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University of Ioannina
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PSP Regulation of MOBILITY
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Overview of PSP' International Mobility

Staff and students enrolled in the PSP may participate in international mobility schemes, including Erasmus+ mobility actions, in accordance with the applicable regulations of the participating institutions and the Erasmus+ Program rules. Such participation is subject to selection procedures and availability of funds and does not constitute funding of the PSP itself. Any study periods or traineeships completed under Erasmus+ mobility shall be recognized in accordance with the Program's academic regulations, with a maximum of thirty (30) ECTS credits transferable.

Article 1

Erasmus+ program – Key Actions

Erasmus+ is the European Commission's program for education, training, youth, and sports. It aims to enhance skills and employability, as well as to modernise the educational, training, and youth systems across all sectors of Lifelong Learning (Higher Education, Vocational Education and Training, Adult Education, School Education, youth activities, etc.). The Erasmus+ program is structured into three main Key Actions for education, training, and youth, as follows:

- a. Key Action 1 (KA1): Learning Mobility of Individuals. It supports mobility projects that provide beneficiaries with the opportunity to move to another participating country in order to study, work, teach, train, and develop professional qualifications and skills.
- b. Key Action 2 (KA2): Cooperation for Innovation and the Exchange of Good Practices. It supports centralised and decentralised action projects that enhance: Strategic Partnerships in the fields of education, training, and youth (Decentralised Action), Knowledge Alliances (Centralised Action), Sector Skills Alliances (Centralised Action), Capacity Building in the field of youth (Centralised Action).

The Erasmus+ program also includes:

- Implementation of Jean Monnet activities (an evolution of the Jean Monnet Program launched in 1989), which aim to promote excellence in teaching and research in the field of European studies worldwide.
- Implementation of actions in the field of sports.

Erasmus+ Further information is available on the website of the Greek State Scholarships Foundation, which serves as the National Coordination Unit of the Erasmus+ program: <https://www.iky.gr/el/erasmusplus>, as well as on the European Commission's website: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node_el.

Article 2

Program Countries

The following countries, referred to as "Program Countries", are eligible to participate in all Erasmus+ actions:

- The 28 Member States of the European Union (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Spain, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, United Kingdom).
- Five non-EU countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, North Macedonia, and Turkey).

Other countries participate as “Partner Countries” in certain actions of the program under specific conditions (http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/about_en#tab-1-1). Switzerland finances its own incoming and outgoing mobility.

The United Kingdom and Switzerland remain eligible countries for mobility. However:

- The number of places is limited (up to 20% of the total funding allocated to the University of Ioannina).
- A previously signed Bilateral Agreement with the home Department is required.
- Available places (primarily for the United Kingdom) are allocated on a pilot basis by the Departments and are offered with priority to students with the strongest academic profile, based on applications’ evaluation.
- If mobility to these countries is not possible, students are given the option to select another country.

The Department of History and Archaeology has concluded bilateral agreements with most Program Countries and continuously expands these agreements.

Article 3

Objectives and Scope of the Program

The “Student Mobility for Studies” action of the Erasmus+ program (KA131) is addressed to undergraduate and postgraduate students, and doctoral candidates, regardless of their study cycle. Mobility refers to studies that form an integral part of the study program at the University of Ioannina and contribute to the award of a Bachelor’s, Master’s, or Doctoral degree. Participation is permitted from the first year of studies.

The aim of the mobility is to improve language skills, develop the ability to cope with challenges, acquire intercultural competences, broaden personal horizons, enhance employability, and improve participants’ professional prospects.

Article 4

Types and Amount of Scholarships

The Erasmus+ scholarship covers part of the additional costs arising from mobility and living abroad. It is not intended to cover the full cost of living, but functions as supplementary support for the study period. The amount of the grant varies depending on:

- the cost of living in the host country,
- the duration and type of mobility (long-term or short-term).

Payment is made in two instalments: an initial advance payment before or shortly after departure, and the remaining amount upon return, provided that the study period has been successfully completed and the required report has been submitted to the European Committee.

The monthly amount of the Erasmus+ student mobility grant ranges from €550 to €700, depending on the host country. Students are exempt from paying university fees (e.g. tuition fees, registration fees, examination fees, access to laboratory facilities and libraries, etc.) at the host institution for the agreed study period.

Article 5

Proceedings of Participation

Each academic year, the International Relations Office of the University of Ioannina announces the commencement of the procedures for the ERASMUS+ program. Interested postgraduate students select the host university in accordance with the list of bilateral agreements of their Department of study. Finally, they submit their application digitally through the ERASMUS+ platform. Within the framework of the Call for Applications, student mobilities are evaluated, selected (by the respective Departments of origin), and scheduled (by the Directorate of International and Public Relations) for implementation.

Basic Requirements for Participation in the Program:

- The student must be enrolled in the study program of the Department.
- The study program at the host university must be relevant to the student's field of study.
- The necessary approval from the Department must be granted.

Prior to and during the Call for Applications, as well as during the evaluation of applications, the selection criteria for students are announced.

The selection of students for studies under the Erasmus+ program is carried out with full transparency, equal treatment, and complete documentation. Eligible participants are those who have submitted their application file in a timely and complete manner.

The procedure is as follows:

- The Program evaluates the applications of its students based on the established criteria.
- A list is compiled consisting of three categories: selected, reserve, and rejected candidates.
- The results are published on the Program's website and communicated to the Directorate of International and Public Relations, which informs all applicants.

Article 6

Evaluation

The ERASMUS+ Committee of the University of Ioannina has finalized the evaluation criteria for the selection of candidates. Priority is given to postgraduate students who have not previously participated in the program. The ranking of postgraduate students is determined as follows: for first-year students, it is based on the entry's examination grade. For students in higher semesters, it is based on the overall average grade of the courses they have passed, multiplied by the number of courses they have passed, divided by the number of courses they were required to have passed according to the study program.

The CC appoints a faculty member (member of the teaching and research staff) as the ERASMUS Program Coordinator, responsible for cooperation with the International Relations Office.

The Coordinator reviews the applications for participation in mobility programs and submits recommendations to the CC. The participation criteria are established in cooperation with the International Relations Office. Based on these criteria, the ERASMUS+ Coordinator of the PSP processes and evaluates the applications, invites candidates to an interview, and ranks them in descending order. The final list includes the students' personal details, the host university, the duration of the stay abroad, and the points awarded. After the allocation of places per Department by the ERASMUS+ Committee, the International Relations Office publishes online the ranking of postgraduate students according to the scoring assigned by the Department Coordinators (see for more information: <http://erasmus.uoi.gr/erasmus/37/erasmus>). Students participating in the ERASMUS+ mobility program

are covered for their travel expenses to the host university of their choice and are also granted a financial allowance for their living expenses.

The Department Coordinator monitors the progress of postgraduate students during the semester in which they study at foreign Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), reviews their study program, and ensures the smooth implementation of the mobility program. Both the Coordinator and the representative of the International Relations Office inform students about the program and organize relevant meetings. The MSc, as well as the Department of History and Archaeology, places great importance on the mobility of both students and teaching staff, as evidenced by its cooperation with a large number of departments at foreign HEIs.

The evaluation is based on the following criteria:

1. Language proficiency: Certified knowledge of the language of instruction at the host university is required. For English, French, and German, a minimum level of B2 is required, even if the host institution sets a lower requirement. Some Departments may require a higher level (e.g. C1).

Note: In France, Germany, Ireland, Spain, and Italy, certified very good knowledge of the respective national language is required. In countries with less widely spoken languages (e.g. Poland, the Czech Republic), very good knowledge of English, French, or German (at least B2 level) is accepted.

2. Academic performance: based on the official transcript of records and the grade point average.

3. Relevance of the proposed study program to the curriculum of the home Department.

4. Motivation for participation: assessed through the statement of purpose (letter of motivation) and, if decided by the Program, through an oral interview.

Additional criteria: level of studies, the expected added value and skills to be acquired, as well as the procedure for resolving ties in ranking. Priority is given to postgraduate students who have not previously participated in the program.

Article 7

Recognition of Studies within the Program

The Erasmus+ study period abroad is fully recognized by the University of Ioannina, in accordance with the approved Learning Agreement for Studies. This means that courses or research work carried out at the host university (undergraduate thesis, postgraduate thesis, doctoral dissertation) are fully integrated into the study program and the corresponding ECTS are awarded. The procedure is as follows:

- During the application process, a draft Learning Agreement is submitted, which does not require signatures at this stage.
- Following selection, the final Online Learning Agreement (OLA) is completed and digitally signed by all parties involved (the student, the home Department, and the host university).

Recognition is carried out by the Department upon the successful completion of the study period and is granted through:

- the recognition and award of ECTS credits,
- the recording in the student record system and in the Diploma Supplement,
- the matching of courses to the study program.