Meeting of today

- General presentation
- Ex-Erasmus students report their experience
Erasmus+ programme

Erasmus+ is a huge EU programme that supports education, training, youth and sport in Europe. It has many Actions. The programme helps tackle socio-economic changes, the key challenges that Europe will be facing in the future and supports the implementation of the European policy agenda for growth, jobs, equity and social inclusion.
Action 1 (2014-2020)
Erasmus (former name Socrates)

“Erasmus” refers to activities exclusively related to the field of higher education
- Study periods
- Traineeship (Different procedure, reference person: Prof. David Horner)
What can the student do with the Erasmus study programme?

• The student may attend lessons/take exams for both the bachelor and Master degrees (ATTENTION! in most bachelor degrees, lessons are taught in the language of the country whereas many Master degrees are taught in English)

• The student can also perform a research activity related to the Bachelor degree thesis

• The student can also perform a longer research project (min 6 months) leading to the preparation of the Master thesis
Stay periods

• Erasmus stay: minimum 3 months and maximum 12 months. The stay must be completed by the end of September.

  The Erasmus period runs from June 1, 2020-September 30, 2021.

• The student is entitled to participate in one Erasmus stay per study course (Bachelor and Master) for a total of 12 months + 12 months for a maximum of 24 months.
The applicant must have the STATUS of student (Sophomore, Matricola) of the University of Milan.

In this way, the student will pay the registration fee at University of Milan but will be waived from paying fees at the destination University.
Call 2020/2021
published on Friday Jan 24th

Websites

https://www.unimi.it/internazionale/studiare-allestero/partire-con-erasmus

https://www.unimi.it/en/international/study-abroad/studying-abroad-erasmus

The call and the forms are at the website.

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Area of Sciences and Technology >
Industrial Biotechnology (Biotecnologie industriali)
• Applications for Study periods must be sent using the online procedure

• The online application opens on January 30 and closes on February 27 at 2 p.m.

The student selects three Universities in a descending priority order of preference and provide the documents required
Where we have signed bilateral agreements
Universities (Industrial biotechnology call) — 2020-21

- **Denmark**: Technische Højskole Lyngby

- **Spain**: Universidad Computense Madrid, Universidad de Zaragoza, Universidad Virgili e viri inTarragona, Universidad de Valencia

- **The Netherlands**: Universiteit Utrecht, Universiteit Leiden

- **France**: Università Montpellier II, Ecole de biologie Industrielle Cergy Pontoise (Paris)

- **Norway**: University of Oslo

- **Germany**: Leibniz Universität Hannover
Language certification for Bachelor students

A general knowledge of the work language of the University of the host country (minimum A2) is required to apply to the call.

The level of language competence can be self-certified using form 2. Use the European scale: [https://www.coe.int/en/language-policy/home](https://www.coe.int/en/language-policy/home)

If the student possess a higher level, a certification is required through:
- Institutes of language/SLAM

and book a test through the specific form

Specific requests can be checked on websites of foreign Universities- usually level B1/B2 for Bachelor level. This level should be attained before the departure if the student is nominated.

Lesson for free are organized in July by SLAM
Language certification for Master students

A general knowledge of the work language of the host country (minimum A2) is required to apply to the call. With reference to English, students who attend Master in English in Milan are considered to possess the entry level of English for the Master (B1 MBB e BCG B2 and so have to fill just form 2 (self-certification). If they have a level higher than that required to enter the Master, they have to certify it through:

- Institutes of language/SLAM
- doing for free a test of evaluation at SLAM
  https://www.unimi.it/it/studiare/competenze-linguistiche/test-e-corsi-di-lingua-bandi-di-mobilità
  and book a test through the form to fill

Specific requests can be checked on websites of foreign Universities- usually C1 for Master is required.

• Utrecht: English C1 for Master students

• Lingby . TOEFL paper-based 573, TOEFL computer-based 230; TOEFL internet-based 88 or IELTS 6.5. They also request hgh communication skills and team working, and attitude to work with people of different nationalities.
MEMO notes

• Retrieve information on the partner Universities through the website Unimi, directly on Internet and consult the dropbox Erasmus 2020-2021
• Choose three preferred destinations
• Plan the activities to attend and set up a study plan.
• Fill all the forms
• Obtain the language certification or attend a courses to obtain it
• Submit the application by the indicated deadline (February 27 )
Selection procedure
• **ERASMUS INDEX**: it takes into account the acquired credits and examination grades at March 2. It is a transparent parameter: $IE=M \times C / 200$  
  
  \( M \) = Weighted average mark, 
  
  \( C \) = ratio acq CFU/total CFU) available the calculation online from March 4 (http://studente.unimi.it/socrates_out/accesso/). Maximum 15 points.

• Another **15 points** can be gained in an interview with the local committee:
  
  max 3 for the study program and motivation
  
  max 8 for cv (including the score of the Bachelor degree) and work experience
  
  max 4 for language proficiency
INTERVIEWS (Colloqui di selezione)
• Interviews will take place on March 10, 2020, at 1.30 p.m., Seminar room BS (-1 floor), Via Celoria, 26. Committee: Scarafoni-Popolo-Compagno- Gregis

• The student must attend the interview with a draft of his/her study plan.

• The capability to read and comprehend scientific English and level will also be assessed. Results will be officially published at the beginning of May 2020.
Organization

Teaching aspects and recognition procedure
Erasmus committee for bachelor K06 (coordinator Prof. Scarafoni)

Erasmus committee for Master Degrees in Molecular Biotechnology and Bioinformatics and Bioinformatics for Computational Genomics (C.Compagnino - V. Gregis - L.Popolo - A. Scarafoni)

Administrative questions
Online procedures and other matters are managed by the Erasmus Office in Festa del Perdono 7

General meetings for scientific Faculties:
- Application and selection procedures (January 30)
- Preparation of the Learning Agreement (usually in April)
- Erasmus financial contribution and administrative questions
WHERE WE ARE:

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• Prof.ssa Concetta Compagno (Concetta.Compagno@unimi.it) Department of Food, Environmental and Nutritional Sciences Via Mangiagalli 25 – (3° floor)

• Prof.ssa Laura Popolo (laura.popolo@unimi.it, Coordinator until November 1, 2020 – laura.popolo@unimi.it)

• Dott.ssa Veronica Gregis (veronica.gregis@unimi.it) Department of Biosciences Via Celoria 26 – Floor 5 B (Popolo) and 5 A (Gregis)

AND Ufficio Accordi e relazioni internazionali Via Festa del Perdono 7
AFTER NOMINATION
After the nomination, the Erasmus student sets up the Learning Agreement

The LA is an ACT signed by three parties

- **The selected student** who lists the activities of the study plan.
- **The host institution**
- **UNIMI**
Number of credits the student should declare in the LA

- 1 year stay: 60 CFU (also called ECTS)
- 6 months: 30 CFU
- 3 months: 20 CFU

Criterion in choosing the activities: flexibility but consistency with the objectives of the studies in Milano
For the approval of the study programme it is compulsory before the departure to:

• Make contact with the Erasmus Committee (arrange an appointment by email)

• Have the Approval of the study plan by the coordinators of the Master courses, Prof. Marco Nardini and Prof. Giulio Pavesi, who will be consulted by the Committee.
Departure and stay
If the scope is also to do a stage or an internship:

**Bachelor/Master students**

The supervisor of the host laboratory must fill and sign the internal Admission form. The student sends a scan by email to Laura Popolo or Veronica Gregis. On the basis of the research topics an internal supervisor will be nominated.

At the end of the stay:

Completion of Practical research training: certification of attendance (9 (+ 6), 9 or 15 CFU for Bachelor degree students and 39 CFU (+ 4 for Master students). This is an evaluation of the student performance (signed by the tutor)
During the stay, if the student is doing research abroad:

After the Erasmus Committee has nominated an appropriate internal supervisor among the teachers of the Master degrees, the Erasmus student has to periodically report the progress of the work to the supervisor.
On the way back...
• Ask the host University for a transcript of records that certifies all the activities performed during the Erasmus stay
• Fill our internal «Evaluation form» (downloadable) if a research activity was also performed
When one is in Milano
Bring to the coordinator/committee:
(Prof. Scarafoni for Bachelor
Prof. Popolo/Gregis for Master)

- the transcript of records

- the «evaluation form» filled and signed by the foreign supervisor
Transcript of the results in the student career in Milano
• The committee converts the mark into the Italian grading system according to Tables of conversion

• A letter of request of transcription in the student’s career is addressed to the «Segreteria studenti» by the coordinator

• A study plan in paper format is enclosed to indicate the exams that were replaced by others and the type (free choice, compulsory)
The transcription of the CFU and marks on the student career is carried out by the Segreteria studenti.

On incentive mark for graduation

If the study plan is 100% achieved and the average of the marks normalized for the credits is > 28, one more point is assigned on graduation day.
The dropbox folder ERASMUS 2020-2021 will contain all information and materials related to this Erasmus edition.