

**Exchanges Erasmus + and Bilateral agreements
2019-2020 Edition
FAQ'S**

1.- What is an Erasmus exchange and what is an exchange under a bilateral agreement?

Erasmus exchange:

- Exchange with European universities.
- Gives right to an Erasmus + grant.
- Exemption of tuition fees at host university but may not cover extra local fees (e.g. student cards, social activities, sport, etc...)
- Requires the payment of the recognized subjects at ESCI-UPF

Bilateral Exchange:

- Exchange with non-European universities that does not directly involve an additional grant.
- Exemption of tuition fees at host university but may not cover extra local fees (e.g. student cards, social activities, sport, etc...)
- Requires the payment of the recognized subjects at ESCI-UPF

Other grants (Erasmus and Bilateral Agreement): Scholarship AGAUR MOBINT. Follow possible call to: http://www10.gencat.cat/agaaur_web/AppJava/catala/index.jsp

2.- When can you leave?

You can leave during the second and third trimester of the third year (January to May). In the host universities, these two second trimesters correspond to one semester. If you take courses and leave during this period, you must therefore stay for the whole semester in the host university. If you change the optative courses for an internship, you can leave for one semester only. The following combinations of abroad/local combinations are possible.

Combo 1

	Trimester 2	Trimester 3
	Course	TFG
Location	Abroad	Abroad*
	Local	Local

Combo 2

	Trimester 2	Trimester 3
	Internship	TFG
Location	Abroad	Abroad*

	Abroad	Local
	Local	Abroad*
	Local	Local

*Depend on approval by the host university.

3- What is the difference between a course abroad, a final project (TFG) and an Internship?

- **Course abroad:** optative courses taken abroad and approved by the exchange coordinator.
- **TFG:** compulsory activity that can be carried out locally or abroad. When carried out abroad it is the responsibility of the student to identify a tutor. Students can also propose for local project to the coordinator.
- **Internship:** internship directly agreed between a student and a research lab or a company, locally or abroad.

They are equivalent in terms of ECTS. The following combinations are possible and must all lead to an average of at least 20 ECTS/trimester

Combo 1: 2nd and 3rd trimester of year 3: Course + TFG

Combo 2: 2nd and 3rd trimester of year 3: Internship + TFG

Other combination may be discussed on a case by case basis.

4- Who can go?

Compulsory Requirements:

- **All subjects from Trimester 1 and 2 of year #1 must be approved.** A maximum of **one subject can be pending from trimester 3 year #1 but must be approved by June/July of year #3.**
- Have passed 50 ECTS of the first year at the time of application
- Must have a note higher than 6.0 by the time of the application
- Not having previously participated in the program
- You must be enrolled in ESCI-UPF during the exchange period
- Specific conditions may apply according to destination (Application/Languages)
- Have the nationality, permanent residence or refuge or statutory status of one of the states participating in the program or a temporary residence permit, as long as this permit is in force for the entire period in which the exchange is held. The student will be responsible for requesting the visa if applicable

If the compulsory requirements are met, the selection will then be made according to the levels of the applicant as estimated using the sigma online system

5- What is the incidence on the progression of the studies?

A total of 60 ECTS must be acquired during the third year. These can be obtained by combining the following:

- Compulsory subjects: 20 ECTS
- Compulsory TFG: 20 ECTS

-Internship or optative subjects: 20 ECTS

The combination of ECTS acquired locally and during the stay must be equal to 60 ECTS

Graduation can only be granted when the totality of the credits corresponding to the full degree have been obtained.

6- Assignment process

- ➔ Based on the file.
- ➔ Based on the knowledge / accreditation of the language of the host country **(to be documented at the time of application)**

7- What can be done at the host universities?

- ➔ During the exchange period, a minimum of 15 ECTS must be taken and evaluated.
- ➔ Credits accepted and incorporated into the academic agreement (regardless of whether they have been studied or evaluated) are enrolled and incorporated into the file. In the final enrollment, only discrepancies will be considered in the credit between what is stated in the academic agreement and the one that appears in the file.
- ➔ Credits taken and evaluated may correspond to subjects with or without correspondence.

Subjects with correspondence

Subjects that correspond to subjects of the BDBI curriculum. They may be subjects corresponding to compulsory or optional credits.

- ➔ It is necessary that the contents and competences be equal to the one of the BDBI subject

Subjects without correspondence

Subjects that do NOT correspond to subjects of the BDBI curriculum.

- ➔ After authorization from the exchange coordinator, they are included in the file with mobility credits.

8- How to incorporate the subjects recognized in the file?

- ➔ With qualification (they are not validated, they are recognized) according to a scale of equivalences for each institution / country. In some universities, the qualification of a subject can be PASS. In this case, the subject accumulates credits with an APTE rating (not computed in the average of the file).
- ➔ The subjects, with or without recognition, NOT exceeded are also included in the file as suspensory.

9- Destination / Number of positions / Deadlines / Teaching Language

Erasmus +				
COUNTRY	UNIVERSITY	WEB	SLOTS	SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS
DENMARK	University of Southern Denmark	https://www.sdu.dk/en/	2	Language requirements: TOEFL IBT 88, IELTS 6,5, CAE (grade c), CPE
ITALY	SAPIENZA, Università di Roma	http://bioinformatics.uniroma1.it/	3	-Autumn term (teaching and exams): September-December -Spring term (teaching and exams): January-May Language requirements: CEFR B2
FINLAND	Aalto University, Schools of Technology	http://www.aalto.fi/en/	2	-Autumn term (teaching and exams): September-December, periods I and II - Spring term (teaching and exams): January-May, periods II, IV and V. Language requirements: CEFR B2, IELTS 6.5, TOEFL 92

BILATERAL AGREEMENT				
COUNTRY	UNIVERSITY	WEB	SLOTS	SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	UNIVERSITY OMAHA AT NEBRASKA, College of Information Science & Technology	https://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-information-science-and-technology/academics/bioinformatics.php	2	Calendar: - Fall term (teaching and exams): August-December. - Spring term (teaching and exams): January-May. Language requirements: IELTS 6.5, TOEFL 80
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	ROWAN UNIVERSITY	https://admissions.rowan.edu/admissions_application/international/index.html	3	Calendar: - Fall term (teaching and exams): August-December. - Spring term (teaching and exams): January-June Language requirements: IELTS 6.0, TOEFL 70

Each institution has a different deadline and procedures Each student will have to manage their registration

10- What types of grants are available to support the exchanges ?

1. Erasmus + Grants (only for Europe and available only for those universities with a signed Agreement).

Country Group	Country	European Funding
GROUP 1	Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Norway, United Kingdom, Sweden	300€/month
GROUP 2	Germany, Belgium, Cyprus, Croatia, Slovenia, Greece, Holland, Iceland, Luxembourg, Portugal, Czech Republic, Turkey	250€/month
GROUP 3	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania	200€/month

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Students having an MECD scholarship: 175€/mes in addition

*** Information 2019-2020 pending update**

2. AGAUR MOBINT. Follow possible call to:
http://www10.gencat.cat/agaaur_web/AppJava/catala/index.jsp

-200€/month for a max. of 6 months
-Can be cumulated with ALL other scholarships

Main Requirements

- Average grade at the time of application: 6.30 or higher
- Compulsory certification for a level B2 in one of the four languages established in the university system of Catalonia (English, French, German or Italian)

Application:
May/June 2019*

*** Information 2018-2019 pending update**

11- What is the calendar for applications ?

Informative talk: **29/01/2019** at 13.00 (room 61.107) at Campus Mar .

Submission of applications: until **30/04/2019** (SIGMA platform). The fulfillment of the specific language criteria at the time of submitting the request must be certified.

Provisional assignments: **15/05/2019**, at Aulaesci.

Acceptance of destination assignments: until **22/05/2019**

Reassignment of places: **29/05/2018**.

Extraordinary **Reassignment** of places: **26/06/2019**.

12- What should I do ?

ESCI-UPF identifies universities with which an exchange can take place - listed below

ESCI-UPF provides an information meeting and gives information via the exchange coordinator (cedric.notredame@esci.upf.edu) and the Office of International Relations (noelia.puig@esci.upf.edu)

You have to manage your own application

13- How are the credits acquired abroad incorporated?

The credits accepted and incorporated into the academic agreement will be registered and incorporated into the cursus.

14- Is it possible to change subjects when abroad?

It depends on the rules at the host university. The pre-inscription is usually binding (i.e. you cannot change), but you may change according to the host university rules and deadline.

15- What marks will I get when the courses are incorporated in my transcript

The subject studied abroad will be **validated** according to an equivalence scale for each institution/country. You can check grades equivalences in Aula ESCI.

In some universities, the qualification of a subject can be PASS. In this case, the rating is determined using the APTE formula.