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. Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey
- Students get a (small) **scholarship** from the EU to help financing their stay abroad (amount depends on country, 330-450 Euro per month*)

*numbers for 2021/22
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: language skills of at least B2 for exchange studies in English or at least B1 for exchange studies in another European language (e.g. Spanish)
- You can go for 1 semester or 1 year
- We usually have enough places for everyone interested!
- Best semester for going abroad? Our recommendation: 5th semester for the Bachelor and 3rd semester for the Master program (but there are no restrictions, just consider that you have many important mandatory courses in the first two semesters)
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!
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→ 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 (for winter and summer semester!)
Application at IMS

- **Who?** Send your application documents as pdf to erasmus@f05.uni-stuttgart.de (Applications are collected centrally for the whole faculty 5, and then sent to the departments’ 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
- Upload of further documents in Mobility-Online on request of IZ
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. They are covered by the Erasmus program.
- You pay the usual administration fees in Stuttgart (Studierendenwerk, etc.; \( \approx \) 200 EUR).
- For **Non-EU citizens**: you can avoid the fees of 1,500 EUR here in Stuttgart if you take a ‘leave of absence’ (Urlaubsemester).

https://www.student.uni-stuttgart.de/en/study-abroad/exchange/erasmus/faq/#id-116a00c0-4
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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 not suitable 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: 105 EUR *more* per month than for study stays)
- Requirements and deadlines:
  - You have to find an internship at a company or institution yourself
  - Application for Erasmus scholarship **4 weeks before** internship starts
  - Stay at least two months, at most 12 months
- Also possible after graduation (e.g. to ‘fill a gap’ after thesis and before job)
- More information about preconditions and application procedure can be found at https://www.student.uni-stuttgart.de/en/study-abroad/exchange/erasmus/erasmus-europe/#id-905190ee
Where can I get more information?

- IMS Erasmus coordinators
  https://www.ims.uni-stuttgart.de/en/teaching/exchange

- International office homepage
  https://www.student.uni-stuttgart.de/en/study-abroad/

- International office group info sessions (online via Webex, registration required)
  https://www.student.uni-stuttgart.de/en/study-abroad/Information-session/
Questions?

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