  - Applications are accepted for the following winter term (~Oct-Feb) and the successive summer term (~Feb-Jul)
    - Means: Applications for the winter term 2017/2018 AND summer term 2018 are accepted until Jan 31st 2017
    - Later applications for the summer term are possible, but not recommended due to possible waiting lists

- Application at partner university after official nomination (time for applications differ at each university)
After Application

- Erasmus officer (or commission) decides about application
- Accepted applicants are nominated by the officer
  - Officer informs applicant, International Office and partner university about nomination
  - Applicant receives instructions from IO and partner university
- Applicant has to officially apply at partner university (time for applications differ at each university)
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Course Recognition
Course Recognition

- Course recognition is recorded at Learning Agreement, which is agreed upon and signed by the Erasmus+ officer before exchange.
- Generally, each course at the partner university can be credited.
  - Either for a subject module or the elective module.
- Students should choose courses amounting 20-30 credit points at the host university.
- Examinations are credited.
  - Grades are converting according to HHU “grade converter”.
Course Recognition

Learning Agreement

- After nomination, the applicant and Erasmus+ officer agree upon study programme and courses at host university
- If two (or more) studies are involved (major and minor studies), the applicant must agree upon recognition with each responsible officer from their studies
- The learning agreement will be signed by officers from both universities involved
  - Changes during mobility must be declared and signed, and the home university must be informed
- After mobility, the applicant must approve their finished courses
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Information Pages
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Erasmus+ at HHU

- HHU International Office (IO): [http://www.uni-duesseldorf.de/home/internationales](http://www.uni-duesseldorf.de/home/internationales)
- HHU IO: [http://www.uni-duesseldorf.de/home/internationales/auslandsaufenthalte/auslandsstipendien/erasmus-studium.html](http://www.uni-duesseldorf.de/home/internationales/auslandsaufenthalte/auslandsstipendien/erasmus-studium.html)
- Erasmus at Dept. of Information Science: [http://www.isi.hhu.de/abteilungen/abteilung-fuer-informationswissenschaft/studiumlehre/erasmus.html](http://www.isi.hhu.de/abteilungen/abteilung-fuer-informationswissenschaft/studiumlehre/erasmus.html)
Partner Universities

Finnland

- Information Studies at Åbo: [http://www.abo.fi/fakultet/informationsvetenskap](http://www.abo.fi/fakultet/informationsvetenskap)
- Information for incomings: [http://www.abo.fi/student/current#document7](http://www.abo.fi/student/current#document7)

Austria

- Graz Institut für Informationswissenschaft und Wirtschaftsinformatik: [http://informationswissenschaft-wirtschaftsinformatik.uni-graz.at/de/institut/](http://informationswissenschaft-wirtschaftsinformatik.uni-graz.at/de/institut/)
- Information for incomings: [http://international.uni-graz.at/de/stud/incoming/ueber-die-uni-graz/nominierungen-durch-partneruniversitaeten/](http://international.uni-graz.at/de/stud/incoming/ueber-die-uni-graz/nominierungen-durch-partneruniversitaeten/)
Partner Universities

Croatia


Partner Universities

Greece

Q&A
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- Can I go to another Erasmus+ partner university of the HHU?
  - Yes, if other Departments accept your application. Recognition of information science courses must still be clarified with the Dept. of Information Science officer.

- Is there any cooperation with US or Australian universities?
  - No, the Erasmus+ programme is a programme of the European Union for all EU member states.

- Can I study in the US or outside the EU and get course credits?
  - Yes, course credits are independent from any funding programme. In each case it is important to clarify course recognition BEFORE your study abroad. You have to agree upon course recognition with the responsible person at your Department (first contact person can be Erasmus+ officer). It is recommended to make a recorded learning agreement.
Are there any other options besides Erasmus+ funding?

Yes, there are many other options, for example Auslands-Bafög and grants by associations and foundations. The International Office (http://www.uni-duesseldorf.de/home/internationales) and the DAAD (https://www.daad.de/de/) can advice you and help you finding proper funding options. There are also many associations, which work on a voluntary basis and support student, for example Gostralia (https://www.gostralia.de) for studies in Australia, New Zealand and Asia.