# Erasmus+

Erasmus+ is the EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport in Europe. It has an estimated budget of €26.2 billion. This is nearly double the funding compared to its predecessor programme (2014-2020). The 2021-2027 programme places a strong focus on social inclusion, the green and digital transitions, and promoting young people's participation in democratic life. It supports priorities and activities set out in the European Education Area, Digital Education Action Plan and the European Skills Agenda. The programme also:

- supports the European Pillar of Social Rights
- implements the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027
- develops the European dimension in sport

University of Crete participation in Erasmus+ builds on a solid background of involvement in the previous Erasmus programme since 1987, with a long and growing list of 'Erasmus alumni' who have benefited from the mobility programmes. The University currently has over 200 bilateral inter-university agreements and participates in the following actions:

- Student mobility for studies
- Student mobility for traineeships
- Staff mobility for teaching
- Staff mobility for training
- The European Credit Transfer System and Accumulation System (ECTS)
- The Diploma Supplement (DS)
- Post-graduate programmes.

The International Relations Department (IRD) manages exchange and mobility programs of the University of Crete and acts as a contact point for Erasmus & other international students, researchers, visiting Academics and other staff.

Please visit the <u>International Relations Department</u> webpage to find out more about these and other opportunities at the University of Crete.

# The Department of Sociology

Outgoing Erasmus students: for information please visit the Greek website (information in Greek)

### Incoming Erasmus students in the Department of Sociology

Courses are primarily taught in Greek. Due to the small number of incoming Erasmus students, there is currently no dedicated teaching program for them. However, a limited selection of courses is offered in English each semester for both Erasmus+ and local students. These courses aim to help Erasmus+ students feel fully integrated at UoC, while giving local students exposure to an international learning environment.

The Erasmus programme therefore operates on two tracks: (i) one-to-one tutorials with individual research projects, and (ii) classroom participation for students who enroll in the English-taught courses. In addition to regular academic courses, Erasmus+ students are offered Greek language classes and are welcome to join regular Greek-language classes if their proficiency is sufficient, as well as participate in various university activities.

For tutorial-based courses, Erasmus students are expected to write one or two essays per course on topics agreed upon with their supervising instructor. Essays are typically written in English, though other arrangements can be made with staff members who supervise in other European languages (French, German, or Italian).

For courses taught in English, students attend classes and take final exams. Whether additional essays or research papers are required depends on the specific course curriculum.

Erasmus students must have a minimum English proficiency level of B2. Students can select courses from the annually updated Erasmus+ course list, which includes offerings from both the fall and spring semesters respectively. While the course list changes each academic year, core courses typically run for several consecutive years, whereas seminars change more frequently.

Students may also take courses from other departments, provided that at least half their courses (approximately 15 ECTS) are from their host department (Sociology). When selecting courses from other departments, students should consider their relevance to their degree program.

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