Frequently Asked Questions

ERASMUS+ WORLDWIDE
STUDY MOBILITY

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What is Erasmus+ Worldwide Study Mobility?

Erasmus+ International Mobility Program
Erasmus+ Worldwide extends beyond Europe, allowing for mobility from and to other parts of the world.

Students can go on exchange in partner countries covering specific regions outside the European Union.

Details about the program, partners and program countries can be found here in our FAQ document.
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Application Process

1. How can I apply for Erasmus+ Worldwide?

Students are required to apply online both on KUAPP via https://kuapp.ku.edu.tr and Erasmus Basvuru Portal via http://erasmusbasvuru.ua.gov.tr/. The guideline for applying through Erasmus Basvuru Portal will be provided when the applications begin.

2. When can I apply and when should I go?

There are usually two application rounds in every academic year for Erasmus+ Worldwide. If students would like to go on exchange in Fall Semester of the following academic year, they must apply in our first round of applications. The second round of applications are opened only to go on exchange in Spring semester of the following academic year. Please visit our Application & Selection Calendar for specific dates.
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3. How many semesters can I go for Erasmus+ Worldwide? Can I apply for one year?

Students can participate in Erasmus+ programs for a total of 12 months in one study cycle (i.e. Bachelor, Masters, PhD). However, this rule is different for programs such as integrated PhD programs and for programs that two cycles of study are combined such as Medicine. The max. duration of mobility for such programs is 24 months in total. OIP places students for one semester and the students can extend their Erasmus+ Worldwide from Fall to Spring, if their Erasmus+ Worldwide university and OIP approve this extension. The procedure and timeline to place this request is explained here.

NEW! Short-term Mobility Option for PhD Students

Even though long-term study mobility should be minimum 2 months or 1 trimester and maximum 12 months, there is now a new opportunity for PhD students to participate in the Erasmus+ Worldwide Study program on a short-term basis. Minimum duration of the short-term face-to-face mobility program is 5 days and maximum duration is 30 days.

4. Which documents do I need to complete my application?

Students must upload
- their most recent transcript,
- their language scorecard and
- a photo

to complete their application.
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5. What are the GPA requirements to apply for Erasmus+ Worldwide? Am I eligible to apply?

Undergraduate students must complete at least two semesters and postgraduate students must complete at least one semester at their departments to be eligible for application. Minimum GPA requirements for application are **2.20/4.00** for undergraduate students and **2.50/4.00** for graduate students.

6. What language score do I need to apply?

The minimum required scores for Erasmus+ Worldwide applications are:

- Koç TOEFL: 550
- TOEFL IBT: 80
- IELTS 6.5
- KUEPE: 60

Postgraduate students can apply for exchange programs using:

- GRE Verbal reasoning: minimum 157
- GMAT Verbal session: minimum 35

Important note: Students are able to apply for the program using their expired language scorecards as well.
Application Process

7 How does OIP make the selection for Erasmus+ Worldwide? How is my placement score calculated?

Students' placement scores are calculated as %50 of student's CGPA + %50 of language score.

Students are ranked based on their placement scores and partner university quotas for specific departments.

Disabled students, children of martyr and veteran people and students who are covered by the 2828 numbered Social Services Law receive plus points if proving documents are provided in the application.

8 How can I know which universities accept KUEPE and which ones will require a valid TOEFL/IELTS score?

OIP will announce a list of universities at the beginning of the Erasmus+ Worldwide Applications. Students must check Institutional Partner List to see which universities accept KUEPE and which universities require a TOEFL/IELTS score. Even though OIP accepts expired TOEFL/IELTS scores for application, partner universities may ask for a valid language score at a later stage to accept the students.
Where can I find detailed information about Erasmus+ Worldwide partner universities?

OIP shares the available partners and quotas once the application period starts. Students can find the details about Erasmus+ Worldwide universities and filter their faculties and departments on our Institutional Partners List and check the specific partner profile pages for further information on courses offered, semester dates, courses offered etc. Students cannot go on Erasmus+ Worldwide if an institution is not listed among our institutional partners.

How many universities I can list in my preferences?

Students can list up to 6 preferences while completing their application. We recommend that our students list alternative destinations. If a few number of preferences are listed and students with higher scores are placed in these preferred institutions, it is likely that students who have made a small number of choices will not be placed in any institution.
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How can I plan my courses and decide on a partner university?

Please contact your Erasmus+ Coordinator after doing your research on possible partner institutions and possible list of courses you would like to take on your Erasmus+ Worldwide semester. These coordinators will also be responsible for approving and signing your Erasmus+ Worldwide documents once you are selected. The list of Departmental Coordinators can be found here.

What should I do after I complete my application on KUAPP?

OIP will announce the placement results on Erasmus+ Worldwide Mobility > Placement Results section. The students will also be communicated via e-mail, with information on further steps of their Erasmus+ Worldwide.
Can I apply to Erasmus+ Worldwide and other exchange programs at the same time?

Yes, students can apply to Erasmus+ Worldwide and other programs only for different semesters of one academic year. Students cannot have two active applications from Erasmus+ Worldwide and other programs for the same semester. They must cancel their active application to apply to another program for the same semester.

Does my any other exchange program application affect my Erasmus+ Worldwide placement score?

Erasmus+ Worldwide and Global Exchange applications are evaluated separately and placement scores do not affect one another. However, Erasmus+ Study, Erasmus Internship and Erasmus+ Worldwide Internship applications affect the Erasmus+ Worldwide placement score. If students have participated in Erasmus+ programs before they will receive -10 points.
Can I still go on exchange without receiving the Erasmus+ Worldwide grant? 

Students are able to participate in Erasmus+ Worldwide program without receiving a grant. However, it should be noted that the students have to go through the same application & selection procedures and also submit the required documents (before-during-after mobility) to OIP.

Can I benefit all from Erasmus+ Worldwide Mobility, Erasmus+ Internship Mobility and Erasmus+ Worldwide Internship Mobility during my education? 

Yes, students can apply to all Erasmus+ Worldwide Mobility, Erasmus+ Internship Mobility and Erasmus+ Worldwide Internship Mobility. However, the total duration of Erasmus+ participation can be up to 12 months during one study cycle (i.e. Bachelor, Masters or PhD) However, this rule is different for programs such as integrated PhD programs and for programs that two cycles of study are combined such as Medicine. The max. duration of mobility for such programs is 24 months in total.
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17 Does OIP hold info sessions or Q&A sessions for students?

Yes, OIP holds info sessions for every exchange program including Erasmus+ Worldwide during the application period. The specific dates and times of the info sessions/Q&A sessions for Erasmus+ Worldwide Program will be announced via e-mail and KUDaily when the Erasmus+ applications start.

18 How can I contact OIP if I have further questions about the application process?

Students can send their questions and requests by opening an OIP-Trackit or by sending an e-mail to outgoing@ku.edu.tr.

Students may also book an appointment with our outgoing advisors through Erasmus+ Worldwide Mobility > Contact section on OIP's website to discuss any questions they might have about exchange programs.
After Placement

19 What is the next step if I get selected? What should I do after the results are announced?

Students must submit their commitment letters regarding their participation decisions to OIP within the given time frame. OIP will take students' commitment letters into the records and nominate these students to their partner universities. Partner universities will contact nominated students and inform them about the application procedures for their institution. If students do not submit their commitment letters within the given period, their participation will automatically be cancelled.

20 What happens if my status is indicated as "Substitute" on the placement results? What should I do?

Being a "substitute" means that the quota was used by other students with higher placement scores. If the selected students choose to cancel their program within the commitment letter submission period, OIP will use the quota to place the substitute students. These students will be informed individually about their placements after the commitment letter submission deadline.
After Placement

21 What happens if I decide to change my semester?

Students who are selected for Fall Semester can defer their exchange period to Spring, provided that their host university approves this deferral. Students who are selected for Spring cannot change their semesters to next Fall semester.

22 What should I do if I decide to cancel my Erasmus+ Worldwide program?

After being selected, students are given usually around two weeks to decide whether they would like to participate in the program or not. If students cancel within the given period, there is no penalty. However, if students decide to cancel their Erasmus+ Worldwide after the given period, a 10-point deduction will be made on the students next Erasmus+ Worldwide application. Students who wish to cancel their Erasmus+ Worldwide must fill in and submit the cancellation petition, which can be found on our website.

If students' exchange programs are cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions, governmental and institutional decisions prohibiting physical travel to the exchange destinations, students will not be subject to the 10-point deduction for their future applications. This type of request must be approved by OIP for individual cases presented by the student.
After the placements are complete, the students will then be nominated by OIP to partner Erasmus+ Worldwide universities. Fall students' nominations are done before Spring students' nominations. The students will be responsible for completing their second phase of application (Application to host university) by providing the required document until the deadline. Please find our partner universities' application requirements on their websites or in their fact sheets for more information. Fact sheets can be found on partner profile pages.

If students do not meet our partner university's application and quota requirements, partner universities might reject the students' applications. In that case, we try to place our students in their other preferences, depending on the availability of quota.
Students are responsible for making the arrangements for their own visa application, insurance and accommodation. Each country and partner institution might have their own visa, insurance and accommodation procedures. We ask our students to follow their host university's guidelines, pay attention to the relevant country consulate's rules and regulations for these arrangements. OIP can issue a document for visa purposes, stating that the student is selected for the exchange program.
Erasmus+ Procedures & Documents
Before you go

27 Which documents do I have to submit before I start my Erasmus+ Worldwide Semester?

Students can find all required Before Mobility documents on our website. Detailed information about these documents and how to prepare them will be given at our pre-departure orientation sessions.

28 Where can I find before mobility documents?

All Erasmus+ Worldwide documents can be found on the Useful Documents section on our website!
**Erasmus+ Procedures & Documents**

**Before you go**

**29** How many ECTS Credits should I take during my Erasmus+ Worldwide Semester?

Students must select at least 30 ECTS (15 KU Credits) at the beginning of their Erasmus+ Worldwide Semester. Students must pay attention to partner universities' course list, where the credits for each course will be indicated. Students should consult their faculties and Erasmus+ Worldwide coordinators for KU credit conversions. For more information about the required course load, please visit our website.

**30** Can I make changes in the courses I selected before my Erasmus+ Worldwide Semester? What happens if I decide to withdraw one course?

Yes, students are free to make changes in their course plan. However, all changes must be approved by students' Erasmus+ Worldwide coordinators. Students are also required to submit the documents to indicate these course changes (add/drops).
Do I need to submit any documents while I am on Erasmus+ Worldwide?

If there are course changes in a student's course plan after starting the Erasmus+ Worldwide Semester, the relevant documents must be submitted to OIP during the exchange period. If there are no course changes, students do not have to submit any documents during their exchange.

Can I cancel my Erasmus+ Worldwide after I start my exchange semester?

Students may cancel their Erasmus+ Worldwide at any stage of their Erasmus+ Worldwide period. However, if students cancel their Erasmus+ Worldwide after the course enrolment period at their home university, they might not be able to select courses for that semester. Cancellations after the "Commitment letter submission period" will result in a 10-point deduction in students' future applications.
After their Erasmus+ Worldwide Semester is completed, students should follow up their course transfer procedures. Erasmus+ Worldwide transcripts must be submitted to their faculty to start the course transfer procedures. All courses listed in the Erasmus+ Worldwide transcript must be transferred to students' KU transcripts.

**Which documents do I need to submit after I complete my Erasmus+ Worldwide Semester?**

Students must submit all required After Mobility documents on our [website](#) upon completing their Erasmus+ Worldwide Semester.

**Do I have to transfer my courses? What if I fail a course during my Erasmus+ Worldwide Semester?**

All the courses (including the failed courses) listed in students' Erasmus+ Worldwide Transcripts must be transferred to Koc University transcripts with their grades and credits.

**How can I transfer my courses after I complete my Erasmus+ Worldwide Semester?**

After their Erasmus+ Worldwide Semester is completed, students should follow up their course transfer procedures. Erasmus+ Worldwide transcripts must be submitted to their faculty to start the course transfer procedures. All courses listed in the Erasmus+ Worldwide transcript must be transferred to students' KU transcripts.
Erasmus+ Grant

36 Can I receive the Erasmus+ Worldwide Grant? Do I need to apply for the grant separately?

Students do not need to apply for Erasmus+ Worldwide grant separately. Erasmus+ Worldwide grants are distributed based on the number of applications and our university’s available budget allocated by Turkish National Agency.

37 How much grant can I receive?

It depends on the Erasmus+ Worldwide Funding allocated to Koc University by Turkish National Agency. Erasmus+ Worldwide Study program provides monthly stipend as well as travel grant to selected participants. Koç University student going to a partner country receives 700€ per month. Selected participants also receive travel grant. The calculation is done based on the distance between Koç University and the host city. Once the students' required documents are completed, OIP will issue the payment order. Students must open a Yapı Kredi EUR bank account to receive their Erasmus+ Worldwide Grants.
Erasmus+ Grant

How is the Erasmus+ Worldwide Grant paid? Do I receive the payment monthly?

Grants are paid to students in two instalments:
70% of the grant is paid before departure, following the submission of before mobility documents to OIP, and the remaining 30% is paid after the student submits all required after mobility documents.

Are there extra grants for students with special needs or financial needs?

Yes, more information on additional grant opportunities for students with special needs or financial needs can be found here.
The rules and regulations about refunding the Erasmus+ Worldwide Grant are explained on our website in detail. Students must pay attention to submit the required documents and complete the required course load to receive the Erasmus+ Worldwide Grant in full.

All Erasmus+ Worldwide students must submit the required documents in order to participate in the program, even if they do not receive the Erasmus+ Worldwide grant.
Contact

For any other inquiries and further information about our exchange programs, please visit our website, oip.ku.edu.tr

If you have any questions, contact us via outgoing@ku.edu.tr