Exchange
Info session ES – TEW/HI/Business Economics
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
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Exchange Programmes

- **Studies**
  - Always during & part of your VUB studies, never after graduation

- **Grant** - Included? Amount*?
  - Nationality is not a criterium, but you should be enrolled fulltime at the VUB

- **Tuition Fee Waiver**

- **Min – max duration**

- **Study level**

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

* Amounts are subject to change
EU DESTINATIONS
Erasmus+ KA1

- Studies

- Studies: € 279 - € 379/month (+ €100 ‘Vlaamse Studietoelage’ ~ Flemish study allowance)

- Bachelor and Master

- Studies: Min. 3 – max. 10 months

- Sufficient funds (if not, Faculty ranking)

- Online Linguistic Support (test & courses) & Online survey upon return
Erasmus+ KA 1 Host institutions

- General: all 28 EU member states, North Macedonia, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, Turkey

- Studies: Specific cooperation agreements per programme

- More info per programme & exchange coordinator
Erasmus Belgica

- Studies: Specific cooperation agreements per VUB programme
- €100 (1x)
- Min. 2- max. 10 months
- Bachelor and Master
- Sufficient funds (if not, Faculty ranking)
NON-EU DESTINATIONS
Non-EU host institutions

- Studies: general VUB exchange agreements
  ✓ Tuition fee waiver
  ✓ Min. 5- max. 10 months

- No grant guaranteed, therefore **EU back-up** destination allowed

- Higher competition for grants and available places

- Preparing for a non-EU exchange application: more effort

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

- Studies: general VUB exchange agreements:
  - Brazil (Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paolo, Santa Catarina)
  - Canada (Québec)
  - China (Beijing, Shanghai, Chengdu, Xi’an)
  - Colombia (Santa Marta)
  - Japan (Kobe)
  - Mexico (Guadalajara, Mexico City, Puebla)
  - Morocco (Rabat)
  - Russia (Moscow, St. Petersburg)
  - South-Africa (Bloemfontein)
  - South-Korea (Seoul)
Non-EU host institutions

- Contact IRMO by e-mail to express your interest and receive more detailed info on the specific host institutions the latest **15 December 2019**

- 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
  - Grant from the Flemish government (€650 - €850/month + return flight)
  - Studies
    - Generieke Beurzen (i.e. generic scholarships)
    - **Priority Country Programme** (Brazil, Chile, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, Russia, South-Africa, Turkey, USA)
Non-EU host institutions

- VLIR-UOS Reisbeurzen (i.e. travel grants)
- Thesis
- 32 countries in Africa, Asia & Latin America
- Application at VUB (invitation local supervisor & recommendation VUB supervisor), preparatory programme, 1,000 EUR
- At least 28 consecutive days
- Deadlines 8 December 2019 & 10 May 2020
APPLICATION PROCEDURE
Application Procedure

Application at Faculty
- Application file (host institution, scholarship programme)
- You compose a first study or training plan, viz. a Learning Agreement (LA)

Nomination
- Your faculty nominates you officially to IRMO, after 16 Feb 2020
- IRMO nominates you to your host institution

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

**Host Institution Application**
- You apply to your host institution or make arrangements with host organisation

**Official Approval**
- If you meet the conditions your Faculty officially confirms your exchange after the June and/or September exams
- Acceptance by the host institution

**Departure Administration**
- IRMO invites you to a take-off meeting
- IRMO sends you the scholarship administration
Deadlines

DEADLINE 16 February 2020

! 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 Social, Legal & Financial Support Team (Social Dienst Studenten)
  - [student.vub.be/studiefinanciering#ondersteuningsaanbod](student.vub.be/studiefinanciering#ondersteuningsaanbod)
Program specific information

DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 16 2020

• Exchange 3rd Bachelor
  • 1st and/or 2nd semester
  • Obtained an average of 60% (12/20)
    • Weight: 50% previous years + 50% first semester of the current academic year
    • In principle no failed or absent courses after the 2nd exam session of the current academic year

• Exchange Master
  • 1st and/or 2nd semester
  • Obtained an average of 60% (12/20)
    • Weight: 50% previous years + 50% first semester of the current academic year
    • In principle no failed or absent courses after the 2nd exam session of the current academic year
Program specific information

DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 16 2020

• Keep in mind that being nominated to go on an exchange does not automatically mean that you are allowed to go on an exchange. You will need to meet the criteria as mentioned on our website.

• Application
  • Pick 3 destinations in order of preference
  • Decide if you go for a full year, or only 1st or 2nd semester
  • All study results including semester 1 of current academic year

• All regulations on our Exchange website
• Contact: Marc.Jegers@vub.be
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