



INFOSESSION EXCHANGE

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

WHO DO I CONTACT FOR WHAT?

- Exchange coordinators:
 - Questions about destinations for exchanges
 - Selection and nomination procedure for studies and internships abroad
 - Creating and changing learning agreements
- OS Mobility Unit (exchange.outgoing@vub.be):
 - Questions about grants and scholarships
 - Invitation Mobility Online applications
 - Practical questions on studying abroad (e.g., housing)
 - Administrative issues
- Internship coordinators:
 - Internships abroad

A WORD OF WARNING

- You will need to do a lot of preparation work & administration
- It might be difficult to get timely reactions from exchange coordinators and professors at the destination university
- You may face a great deal of uncertainty
- It may be difficult to set up a learning agreement that perfectly matches your VUB program
- You will need to be flexible
- You will need to take responsibility
- It is possible that you do not obtain a grant
- By default, exchanges for studies are for 1 semester (E+ grant max. 4 months) (Generic Scholarship non-EU max. 3 months; except for students with fewer opportunities max. 5m)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

STUDY EXCHANGE

- For study exchanges of BA students, the conditions to go on exchange:
 - You need to have passed your courses of Bachelor year 1.
- Students in a bridging or preparatory programme can also apply (the previous rule does not apply for them)
- Master students can apply
- Study exchanges, at least 21 ECTS per semester

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR INTERSHIPS

- The same criteria apply as for regular internships at VUB (home university)

Check with your internship coordinator, conditions before you can do your internship and apply for internship abroad

DESTINATIONS

ERASMUS+ (EUROPE) - PSYCHOLOGY

- Some destinations are available for BA or MA students only, others for both
- Warning: it is often easier for psychology students to go abroad in 3rd Bachelor

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin	Germany
Université Paris Nanterre	France
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona	Spain
Universitat de Barcelona	Spain
Ötöös Lorand University	Hungary
Università degli Studi di Firenze	Italy
Oslo New University College	Norway
Maastricht University	Netherlands
Tilburg University	Netherlands
Universidade de Coimbra	Portugal
Universitatea Babeş-Bolyai (?)	Romania
University of Gothenburg	Sweden
University of Ljubljana	Slovenia
Marmara University	Turkey
Istanbul Bilgi University	Turkey
University of Warwick	United Kingdom
Vytautas Magnus University	Lithuania

DESTINATIONS

EUTOPIA PARTNERS - PSYCHOLOGY

Partner Eutopia	Study field	Spots	Remark
University of Gothenborg (Sweden)	Psychology	1 MA	Difficult course match for Psychology students
Universitatea Babes-Bolyai (Romania)	Psychology	2 x BA 2 x MA	
University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)	Psychology	2 x BA 2 x MA	
Univ of Warwick (UK)	Psychology	2 x BA	Full year exchange

DESTINATIONS

ERASMUS+ (EUROPE) - PSYCHOLOGY

- Eotvas Lorand University (Budapest, Hungary)
 - Available places for **Bachelor/Master** students: 2
 - Language courses: English
 - Language requirements: B1
- Humboldt-Universitat zu Berlin (Humboldt University of Berlin, Berlin, Germany)
 - Available places for **Bachelor/Master** students: 2
 - Language courses: German
 - Language requirements: C1
 - English, B2, C1, if applicable
 - Extra fee of 265.64€ needs to be paid by exchange students themselves
 - Be aware that fall semester at Humboldt university ends mid-February (with exams at end of February)

DESTINATIONS

ERASMUS+ (EUROPE) - PSYCHOLOGY

- Universitat de Barcelona (The University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain)
 - Available places for **Bachelor/Master** students: 2
 - Language courses: Catalan, Spanish, English
 - Language requirements: B1
- Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (The Autonomous University of Barcelona, Bellaterra, Barcelona, Spain)
 - Available places for **Bachelor/Master** students: 4
 - Language courses: Catalan, Spanish, English
 - Language requirements: B1

DESTINATIONS

ERASMUS+ (EUROPE) - PSYCHOLOGY

- University degli studi di Firenze (University of Florence, Florence, Italy)
 - Available places for **Bachelor** students: 2
 - Available places for **Master** students: 2
 - Language courses: Italian
 - Language requirements: B1
 - English, B2, if applicable

DESTINATIONS

ERASMUS+ (EUROPE) - PSYCHOLOGY

- Université Paris Nanterre (Paris Nanterre University, Nanterre, France)
 - Available places for **Bachelor & Master** students: 4
 - Language courses: French
 - Language requirements: B1 (certification required)
 - English B1, if applicable
- Remark: high level! 2nd semester starts on the 17 January, so VUB exams taking place in that period may need to be rescheduled (request via dean)

DESTINATIONS

ERASMUS+ (EUROPE) - PSYCHOLOGY

- Maastricht University (Maastricht, the Netherlands)
 - Available places for **Bachelor** students: 4
 - Language courses: English
 - Language requirements: B2
- Tilburg University (Tilburg, the Netherlands)
 - Available places for **Bachelor** students: 3
 - Language courses: English, Dutch
 - Language requirements: B2

DESTINATIONS

ERASMUS+ (EUROPE) - PSYCHOLOGY

- Universidade de Coimbra (Coimbra, Portugal)
 - Available places for **Master** students: 4
 - Language courses: Portuguese, English
 - Language requirements: A2-B2
- Oslo New University College (Oslo, Norway)
 - Available places for Bachelor students: 2
 - Language courses: English
 - Language requirements: B2

DESTINATIONS

ERASMUS+ (EUROPE) - PSYCHOLOGY

- Istanbul Bigli University (Istanbul, Turkey)
 - Available places for **Bachelor** students: 5
 - Language courses: English
 - Language requirements: B2
- Marmara University (Istanbul, Turkey)
 - Available places for **Bachelor** students: 2
 - Language courses: English
 - Language requirements: B2

DESTINATIONS

ERASMUS+ (EUROPE) - PSYCHOLOGY

Vytautas Magnus University (Kaunas, Lithuania)

2x5 months - Master students

2x5 months - Bachelor students

Language: English, B2

1 x 5 days Staff exchange

DESTINATIONS

ERASMUS+ (EUROPE) - PSYCHOLOGY

- EUTOPIA partners:
 - University of Gothenborg (Sweden): 1 spot Master level
 - University of Ljubljana (Slovenia): 2 **Bachelor** and 2 **Master** level spots (for 1 semester)
 - University of Warwick (England, UK): 2 **Bachelor** level spots (full year only = 10M)
 - 2 ECTS at Warwick = 1 ECTS at VUB
 - Universitatea Babes-Bolyai (Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania): 2 **Bachelor** and 2 **Master** level spots (for 1 semester)

DESTINATIONS

ERASMUS+ (EUROPE) – EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES & ADULT EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES

Technische Universitaet Dresden	Germany
Universitat de Barcelona	Spain
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona	Spain
Tallinn University	Estonia
Université Paris Nanterre	France
Università degli Studi del Molise	Italy
Università degli Studi di Firenze	Italy
Ca' Foscari University of Venice	Italy
Universitatea Babeș-Bolyai	Romania
University of Gothenburg	Sweden
Tampere University	Finland
University of Ljubljana	Slovenia
Middle East Technical University	Turkey
Istanbul Bilgi University	Turkey
Vytautas Magnus University	Lithuania

DESTINATIONS

ERASMUS+ (EUROPE) – EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES & ADULT EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES

- Universitat de Barcelona (The University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain)
 - Available places for **Bachelor/Master** students: 2
 - Language courses: Catalan, Spanish, English
 - Language requirements: B1
- Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (The Autonomous University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain)
 - Available places for **Bachelor** students: 2
 - Available places for **Master** students: 1
 - Language courses: Catalan, Spanish, English
 - Language requirements: B1

DESTINATIONS

ERASMUS+ (EUROPE) – EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES & ADULT EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES

- Tallinn University (Tallinn, Estonia)
 - Available places for **Bachelor/Master** students: 3
 - Language courses: English, Estonian
 - Language requirements: B2
- Université Paris Nanterre (Nanterre, France)
 - Available places for **Bachelor & Master** students: 4
 - Language courses: French
 - Language requirements: B1 (certification required)
 - English B1, if applicable
 - Remark: high level! 2nd semester starts on the 17th January, so VUB exams taking place in that period may need to be rescheduled (request via dean)

DESTINATIONS

ERASMUS+ (EUROPE) – EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES & ADULT EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES

- Tampere University (Tampere, Finland)
 - Available places for **Bachelor** students: 2
 - Available places for **Master** students: 2
 - Language courses: English

DESTINATIONS

ERASMUS+ (EUROPE) – EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES & ADULT EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES

- Università degli Studi del Molise (University of Molise, Campobasso, Italy)
 - Available places for **Master** students: 4
 - Language courses: Italian
 - Language requirements: B1. (English B2, if applicable)
- Università degli Studi di Firenze (University of Florence, Florence, Italy)
 - Available places for **Bachelor** students: 2
 - Language courses: Italian
 - Language requirements: B1
 - English, B2, if applicable (some programs and courses)
- Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Venice, Italy)
 - Available places for **Bachelor** students: 2
 - Available places for **Master** students: 2
 - Language courses: Italian

Language requirements: B1. (English B2, if applicable)

DESTINATIONS

ERASMUS+ (EUROPE) – EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES & ADULT EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES

- Middle East Technical University (Ankara, Turkey)
 - Available places for **Bachelor** students: 3
 - Available places for **Master** students: 2
 - Language courses: English
 - Language requirements: B2
- Istanbul Bilgi University (Istanbul, Turkey)
 - Available places for **Bachelor** students: 3
 - Language courses: English
 - Language requirements: B2

DESTINATIONS

ERASMUS+ (EUROPE) – EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES & ADULT EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES

Vytautas Magnus University (Kaunas, Lithuania)

- 2x5 months - Master students
2x5 months - Bachelor students
- Language: English, B2
- 1 x 5 days Staff exchange

DESTINATIONS

ERASMUS+ (EUROPE) – EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES & ADULT EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES

- EUTOPIA partners:
 - TU Dresden (Dresden University of Technology, Germany): 2 spots for Master students (for 1 semester)
 - University of Gothenborg (Sweden): 1 spot (Bachelor or Master; for 1 semester)
 - University of Ljubljana (Slovenia) : 2 spots for Bachelor students and 2 spots for master students (for 1 semester)
 - Universitatea Babes-Bolyai (Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania): 2 spots for Bachelor students and 2 spots for master students (for 1 semester)
 - Ca'Foscari University of Venice (Venice, Italy) (2 BA, 2 MA, for 1 semester)

DESTINATIONS

EUTOPIA PARTNERS

Partner Eutopia	Studyfield	Spots	Cycle	Remark
TU DRESDEN	(Adult) Educational Sciences	2 x 5 months	2nd	
University of Gothenborg	(Adult) Educational Sciences	1 X 5 months	1st, 2nd	
University of Ljubljana	(Adult) Educational Sciences	2 x 5 months	1st	
	(Adult) Educational Sciences	2 x 5 months	2nd	
Universitatea Babes-Bolyai	(Adult) Educational Sciences	2 x 5 months	1st	
	(Adult) Educational Sciences	2 x 5 months	2nd	

DESTINATIONS

OUTSIDE OF EUROPE

- Available destinations: see list IRMO presentation **non-EU destinations**
 - Psychology: 10 countries (13 Universities)
 - (Adult) Educational Sciences: 9 countries (20 Universities)
- Differences for non-EU destinations:
 - More competition for grants
 - Application procedure is more complicated
 - You need to apply for scholarship after nomination
 - Host institution may apply their own selection procedures as well

GENERAL NON-EUROPEAN OFFER:

interesting destinations for programmes within PE

Psychology

- ▼ Bolivia – Universidad Católica Boliviana
- ▼ Brazil - Universidade Federal de Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ)
- ▼ Canada
 - ▼ Windsor University
- ▼ Chile
 - ▼ Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (PUC)
- ▼ China
 - ▼ Northwest University (NWU)
- ▼ Japan – Kobe University
- ▼ Mexico
 - ▼ Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
 - ▼ Universidad Iberoamericana
- ▼ Peru
 - ▼ Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia
- ▼ South Africa
 - ▼ University of the Western Cape
 - ▼ Stellenbosch University
- ▼ South Korea
 - ▼ Seoul National University
 - ▼ Korea University

GENERAL NON-EUROPEAN OFFER: INTERESTING DESTINATIONS FOR PROGRAMMES WITHIN PE

(Adult) Educational Sciences

- ▶ **Brazil**
 - ▶ Universidade Federal de Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ)
 - ▶ Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (UFSC)
 - ▶ Universidade Estadual de Campinas (Unicamp)
 - ▶ Universidade Federal de Santa Maria (UFSM)
- ▶ **Chile**
 - ▶ Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile (PUC)
- ▶ **China**
 - ▶ Northwest University (NWU)
 - ▶ Fudan University
 - ▶ Tongji University
- ▶ **Japan – Kobe University**
- ▼ **Mexico**
 - ▼ Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico
 - ▼ Universidad Iberoamericano
 - ▼ Universidad Autónoma de Puebla (BUAP)
 - ▼ Universidad Guadalajara
- ▼ **Morocco**
 - ▼ Université Internationale de Rabat
- ▼ **Peru**
 - ▼ Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia
- ▼ **South Africa**
 - ▼ University of the Western Cape
- ▼ **South Korea**
 - ▼ Seoul National University
 - ▼ Hanyang University
 - ▼ Korea University
 - ▼ Hankuk University

DESTINATIONS

INSIDE BELGIUM

- Possibility for exchange with Université Libre de Bruxelles
 - For all PE students
 - Non-mandatory courses (elective courses)
 - <https://www.vub.be/nl/studeren-aan-de-vub/praktische-info-voor-studenten/studentenadministratie/keuzevakken-en-formulieren>
 - <https://www.ulb-vub.be/nl/faq-uitwisseling-vakken-en-modules>

DESTINATIONS

ASEM (ASIA)

- ASEM Work Placement (2nd call) --> Last Opportunity

Aim: work placements / internships

Destination countries: Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Pakistan, The Philippines, Singapore, Thailand & Vietnam

When: during the 2nd semester of academic year 2026-2027

Length: maximum grant of 2 months + travel

How to apply?

- 1) Before 9 Nov, express your interests to your exchange coordinator
- 2) 9 Nov. VUB fill in the nominations in the online tool
- 3) By 23 Nov. Students should fill in the online application form
- 4) Selection results: 27 Nov. 2026

Policy update scholarships

Approved by RIB September
2026

▼ General:

- ▼ Prioritize students previously non-mobile for the grants: students who have not been mobile in the study cycle they are applying for should get priority over students who have already been on mobility
- ▼ Requesting extra motivation to students who apply for a mobility to a country they have the nationality of

▼ Erasmus+

- ▼ Max. funding of 6 months (180 days) → Max. funding of 4 months (120 days)
 - ▼ Exception for students fewer opportunities/GF students with mandatory traineeship of 9 months
- ▼ Partial zero grant is still possible if students go longer

Way of working '27 - '28

Nominations '27 - '28 - Priority list way of working



→ Students with Fewer opportunities: Put on top of priority list

*Fewer opportunities:

1. Students receiving the Flemish study allowance (Vlaamse studietoelage)
2. Students receiving belonging to the 'almost study allowance' category (Bijna-beursstudenten)
3. Students having a disability recognised by VAPH
4. Students belonging to the category working student (specific definition)



Students going for a full academic year → only funding for first 4 months (120 days)*

*except fewer opportunities students

EXCHANGE APPLICATION PROCEDURE

APPLICATION

Submit a top-3 of destinations

For EU-destinations: you can choose 3 destinations (3 universities)

For non-EU destinations, you can choose up to 3 destinations
(max. 3 universities)

Internship destinations (free choice by yourself)

Motivation letter (for both EU and non-EU, studies and internship)

- Deadline: 5 December 2026 (23.59h)
- Exchange Application Form:
https://vub.fra1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b7ahdog90mDO1Ik



EXCHANGE APPLICATION & SELECTION PROCEDURES

- Selection procedure:
 - Exchange coordinators select students for destinations according to available spots
 - Criteria: motivation letter + grades (weighted GPA) + status student (eg. student with/without fewer opportunities) + participation in mobility in past years
 - All applicants are ranked based on criteria, and allocated to destinations
 - Limited scholarship places
 - Faculty PE send nominations to OS Mobility Unit
 - 15 Dec. for non-EU nominations
 - 15 March for EU nominations

LEARNING AGREEMENT

HOW DO I CREATE A LA?

- Students are responsible for their own LA
- Look at the website of the host institution for information on available courses
- Contact the exchange coordinator at the host institution
- You will create an LA before going to the host institution, but keep in mind that you can (and likely will) make changes to your LA during the first weeks of your mobility

LEARNING AGREEMENT

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- Send the draft proposal of your LA to your exchange coordinator
 - Deadline: 5 February 2027
 - Use the template [Template Learning agreement proposal\(2027-28\)](#)
 - Add course description of selected courses (in English)
 - If corrections are needed, you will receive feedback from your exchange coordinator by 20 Feb.
 - The revised version should be submitted to the exchange coordinator by 28 Feb. 2027
 - If your LA is approved, then it is possible for you to be included in the nomination list.

LEARNING AGREEMENT

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- PE nomination and OS Mobility Unit follow ups
 - PE nomination list for EU-destinations (internal deadline FACIR: 10 March)
 - PE FACIR nomination to OS Mobility Unit for EU-destinations, by 15 March
 - After review by OS Mobility Unit, the students will be contacted by OS Mobility Unit for applying on Mobility Online
 - Official Learning Agreement in Mobility Online
- Further practical steps will be communicated by OS Mobility Unit

INTERNSHIP

APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR INTERNSHIPS

1) Contact your internship coordinator

- You can suggest a destination of your own choosing
- Get approval from internship coordinator (general condition whether you are allowed to do an internship)

2) Apply scholarship for Exchange for internship abroad (only this is relevant for the exchange coordinators)

- Application Form: same Application Form as mentioned earlier
- Deadline: 5 Dec. 2026

3) Follow ups

- Nomination for non-EU: 15 Dec.
- Nomination for EU: 15 March
- Follow other administrative procedures requested by OS Mobility Unit

EXCHANGE SELECTION PROCEDURES

ATTENTION POINTS

- 1) EU-destination selection according to your first choice, 2nd choice, etc.
- 2) Ranking according to weighted GPAs at VUB, your motivation letter, your 'official' status of 'fewer opportunities'*
 - Beursstudenten (Vlaamse studietoelage)
 - Bijna-Beursstudenten
 - Werkstudenten (according to the official definition of the Flemish gov. and 'werktraject'; must not yet hold a master's degree or second-cycle degree; at least 80 hours per month or 50% of full-time hours in employment subject to social security contributions) (not the same as a student who is working)
 - Studenten met een functiebeperking (erkend door VAPH)
 - Whether you have already had a mobility at VUB in the same study cycle
- 3) Non-EU destination selection, at VUB level; depending on spots available and ranking.
- 4) For back up selection, only if there will be still spots available and according to the same rules above

FAQ

- My LA is already officially approved in Mobility online, but I want to make changes. What do I need to do?
 - Contact your exchange coordinator, after agreement of the revised LA ; You can enter changes in mobility online (before mobility or during first week of exchange).
- I changed my mind and I want to stop my exchange
 - Inform your exchange coordinator, OS Mobility, and the host institution
- Do I need to register the VUB courses in my LA in self-service?
 - No, the faculty administration will do this for you
- Can I select a language course in my LA?
 - Yes, in exchange for a VUB keuzevak and provided that the language course is taught at the host institution

FAQ

- I must redo exams at the VUB in August-September, can I still go on exchange?
 - You will have to wait until the official proclamation of the exams in the beginning of September before you can leave on exchange. You will be allowed to go on exchange if you meet the eligibility criteria and if you did not get an “Inschrijving niet toegelaten” following the exams
- I failed an exam at the host institution, what now?
 - Try and redo the exam at the host institution. If this is not possible, redo the VUB course in the second exam period. If this does not happen, redo the VUB course next academic year.
- I exchanged 2 courses at the host institution for 1 VUB course, but I failed 1 of the 2 courses at the host institution. What now?
 - Try and redo the exam at the host institution. If this is not possible, redo the VUB course in the second exam period. If this does not happen, redo the VUB course next academic year.
- I want to leave in the first week of February, but I still have an exam at the VUB.
 - You can ask the dean of the faculty to allow you to do the exam on a different day (see Onderwijs- en examenreglement)

FAQ

- Are differences in ECTS allowed between VUB courses and courses at the host institution in the learning agreement?
 - Yes, differences are allowed. However, we do check the difference between the total amount of ECTS for VUB courses in the LA and the total amount of ECTS for host institution courses. This difference should not be larger than 2 ECTS. The exception to this is that students can take more credits at the host institution, but these extra credits will not be recognized at the VUB then. For example:
 - 19 ECTS at VUB – 21 ECTS at host institution = ok
 - 21 ECTS at VUB – 19 ECTS at host institution.= ok
 - 21 ECTS at VUB – 18 ECTS at host institution = not ok
 - 18 ECTS at VUB – 21 ECTS at host institution = ok

ANY QUESTIONS?

EXCHANGE Student.

