ERASMUS+, SEMP & Partnerships overseas at TUM CIT Informatics

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How the meeting will be conducted today:

The event:

1. Is in English with specific focus on international degree seeking students

2. Won't be recorded

3. But will be uploaded as a PDF at www.cit.tum.de/en/cit/erasmus-informatics

4. Is not about writing your Thesis abroad or doing an internship abroad but **on studying abroad**.

5. You can post your questions in Q&A **during the meeting**, we will answer in time. Thank you for patience. Do not use the chat, we will not answer there.

6. If you have questions **after the presentation**, you can turn on you camera and ask us directly. We will be available for your questions ☺

All those questions…

- Why should I go abroad?
- Which partner universities?
- ERASMUS+ requirements and scholarship?
- Learning languages?
- Partnerships overseas?
- Application procedure?
- Recognitions?
- Study reports of former outgoings?
- 1 or 2 semesters?
- Specific context of international degree seeking students

ERASMUS+ Program

- Stay abroad between 2 and 12 months
- Studying abroad (SMS) and internships abroad (SMP)
- 90 partner universities in Informatics
- Possible to go abroad during Bachelor's and Master's
- For all nationalities
- Swiss-European Mobility Program (SEMP) has same regulations

www.cit.tum.de/en/cit/erasmus-informatics

ERASMUS+ regulations of DAAD & TUM

Requirements for participation in studying within Erasmus+:

- Be enrolled at TUM during your stay abroad
- Bachelor students: completed first year successfully (at time of application)
- Study abroad for at least 2 months, max. for 12 months (= 60-360 days)
- Sufficient language skills in host university's language of instruction and if required, in official language of the country (Spain, France, French-speaking Switzerland→Lausanne)

Requirements for receiving ERAMUS+ scholarship:

- Passing at least 10 ECTS at university abroad during one semester
- Certificate that you spent at least 60 days at partner university abroad
- Submission of **all** required documents **in time**

Requirements of TUM CIT Informatics:

- Study project of at least 20 ECTS in respective subject area (excl. language courses)

ERASMUS+ funding by DAAD & TUM

- Study abroad without tuition fees at partner university
- Scholarship (payment in two rates)

As of June 2023
– similar (tbc) for 2024

Duration of stay ("physical mobility phase") [1] according to Grant Agreement	60-119 days (2 months funded)	120-239 days (4 months funded)	240-360 days (8 months funded)
Country Category 1 600 € for each funded month [2] *Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden*	1.200,00 €	2.400,00 €	4.800,00 €
Country Category 2 540 € for each funded month *Belgium, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Spain, Cyprus*	1.080,00 €	2.160,00 €	4.320,00 €
Country Category 3 490 € for each funded month *Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Republic of Northern Macedonia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey*	980,00 €	1.960,00 €	3.920,00 €

[1] Amounts and country categories as of June 2023 for a.y.2023/24, might be changed by the DAAD.
[2] **One month** is calculated **by the DAAD** as a flat rate with **30 days**!

ERASMUS+ funding by DAAD & TUM

- **Funding by categories:** funding for 2, 4 or 8 complete months, longer stay is possible but scholarship doesn't increase with extension
- **Green Travel Grant:** additional 50€, if you travel with sustainable means of transportation, possible to fund one to four travel days
- Students with „**Fewer Opportunities**": additional 250 € per month
  - Students with a disability
  - Students with a chronic illness inducing additional costs abroad
  - Students who go abroad with their child/children
  - Working students who can no longer work during their Erasmus+ stay
  - students whose parents do not have any academic background

  More information on ERASMUS+ funding at
  https://www.international.tum.de/en/global/erasmusstudies/

Requirements for an exchange in CIT Informatics

- Rule of thumb: basic modules at TUM, elective courses abroad
- At time of application: achieved approx. 55 ECTS (core courses!) in 3rd Bachelor semester => i.e. 2nd year completed before stay abroad
- Necessary language skills
- Reasonable integration of stay abroad in your TUM curriculum with study progress plan, see www.cit.tum.de/en/cit/mobilitaetsfenster-informatics
- Attend abroad **at least 20 subject-related ECTS** which are **relevant** for your degree program, **excluding** language courses and support electives. You can attend those *additionally* to the 20 ECTS.

Semester times and transition BSc/MSc

- Northern Europe:
  - Fall term: mid/late August – December (January) – examination periods sometimes in January!
  - Spring term: early January – May
- Central Europe:
  - Semester 1: early September – late January/Feburary
  - Semester 2: early/mid February – June
- Southern Europe:
  - Semester 1: mid September – mid February
  - Semester 2: mid February – June

See www.cit.tum.de/en/cit/mobilitaetsfenster-informatics

In most countries, BSc outgoings can also attend MSc courses. Exception: Spain.

How to decide?

Study-related criteria:

- Course offer, relevancy for your personal study progress
- Conditions at host university (equipment, support & supervision, quality and form of instruction)
- Required language skills and language certificates

Other criteria:

- Intercultural aspects, language, possibilities in free time
- Personal preferences
- Local living conditions & costs

Sources for information:

- Website of TUM CIT Informatics www.cit.tum.de/en/cit/erasmus-informatics - here you find the links to our partner universities' websites and the explanation of the higher education systems
- Study reports of former outgoings, see https://tum.moveon4.de/publisher/1/eng
- Martina von Imhoff's consultation hours – new appointments will be published at www.cit.tum.de/en/cit/mobilitaetsfenster-informatics

Partnerships overseas

- Carnegie Mellon University, Heinz College, USA (only spring semester – January till May 2025 – and Master's students!)
- Hong Kong Baptist University (Bachelor's and Master's)
- Nara Institute of Science and Technology (NAIST), Japan (only Master's, focus on research)

Applicants with an external Bachelor must show TUM grades for an application to one of the partnerships overseas.

No ERASMUS+ funding, but there might be other scholarships, see https://www.international.tum.de/en/global/scholarships/

Recognition of courses

- Ideally: „free" electives – without specific assignment to TUM modules later confirmed by degree program coordination
- Ideally: support electives (ÜfG) (possible without specific assignment to TUM modules)
- Sometimes: 1:1 recognition by responsible person for specific module at TUM
- **Guidance on planning** your stay abroad for every degree program at www.cit.tum.de/en/cit/mobilitaetsfenster-informatics

List of courses already recognized at

www.cit.tum.de/cit/auslandsanerkennung-informatics (will be updated again until mid December) for orientation

Language skills and language certificates

- In most cases the language of instruction is English: at least a B2 level
- Exceptions are France, Spain and French-speaking Switzerland: **_always_** at least a B1 level in the country's official language when you start your stay abroad, even if courses are partly offered in English!
- Portugal and Italy (and Barcelona): A2 level in country's official language, even if courses are offered in English! – recommendation: B1
- For all other countries, we recommend to attend **at least a beginners course** for the respective language in the semester before your stay abroad.
- Decisive is the language level at the beginning of your stay abroad, not necessarily at the time of application! That's why we recommend to prepare a detailed language plan for the respective language (≠ English) (see example for Spanish on website)
- Use the time before your stay abroad to attend language courses (TUM language courses during the semester, TUM intensive courses in March/April and September/October, VHS, online offers, apps, EU Academy etc.)
- Links to all websites of partner universities at www.cit.tum.de/en/cit/erasmus-informatics. It's also **your own responsibility** to check the offer and application conditions of the partner university.
- The better your language skills, the more authentic and successful your stay abroad!

Application at TUM CIT Informatics

1. Gather & evaluate information about unis and countries
2. Prepare application documents
3. Apply for ERAMUS+ in time:

Application _only_ via online form of TUM CIT Informatics:
Mid-December 2023 – Jan 15, 2024 (midday)

See www.cit.tum.de/en/cit/erasmus-informatics

(**Please note**: An application via the central Moveon-form of TUM
Global & Alumni is **invalid**!)

Context of international students

- You are studying already abroad = Germany
- Make a sound plan of your financial ressources
- Visa issues for non EU-cititzens depending on the specific country
- Your German residence permit doesn't allow you to stay abroad longer than 6 months
- When applying at partner university as a non EU citizen: earlier deadlines for application and other languages certificates might be requested (see websites of partner universities)
- You must have a sound study progress plan (see mobility window)
- You have to show commitment – competition for places
- For excellent partners you need to have excellent grades
- We might have to wait for your first TUM grades in February/March