

Erasmus

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Erasmus is the European exchange programme for higher education students



Why go?

- A grant for all eligible students
- Additional funding for disabled students and those from lower income households
- Financial support for UK tuition fees for eligible students
- No fees paid to host university
- An impressive CV
- New or improved language skills
- Courses in a wide range of subjects, some taught in English
- Not just for language students
- International work experience
- Highly sought-after transferable employment skills
- Academic credits
- An international network of friends
- A life-changing experience!

The Erasmus programme enables higher education students to study or carry out a work placement for between three and twelve months in one of 32 other European countries as part of their degree course. Almost three million students have already taken part in the programme and have experienced the excitement of living abroad.

Who can go?

Erasmus offers exciting opportunities for higher education students who are studying for a degree at undergraduate or post-graduate level.

Students from all subject areas can take part – it's not just for language students. Although studying in another European country under Erasmus will involve foreign languages in some way, you do not necessarily have to speak another language to participate as many courses are taught in English. Of course, learning the language will help you get the most out of your time abroad as well as being another skill to add to your CV.

Why take part?

Erasmus will enhance your academic experience, your personal development, your job opportunities, your confidence and your enjoyment of life. Learning to manage your life within another culture brings maturity, confidence and self-reliance – great life skills. Demonstrating that you have studied or worked in another country, using another language, enables you to compete more effectively in the European job market. You'll stand out from the crowd and employers will notice you.

Erasmus students say it is the best part of their time at university. You'll return from your time abroad not only with an international network of new friends and some fantastic memories, but also highly motivated, with more life experience and language skills. Erasmus students also achieve better degrees and earn higher salaries.*

What does it cost?

Eligible students receive an Erasmus grant which contributes towards the extra living costs arising from studying abroad and is paid in addition to the standard grants or loans to which you are entitled. You do not pay any tuition fees to the university you are visiting and, in most cases, if you go for a full academic year, you will receive financial support for your UK tuition fees for that year.



What next?

If you have not yet chosen your university or college, make sure you choose one that offers the Erasmus programme for the course you want to study. If you are already in higher education, then talk to your Erasmus Co-ordinator or International Office. Read the case studies and find out more about the programme and its benefits on our website.

Take part in Erasmus and you'll go far!

* *"Attainment in Higher Education of Erasmus and Placement Students", Higher Education Funding Council for England 2009*

Research by the British Council, Ipsos and management consultants Booz Allen Hamilton shows that employers around the world value the ability to work with people from other cultures as highly as they value formal qualifications.

“The Erasmus experience was invaluable....It was one of the most influential periods of my life, giving me a deep appreciation for foreign affairs, cultures and peoples”

Ryan Gawn, a student of Political Science

“My language abilities and the fact that I have studied and lived in different countries are definitely advantageous in my current position, working for the United Nations Environment Programme”

Lowri Rees, Law student



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