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**Exchange Programmes**

- **Studies or Traineeship**
  - ✓ Always *during* your VUB studies, never after graduation (excl. Erasmus+ Traineeships)

- **Grant**
  - ✓ Included?
  - ✓ Amount*

- **Tuition Fee Waiver**

- **Min – max duration**

- **Study level**

- **EU or non-EU host institution**

* Amounts based on 2017-18 scholarships
10 reasons to study abroad

❖ Obtain VUB credits for all approved academic coursework abroad
❖ Study & learn differently
❖ Brush up on your language skills
❖ Boost your employment opportunities
❖ Gain a global mindset
10 reasons to study abroad

❖ Enhance your intercultural competences
❖ Learn about yourself & your culture
❖ Boost your self-confidence & independence
❖ Be adventurous & explore the world
❖ Friends for life from all over the world
Erasmus+ KA1

- Studies & Traineeships (during & after studies)
- Studies: € 235/month - € 335/month (+€ 100 ‘Studietoelage’)
- Traineeships: € 335/month - € 435/month
- Min. 2 – max. 10 months

- Master

- Online Linguistic Support (test & courses)
Erasmus+ KA 1 Host Institutions

- General: all 28 EU member states, FYROM, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, Turkey
- Specific cooperation agreements per WE programme
- More info will follow per programme & exchange coordinator
  - [http://my.vub.ac.be/ES](http://my.vub.ac.be/ES) --> ‘Naar het buitenland’
  - [https://student.vub.be/go-abroad](https://student.vub.be/go-abroad)
- Switzerland!
Erasmus Belgica

- Studies
- €100 (1x)
- Min. 2- max. 10 months
- Master
Non-EU host institutions

- General VUB exchange agreements
- Tuition fee waiver
- Min. 5- max. 10 months
- No grant guaranteed
  ✓ Apply for a grant from the Flemish government (€650-€850/month + return flight)

- Teaching language: English or local language (Spanish, Portuguese, etc.)
Non-EU host institutions

- Countries & host institutions:
  - Brazil (Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Santa Catarina)
  - China (Beijing, Shanghai)
  - Canada (Québec)
  - Japan (Kobe)
  - Mexico (Puebla)
  - Morocco (Rabat)
  - South-Africa (Bloemfontein)
  - South-Korea (Seoul)
Non-EU host institutions

- Preparing for a non-EU exchange application: more effort
- Contact IRMO and your VUB exchange coordinator in time by e-mail to express your interest and receive more detailed info on the specific host institutions
- Look up the offered programs online and compose a draft study plan
  ⇒ Individual match for courses
  ⇒ You will need approval from your exchange coordinator
- Apply for a grant, if applicable
- Higher competition for grants and available places
APPLICATION PROCEDURE
Application Procedure

Inform Exchange Coordinator
- Scholarship programme + host institution
- You compose a first study or training plan, viz. a Learning Agreement (LA)

Nomination
- Your faculty nominates you officially to IRMO, after 1/03/18
- IRMO nominates you to your host institution

VUB Application
- SAC sends you the VUB procedure, Mobility-Online
- You compose a final LA
- Your faculty approves your LA
Application Procedure

• You apply to your host institution

• Your faculty officially confirms your exchange after the June and/or September exams

• IRMO invites you to a take-off meeting
  • IRMO sends you the scholarship administration
Deadlines

- Erasmus+
- Erasmus Belgica
- SEMP

DEADLINE

February 16th 2018

- All other, also same deadlines, unless earlier deadlines apply for grant
  Inform IRMO asap, E: exchange.outgoing@vub.ac.be

! LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED!
PRACTICALITIES
Practicalities

- Choice of Host Institution
- Required language knowledge
- Selection procedure
- Registration & tuition fee
- Courses, exams & resit exams
- Recognition & credit transfer
Practicalities

- Insurance
- Childcare benefits (‘kindergeld’)
- Housing
- Finances
  - VUB Sociale Dienst Studenten
  - [https://student.vub.be/studiefinanciering#ondersteuningsaanbod](https://student.vub.be/studiefinanciering#ondersteuningsaanbod)
Applied Economics / Business Engineering

DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 16th 2018

• Exchange 3rd Bachelor – 1st and/or 2nd semester
  • Obtained an average of 60% (12/20)
    • Weight: 50% previous years, 50% first semester of application year
  • In principle no failed or absent courses in the 1st semester of the application year

• Exchange Master – 1st and/or 2nd semester
  • Obtained an average of 60% (12/20)
    • Weight: 50% previous years, 50% first semester of application year
  • In principle no failed or absent courses in the 1st semester of the application year
Applied Economics / Business Engineering

DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 16th 2018

• Application
  • Choose 3 destinations (in order of preference)
  • Study results (including semester 1 of current academic year)

• All regulations: http://my.vub.ac.be/ES → ‘Naar het buitenland’!
• Contact: Marc.Jegers@vub.ac.be
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Political Science

DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 16th 2018

• Exchange 3rd Bachelor – 1st semester
  • Finished 1st Bachelor
  • Passed (10/20) for all courses in 1 semester of the 2nd Bachelor, AND
  • Passed (10/20) for at least 48 credits of the 2nd Bachelor

• Exchange 3rd Bachelor – 2nd semester
  • Finished 1st Bachelor
  • Passed (10/20) for all courses in 2nd semester of the 2nd Bachelor, AND
  • Passed (10/20) for at least 48 credits of the 2nd Bachelor
Political Science

DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 16th 2018

• Exchange 3rd Bachelor – Year
  • Finished 1st Bachelor
  • Finished 2nd Bachelor

• Exchange Master – 1st semester only
  • Obtained bachelor’s degree
  • ‘Onderzoeksdesign voor de Masterproef’ in distance learning
Political Science

DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 16th 2018

• Application
  • Choose 3 destinations (in order of preference)
  • Study results (including semester 1 of current academic year)
  • Motivational letter
  • Link between destination(s) and topic of master’s thesis / bachelor’s paper

• All regulations: http://my.vub.ac.be/ES → ‘Naar het buitenland’!
• Contact: Astrid.Pepermans@vub.ac.be
## Political Science

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Sociology

DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 16th 2018

• Exchange 3rd Bachelor – 1st and/or 2nd semester
  • Finished 1st Bachelor
  • Passed (10/20) all mandatory courses of the 2nd Bachelor

• Exchange Master – 1st semester only
  • Obtained bachelor’s degree
  • Only in context of the master’s thesis
Sociology

DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 16th 2018

• Application
  • Choose 2 destinations (in order of preference)
  • Study results (including semester 1 of current academic year 2016-2017)
  • Motivational letter
  • Curriculum Vitae

→ Template online!

• All regulations: http://my.vub.ac.be/ES → ‘Naar het buitenland’!
• Contact: Tom.De.Winter@vub.ac.be
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Communication Studies

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• Exchange 3rd Bachelor – 1st semester only
  • Finished 1st Bachelor
  • Maximum 2 second semester courses of 2nd Bachelor left

• Exchange Master – 1st semester only
  • Finished 1st and 2nd Bachelor
  • Maximum 2 second semester courses of 3rd Bachelor / Schakelprogramma left
  • No internship
Communication Studies

DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 16th 2018

• Application
  • Choose 3 destinations (in order of preference)
  • Study results (including semester 1 of current academic year)
  • Motivational letter

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Social Sciences

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• Exchange 3rd Bachelor – 1st semester
  • Finished BA1 and BA2
  • Obtained a minimum average of 12/20 in BA1 and BA2
  • No internship abroad
  • Bachelor paper in distance learning
DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 16th 2018

• Application
  • Choose 3 destinations (in order of preference) from BScSS/POLI/SOCI/SCOM destinations; including at least one from BScSS destinations
    • ! Priority rules apply
  • Study results (including semester 1 of current academic year)
  • Motivational letter

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