



Erasmus+



Erasmus+: Changing lives, opening minds

Pre-departure orientation

2015-16 Erasmus outgoing students

April, 2015



Study in Europe

ÖZYEGİN
UNIVERSITY



Today's Program :

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Erasmus+ Family:

- Erasmus+, EU's new program for education, training, youth and sport (2014-2020).
- 2012 was the 25th anniversary of Erasmus
- Close to 4 million students have participated since 1987.
- Turkey first took part in Erasmus Program in 2004.





Who will benefit?

More than 4 million young people, students and adults will gain experience and skills by studying, training or volunteering abroad through Erasmus+.

The programme will also support over 125,000 institutions and organisations to work with peers in other countries to innovate and modernise teaching practice and youth work. Together they will help ensure that young people and adults get the skills they need to succeed in today's world.

Erasmus+ replaces seven programmes with one, so it's easier to access. And changes in the rules mean it has never been simpler to apply.



Why Erasmus+?

Europe must equip its citizens with the education, skills and creativity that they need in a knowledge society. The world is changing fast, and education systems need to modernise and adapt to new ways of teaching and learning and embrace the new opportunities that exist. Education, training and non-formal youth learning are key to creating jobs and improving Europe's competitiveness. That's why Erasmus+ will make a key contribution to addressing these challenges.

Erasmus+ will provide

€14.7 billion over seven years

to strengthen education, training, youth and sport in Europe.

Erasmus+ will support:

- Opportunities to study, train, gain work experience or volunteer abroad.
- Education, training and youth sector staff to teach or learn abroad.
- The development of digital education and the use of ICTs.
- Language learning.
- Recognition of skills, including those learned outside the formal education system.
- Strategic Partnerships among educational institutions and youth organisations with peers in other countries in both their own sector and other sectors, in order to foster quality improvements and innovation.
- Knowledge Alliances and Sector Skills Alliances, to address skills gaps and foster entrepreneurship by improving curricula and qualifications through cooperation between the worlds of work and education.
- A loan guarantee facility for master's degree students to finance their studies in another country.
- Teaching and research on European integration.
- Exchanges, cooperation and capacity building in higher education and the youth sector worldwide.
- Initiatives to foster innovation in pedagogy, and progressive policy reform at national level through Prospective Initiatives.
- Good governance in sport and initiatives against match-fixing, doping, violence, racism and intolerance, particularly in grassroots sport.

Erasmus+ can transform your life and career.

Where can I find out more?

ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus

How do I apply?

Please contact the Erasmus+ National Agency in your home country or the Executive Agency (EACEA) in Brussels.

ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/na

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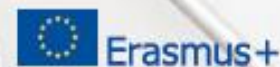
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Changing lives, opening minds

The European Union
programme for education,
training, youth and sport

2014-2020



Exchange at OzU - Numbers

14-15 (Fall & Spring)

- 58 outgoing students
- 42 incoming students

13-14 (Fall & Spring):

- 42 outgoing students
- 40 incoming students

12-13 (Fall & Spring):

- 31 outgoing students
- 28 incoming students

11-12 (Fall & Spring):

- 24 outgoing students
- 14 incoming students



Erasmus+ Study Mobility

Online Application to be included in the Erasmus Exchange Program and attend to the English Proficiency Exam

- Erasmus English Proficiency Exam – 60/100
- CGPA >2.20

Erasmus Pt = CGPA 50% + English Exam Score 50%

Host Institution Selection
Personal and Financial Commitment



Nomination by OzU IO to Host Institution: Do not get in touch with the partner before we nominate you!

Application to Host Institution by the student: Online or by post – deadlines are important!

Acceptance letter by Host Institution: Host universities application procedures vary. We would expect all acceptances to arrive by end of June/July.

Apply for student visa: Regardless of your passport type, you have to obtain a student visa and register as a student.

Pre-departure arrangements - health insurance, accommodation



OzU Program Coordinators

Mechanical Engineering	Bahar Basim & Güven Yapıcı
Electrical & Electronics Engineering	Ali Özer Ercan
Computer Science	Gonca Gürsun
Industrial Engineering	İhsan Yanıkoğlu
Civil Engineering	Ragıp Akbaş
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Faculty of Law	Marleen Turhan & Ozan Turhan
Psychology	Justin Marcus
International Relations	Konstantinos Travlos
School of Aviation	Luis Martín-Domingo
School of Applied Sciences	Aylin Alsaffar
Faculty of Business	Raoul Kübler (surname J-Z) & Zeynep Akşehirli (surname A-i)



Transfer of Credits and Grade Conversion

- At the host University you will study a full time curriculum in subjects relevant to your OzU degree. These must be validated by your Program Coordinator.
- Receive approval from your program coordinator otherwise credits and grades will not be converted into OzU credits and grades on return. This doesn't necessarily mean that you can ask to exclude courses/credits from being transferred.
- If there are changes to your classes when you get there (during your exchange period), you must contact your Program Coordinator immediately and get approval by email regarding the changes.
- No credit will be transferred until we receive an official transcript from the host institution (it might take up to 8 weeks)
- Soft version of transcripts sent directly by the host institution's International Office may suffice.



Academic Culture

- There might be different expectations with regard to written work, class types, sizes, modes of assessment
- Be prepared for different styles of teaching
- Familiarize yourself as much as possible before you depart
- Research academic guidance on the host institution website
- Read any orientation materials from your host institution
- Don't make assumptions based on your experience at OzU – get help when you're in doubt



Accommodation

Many universities offer on campus accommodation or can assist in finding suitable private accommodation.

- Read student reports to get student recommendations for student and private accommodation.
- If you do decide to look for private accommodation, consider the following:
 - Price? (Does it include bills? If not, what are the bills for?)
 - Location? (Is it near your classes? If not, what are transport costs?)
 - Area? (Is the area safe? Do other students choose to live there?)



Visa & Residence Permit

- 1. Check host inst's international office website**
- 2. Check consulate/embassy webpages for docs.**
- 3. Acceptance Letter from host institution**
- 4. Consulate letter by OzU**
- 5. Health insurance policy**
- 6. Make an appointment for visa application**



Health, Safety & Insurance

- Health insurance policy requirements vary in different countries. In order to avoid surprises, please follow the instructions & suggestions by host institutions.
- If, you're secured by the Turkish Social Security Institution, you may benefit from a bilateral agreement between countries. See the [SGK](#) website for details. You need to apply directly (and individually) to SGK.
- Photocopy your passport and keep it in a different location from your original.
- Program emergency contacts into your phone and keep it charged. Keep a hardcopy of emergency numbers and important websites.
- Avoid quiet or unlit areas and try to walk and travel with others, where possible.
- In some countries, photographing police, military or government buildings or monuments can get you into serious trouble.
- Wherever possible, keep your distance from any large political demonstrations.
- Show respect for cultural, political, social sensitivity in a given locale.



Online Linguistic Support

The Online Linguistic Support (OLS system) provides participants in Erasmus+ long-term mobility activities with the opportunity to assess their knowledge of the language they will use to study, work or volunteer abroad.

In addition, the Online Linguistic Support gives to a number of participants the possibility to follow an online language course to improve their competences.



Before Exchange

Erasmus Student Charter

Learning Agreement*

Study Plan*

Student Erasmus Agreement

OLS 1st language assesment exam

Upload your docs to SIS

**(download from SIS)*



During Exchange

- **Attending orientation session at host institution is mandatory**
- **Residence Permit Rules & Regulations**
- **Legal Responsibilities**
- **Changes on the Learning Agreement**
- **Health Insurance**
- **Online language courses**



After Exchange

Certificate of Attendance*

Participants' Report

OLS 2nd language assessment exam

Passport copies (entry-exit stamps)

Learning Agreement signed and stamped

Upload your docs to SIS

**(download from SIS)*



Checklist

1. **Study Plan / OzU program coordinator**
2. **Application - Online or Hard Copy** (Bring a copy to IO)
4. **Learning Agreement / OzU program coordinator**
5. **Apply for Passport** (valid for 6 months beyond the end of exchange)
 - Student Passport (harçsız öğrenci pasaportu): Apply to Student Services. However, please inform the IO first.
6. **Transcripts and Language Proficiency Reports**
7. **Deadlines**
8. **Student Visa**
9. **Housing / Travel Arrangements**
10. **Follow up with the host institution's correspondence.**



Checklist:

Please do not forget to check items on your checklists to make sure that you are familiar with the forms' terminology and what you need when.



As a returnee

- Volunteer to be a buddy student and get involved in Erasmus Student Network (ESN) related work



- Share your experience with students applying for next year &/or incoming students



GRANTS

- For those who will receive the grant, the money transfer might be made in September at the earliest, depending on the timing of the Turkish National Agency's announcement.
- These students will need a Euro account in their names.
- % 70 of the grant amount will be paid when you get your visa and %30 will be paid if/ when the Erasmus exchange student fulfills the academic responsibility.
- Please be patient and check your account frequently.
- It's also possible to benefit from Erasmus+ as a «zero grant» student.



**Country groups based
on cost of living**

Countries

**Monthly Study
Mobility Grant €**

1. Group

**Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland,
Italy, Lichtenstein, Norway, Sweden,
Switzerland, UK**

500

2. Group

**Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Southern
Cyprus, Germany, Greece, Iceland,
Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Portugal,
Slovenia, Spain, Turkey**

400

3. Group

**Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia,
Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania,
Slovakia, Macedonia**

300



Mobility Grant by National Agency

Erasmus Uygulama El Kitabı

Öğrenim hareketliliğinden faydalanan öğrencilere ödemeleri iki taksitte yapılır.

Öğrenci karşı kuruma gitmeden önce **ilk ödeme** olarak, **öngörülen hibeleştirme süresine** göre hesap edilen toplam hibesinin %70'lik kısmı ödenir.

Faaliyet dönemi sonunda öğrencinin çevrimiçi AB anketini doldurması, gerekli dökümanları tamamlamasından sonra mali desteğin geriye kalan kısmını ödenir.

Her durumda, öğrenciye **en fazla gerçekleştirdiği faaliyet süresi kadar hibe verilir.** Öğrencinin öngörülen hibeleştirme süresinden daha kısa süre ile faaliyet gerçekleştirmesi halinde, kesin faaliyet süresi için hesaplanandan daha fazla ilk ödeme yapılmışsa, **fazla miktarın öğrenciden iadesi istenir.**

Hibe hesaplamalarında katılım sertifikasındaki/pasaport giriş/çıkış tarihlerindeki kalınan süreye hareketliliğin başlangıç ve bitiş günleri de dahil edilir. Süre hesaplanırken bu iki belgedeki en kısa tarih aralıkları dikkate alınır.



Erasmus Uygulama El Kitabı

Öğrenim Anlaşmasında belirlenen ders programının **en az üçte ikisinde başarılı olamayan öğrencinin kalan ödemesinin kısmen veya tamamen yapılmaması; veya yapılmış bulunan ödemesinin iadesinin istenmesi hakkı saklıdır.** Ancak yurtdışında buldukları süre içinde derslerine devam etmedikleri ve öğrenci olarak yapmakla yükümlü oldukları sorumluluklarını yerine getirmediği tespit edilen öğrencilerin, aldıkları derslerden de başarısız olmaları dikkate alınarak, toplamda yurtdışında kaldığı sürede hak edeceği toplam hibenin % 30'u ödenmez.



F.A.Q.

- **Can I make travel arrangements yet?**

We would recommend waiting until you receive an acceptance from the host university/acquiring student visa. Remember to check the dates of any orientation or pre-registration activities.

- **Do I need a student visa? YES!**

- **What are the reasons for the mobility grant being cut or money being asked back?** *Not fulfilling academic responsibilities, early return, etc.*

- **What if I need to come back to Turkey before the end of exchange?**

*You must have a **valid** excuse! if you receive grants, you may be asked to return the whole amount back to the University. Depending on the timing, you may not be able to register for classes at OzU upon early return, too.*

- **Can I travel outside of my exchange destination?** *We would recommend waiting until you have your residence permit in the host country. Student visa will **not** give you multiple entrance to Schengen states! Check with host institution's IO for national rules.*

- **May I extend my exchange term?** *You can make a request for extension. There are rules you need to follow - you should send a request for extension of Erasmus study abroad period – you must inform OzU IO at least one month prior to the end of your study period. Your OzU Program coordinator and your host institution should approve your request, the availability of the courses in the spring term should be checked, you should pass at least 2/3 of the credits in Fall Term – contact IO for further details.*



Important Notes

- Taking the responsibility of **YOUR** exchange study
- Taking a close look at partner institution's webpage/deadlines
- Being partners does not mean everything will be the same!
- The final decision on your acceptance is at the **discretion** of the partner institution
- Talking to former OzU students and incoming students
- Knowing well whom to contact at the host institution
- Knowing your deadlines and completing your application by those dates
- We have no housing responsibility or control of the housing offices. Partner institutions' Int'l Offices may not have control over these facilities too.
- Getting involved with the ESN Club/International Student Body while studying abroad



Check this out:

<http://www.esn.org/>



INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE
ERASMUS STUDENT NETWORK



— ÖZYEĞİN —
— ÜNİVERSİTESİ —

International Office
international.relations@ozu.edu.tr

Good luck!

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