Erasmus
@ IMS

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What is Erasmus?
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- **Exchange program** for students (and staff) to go abroad
- Currently within the **European Union** + a few countries outside the EU: e.g. Switzerland, Norway
- Students get a (small) **scholarship** from the EU to help financing their stay abroad (amount depends on country, 200-400 Euro per month)
**Who can go? When can I go?**

- Students can go in B.Sc. and M.Sc. (even both!)
- Your nationality is irrelevant: **Everyone enrolled** as a fulltime student at Universität Stuttgart can get an Erasmus scholarship (no matter which country you come from)
- Requirement: obligatory language test **B1 English** (except for native speakers of English)
- You can go for **1 semester** or **1 year**
- We usually have enough places for everyone interested!
- Best semester for going abroad?
  Not the first, not the last, somewhere in the middle
Where can I go?
Current IMS partner universities

- Universiteit van Amsterdam (Netherlands)
  Institute for Logic, Language and Computation
  MSc Logic, MSc Artificial Intelligence, MSc Information Systems

- Trinity College Dublin (Ireland)
  School of Computer Science and Statistics
  BA Computer Science and Language,
  MSc Computer Science

- Universitat de Barcelona (Spain)
  Faculty of Philology
  BA Linguistics

- University of Malta (Malta)
  Institute of Linguistics
  BSc Human Language Technology, BA Language Technology,
  MSc Language and Computation
Profiles of partner universities

- Amsterdam, MSc Logic: CL with strong logics orientation
- Dublin: more CS-oriented
- Barcelona: perfect for psycholinguistics, cognitive science, linguistics, and phonetics
- If this choice is not enough, have a look at the partner universities of the Computer Science Department, too!
How do I apply for Erasmus?
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Steps for application:

(1) Application at IMS
   → Selection of candidates at IMS

(2) Nomination at international office Stuttgart (IZ)
   → Nomination at host university (by IZ)

(3) Application at host university
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Hard deadline for first step:
January 15 (winter and summer semester!)
Application at IMS

- **Who?** IMS coordinators
- **Deadline?**
  January 15 (hard!!)
- **Documents?**
  - Priority-ordered list of the universities (there’s a template)
  - Motivation letter (max. 1 page)
  - CV in tabular form (max. 2 pages)
  - Transcript of records from Campus
- **What happens next?**
  IMS informs candidates and IZ of decisions
Nomination at international office Stuttgart (IZ)

- You accept the place (by registering in Mobility-Online)
- IZ officially nominates you at host university
- OLS language test (upload results latest 4 weeks before departure)
Application at host university

- **Precondition?** Being officially nominated by IZ Stuttgart
- **Who?** Host university’s international office
- **Deadline?**
  April/May/June – to go following winter semester.
  September/October – to go following summer semester.
  (depending on host university)
- **Documents?**
  Depending on host university.
  Usually includes Learning Agreement.
  Sometimes language requirement, reference letters
- **What happens then?**
  If they accept you – you can go! :-)

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Do I have to pay tuition fees?

- NO tuition fees at the host university abroad (covered by Erasmus program)
- You pay the usual administration fees in Stuttgart (Studierendenwerk, etc.; ≈180 EUR)
- For **Non-EU citizens**: you can avoid the fees of 1,500 EUR if you take a ‘leave of absence’ (Urlaubsemester)

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- Part of the application is the Learning Agreement (LA)
- The LA **lists all courses** you take at the host university
- At least **15 ECTS** (per semester)
- Whichever courses you want (if host university does not have other requirements)
- The LA is **binding** and is signed by you, the IMS and the host university
- It can be **changed once** after you have arrived at the host university (e.g. if a course does not take place, is incomprehensible for you, etc.)
Getting credits accepted in Stuttgart

- Part of the LA is to specify the acceptance of credits in Stuttgart: course X there = module Y here

- You need to get your courses **approved** before you go
  → You select courses at host university and find corresponding classes at IMS
  → We ( coordinators) check the selected courses (and send you to the corresponding lecturers to get approval, if necessary)
  → Coordinators will finally sign the LA

- After the stay, when you bring your transcript of records, approved courses will be recognized as equivalent
Erasmus+ Internship
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- Internships can also be supported by Erasmus (scholarship: 100 EUR more per month than for study stays)
- Requirements and deadlines:
  - You have to find an internship at a company yourself
  - Application for Erasmus scholarship 4 weeks before internship starts
  - Stay at least two months, at most 12 months
  - Net salary max. 999 EUR/month
- Also possible after graduation (e.g. to ‘fill a gap’ after thesis and before job)
Questions?
Where can I get more information?

- IMS Erasmus coordinators
  http://www.ims.uni-stuttgart.de/studium/austausch/erasmus/erasmus_outgoing.html

- International office homepage
  https://www.student.uni-stuttgart.de/auslandsstudium/

- International office group info sessions (registration required)
  https://www.student.uni-stuttgart.de/auslandsstudium/gruppenberatung/
  Dates:
  - Wednesday, Dec. 12, 11 AM
  - Monday, Dec. 17, 11 AM
  - Wednesday, Jan. 9, 11 AM
  - Monday, Jan. 14, 11 AM
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