



The Erasmus Programme at the Institute of Education (IOE)

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Erasmus Programme

Erasmus is the European Commission's exchange programme for Higher Education students, teachers and professional support staff. The Programme is designed to encourage higher education student and staff mobility for work and study, and promotes university links within the European Union (EU).

Students and staff eligible to participate in the programme must be formally registered at a Higher Education Institution holding an Erasmus University Charter (the IOE holds this charter). The British Council datasheet [The Key Facts](#) provides a useful overview of the Erasmus programme.

IOE students going to study at one of the IOE's partner institutions in Europe (outgoing students)

The information in this document is for IOE students wishing to take part in the European mobility programme Erasmus, spending a period of time studying at one of our partner institutions in Europe.

If you are applying for a place as an outgoing Erasmus student, or if you have already been accepted, please consult this document regularly before and during your stay.

Studying with a partner institution

What's the offer?

As an Erasmus student from IOE you are entitled to study at one of our partner institutions for between 3 and 10 months, provided the IOE has an Erasmus bilateral exchange agreement with a partner for student mobility. A pdf document containing a list of our partner institutions can be downloaded from the [Erasmus website](#).

What are the benefits?

There are several benefits of being involved in an Erasmus programme. The top 10 reasons to take part provided by [British Council](#) are as follows:

- Stand out in the job market – a great addition to your CV
- Return more motivated, independent and confident
- Get a grant and have your tuition fees waived (if you are an undergraduate and if go for the full academic year)
- It counts towards your degree –it's not a gap year
- Learn a range of life-skills not taught in the lecture theatre
- Access a wider range of subject areas than in the UK
- Improve your language skills
- Gain an international network of friends and meet your lifelong partner!
- Discover a different culture, gain an international perspective and travel
- It's really good fun!

Visit the [British Council](#) website to hear what former Erasmus students have to say about their experiences.

How do I apply?

How does it work?

Eligibility

To be eligible to become an Erasmus student you must be:



- Studying in the UK and formally registered at the IOE in order to follow a programme of studies leading to a recognised HE degree or other recognised tertiary level qualification, up to and including the level of doctorate.
- Enrolled at least in your second year of Higher Education studies

Part-time students are eligible to participate providing they study full-time during their mobility period.

Duration

The minimum Erasmus mobility for study is 3 months (or 1 academic term) and the maximum is 12 months.

Fees

No tuition fees are payable at the host institution. However, small fees may be charged for costs such as insurance, student unions and the use of miscellaneous materials such as photocopying of academic material and use of laboratory products on the same basis as these are charged to local students.

Fee waiver for undergraduate participants

Fees for first degree eligible students who are eligible for UK student support arrangements and intend spending a full academic year abroad as an Erasmus student will be waived and met by the relevant Funding Council.

The Erasmus grant

The Erasmus grant is a contribution towards expenses students incur including travel and accommodation arrangements. Eligible students will receive €225 (EURO) per month in the 2011/2012 academic year. The Erasmus grant is paid in addition to any other standard grants or loans to which a student may be entitled.

Priority countries supplementary grant

Students travelling to priority countries will be awarded a supplementary grant. Priority countries are Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey.



Supplementary allowances for students with special needs

Additional grants are available for students with special needs wishing to participate in Erasmus and where participation would not be possible without extra financial support. Students who need to apply for a special needs allowance should do so before the start of the mobility and no later than 31 January 2012.

Academic recognition

Students taking part in the Erasmus programme and spending a period of study which is part of their curriculum are eligible for full recognition. The transcript of records issued by their host institution will be translated using ECTS credits.

One ECTS is worth two IOE credits.

The amount of credits students will need to obtain while studying as an Erasmus student will need to be discussed and agreed with the programme leader.

How to start

1. Check the list of our current partner institutions that we have student mobility agreements with. The list of [Partner Institutions](#) can be found on our website.
2. See what programme is on offer and what the language requirements for Erasmus students are. Some institutions offer programmes or modules taught in English, however others may require you to speak the language of the country to be able to follow tutorials, seminars and lectures.
3. Find an institution that you would like to attend as an Erasmus student, and then speak to your programme leader. You should seek advice on whether or not you would benefit academically from this programme and how this would fit into your curriculum of studies here at the IOE. If your programme leader is happy for you to spend time studying at a partner institution, they will need to nominate you by signing the [nomination form](#). The form needs to be returned to the International Office no less than 1 month before the deadline imposed by the partner institution.
4. Once the International Office has received your nomination we will contact the partner institution of your choice and nominate you for a place.
5. If your nomination is accepted by the partner institution, you will be provided with further information on the application process for that institution. You will also need to discuss and agree your learning agreement with your programme leader.



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6. Please note that numbers of mobilities in 2011/12 are limited and will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

What do I need to think about?

If you have been accepted to study with our partner institution as an Erasmus student, you will no doubt be wondering about the arrangements you need to make prior to your departure. International Office will provide administrative support in liaising with the partner institution, but it is your responsibility to take care of all your own arrangements. These include:

- Accommodation
- Travel arrangements
- Information and advice on living in the country / place of your destination
- Insurance
- Money
- Banking
- Orientation
- Healthcare
- Medical
- Employment

Immigration and visas

It will be your responsibility to research requirements and obtain your visa if you need one. Non-EU students may need a visa to travel to another European country and UK/EU passport holders may need to apply for a visa in some cases, for example Turkey.

The International Student Coordinator looks after the welfare of all international students, including Erasmus students, by offering help and advice on a range of non-academic issues such as immigration and visas. For further information and advice please contact iss@ioe.ac.uk.



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