Erasmus @ IMS

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What is Erasmus+? What does it cost?

- **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, 150-270 Euro per month)
- New requirement: obligatory language test **B1 English**
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).
- 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.
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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

- Coming soon: 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, linguistics, and phonetics
- If this choice is not enough, have a look at the partner universities of the Computer Science Department, too!
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   → Selection of candidates at IMS.

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   → Nomination at host university (by IZ).

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Hard deadline for first step:
January 15 (winter and summer semester!)
Application for a place in the program 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 page)
  - Transcript of records from LSF
- **What happens then?** IMS informs candidates and IZ of decisions.
Application at international office Stuttgart

- **Precondition?** Being accepted by the IMS.
- **Who?** Stuttgart university’s international affairs office (IZ).
- **Deadline?**
  As soon as possible after you have been selected at IMS, needs to be *before* any deadline at the host university.
- **Documents?**
  - “Annahmeerklärung” (acceptance of terms)
  - “Nebenvereinbarung” (more of the same)
  - Copy of your Studienbescheinigung
- **What happens then?**
  IZ officially nominates you at host university.
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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- Part of the application is the Learning Agreement (LA).
- The LA lists all courses you take at the host university.
- You should plan about 15–20 ECTS.
- You can take whichever courses you want.
- 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.
- To get approval you should talk to someone who would teach a similar course at IMS.
- The coordinators will check the approvals, then the LA will be signed by the Prüfungsaußschussvorsitzender.
- After the stay, when you bring your transcript of records, approved courses will be recognized as equivalent.
- Recommendation: Take complete modules, take electives.
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- IMS Erasmus coordinators
  http://www.ims.uni-stuttgart.de/studium/austausch/erasmus/erasmus_outgoing.html

- International office homepage
  http://www.ia.uni-stuttgart.de/asb/studieren_im_ ausland/europa/erasmus/sms.html

- International office group info sessions (Gruppenberatung)
  http://www.ia.uni-stuttgart.de/asb/gruppenberatungen/index.html
Thank you for your attention!

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