Exchange Info Session 2020

Faculty of Social Sciences & Solvay Business School
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
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- 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*

- **Tuition Fee Waiver**

- **Min – max duration**

- **Study level**

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

* Amounts are subject to change
Erasmus+ KA1

- Studies

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

- 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, FYROM, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, Turkey
  *UK still included until the Brexit

- Studies: Specific cooperation agreements per programme

- More info per programme & exchange coordinator
Erasmus Belgica

- Studies: Specific cooperation agreements per programme
- €100 (1x)
- Min. 2- max. 10 months
- 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, Santa Maria, Santa Catarina)
  - Canada (Québec)
  - Chile (Santiago)
  - China (Beijing, Shanghai, Chengdu, Xi’an)
  - Colombia (Santa Marta)
  - Japan (Kobe)
  - Mexico (Guadalajara, Mexico City, Puebla)
  - Morocco (Rabat)
  - USA (North-Carolina, Washington)
  - Russia (Moscow, St. Petersburg)
  - South-Africa (Bloemfontein, Bellville)
  - South-Korea (Seoul)
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- Contact IRMO (exchange.outgoing@vub.be) and the Faculty (mobility.es@vub.be) by e-mail to express your interest and receive more detailed info on the specific host institutions the latest 15 December 2020.

- 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.
  - KA107 grant to Morocco, Rabat (€700/months (5 months possible) + travel grant of €350): only for POLI & ECON students
  - Grant from the Flemish government (€650 - €850/month + return flight)
  - Studies & Traineeships
    - Generieke Beurzen (i.e. generic scholarships)
    - Priority Country Programme (Brazil, Chile, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, Russia, South-Africa, Turkey, USA)
Non-EU host institutions

→ More information on all these scholarships can be found on our page on Financial Support
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
- 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

**Official Approval**
• 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

- Erasmus+
- Erasmus Belgica
- All other

**Faculty deadline: February 15, 2021**

Unless earlier deadlines apply for grant

E: exchange.outgoing@vub.ac.be
W: student.vub.be/go-abroad >> Erasmus & Exchange

! LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED!
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 (Sociale Dienst Studenten)
  - [student.vub.be/studiefinanciering#ondersteuningsaanbod](student.vub.be/studiefinanciering#ondersteuningsaanbod)
Program specific information – Economic Sciences

DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 15, 2021

• Business Economics, TEW, Handelsingenieur, International Business, Business & Technology
• 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 1st 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
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• Application
  • Pick 3 destinations in order of preference
  • All study results including semester 1 of current academic year
  • Send to mobility.es@vub.be by February 15, 2021

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Program specific information – Social Sciences

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- Social Sciences, Sociologie, Politieke wetenschappen, Communicatiewetenschappen

- Exchange 3rd Bachelor
  - 1st semester: Social Sciences, Communicatiewetenschappen
  - 1st or 2nd semester: Sociologie
  - 1st and/or 2nd semester: Politieke wetenschappen
  - Passed all courses of Bachelor 1 and 2 after June or September exam session

- Exchange Master
  - 1st semester
  - Passed all courses of bridging, preparatory or bachelor program after June or September exam session
Program specific information – Social Sciences

DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 15, 2021

• Application
  • Pick 3 destinations in order of preference
  • All study results including semester 1 of current academic year
  • Letter of motivation (1 page, link with your program)
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