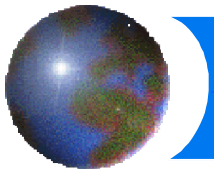


# *International student exchange*

## *17.11.2011*

- ✚ Common principles
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- ✚ Erasmus-places
- ✚ Other programmes
- ✚ Timetables
- ✚ Applying and what after that
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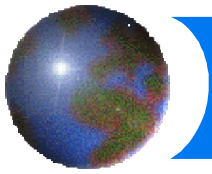
## *Life-Long Learning Programme*

✚ Erasmus is part of the LLP

✚ Erasmus-programme

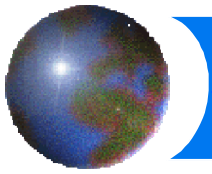
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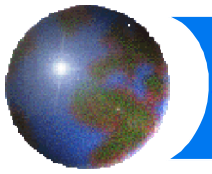
## *Common principles*

- ✚ starting from the second year at university
- ✚ Demands longterm planning
  - ✚ application ... (months) ... leaving
  - ✚ financing
  - ✚ language skills (before!)
  - ✚ commitment (cancellations not so nice)
- ✚ Duration 3-12 months (agreement has limitations),  
in practice one or two semesters



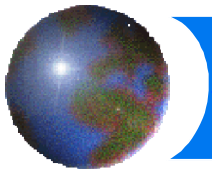
## *Common principles -2*

- ✚ Places
  - ✚ The Nordic countries (Nordplus, Nordlys)
  - ✚ In Europe (Erasmus)
  - ✚ elsewhere (ISEP, bilateral agreements, MAUI etc.)
- ✚ Erasmus exchange: department, others: international exchange services
- ✚ Different kinds of application times, often only once a year
- ✚ Planning of studies: major or minor subject studies (might be limitations)
  - ✚ obligatory, optional, language studies
- ✚ Erasmus exchange once in a lifetime



## *Common principles - 3*

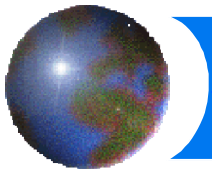
- ✦ Use local language
  - ✦ There is NOT always teaching in English!
  - ✦ Certificate of language skills can be required
- ✦ time of semesters varies
- ✦ Right to minor-subject studies varies
- ✦ You should/must study,  
not only for travelling ...



# *Why leave?*

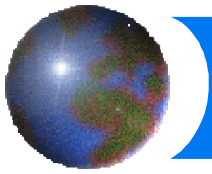
(source: HS newspaper – education supplement, January 2006 – 1st-year students in Helsinki and Tampere)

|   |      |
|---|------|
| ❖ for experience                        | 96 % |
| ❖ to learn language                     | 91 % |
| ❖ to learn multiculturalism             | 91 % |
| ❖ to improve chances of getting work    | 79 % |
| ❖ to tie new contacts                   | 72 % |
| ❖ to get out of Finland                 | 33 % |
| ❖ for teaching not available in Finland | 25 % |
| ❖ for a better standard of teaching     | 16 % |
| ❖ other reasons                         | 9 %  |



# *Arrangements*

- ✚ Think
  - ▣ suitable time for your studies
  - ▣ suitable university
- ✚ Make study plan
  - ▣ courses you need for your degree
    - major subject, minor subject, others?
  - ▣ not overlapping (= > recognition of credits)
- ✚ Study the language of the host country –  
at the latest now immediately!
- ✚ Arrange funding (and other practical things)
  - ▣ Study grants, summer job etc.



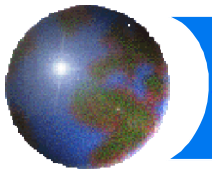
## *Erasmus-programme*

- ✦ There should be an agreement between sending and receiving department/university

The department of computer science has partner universities in the following cities:

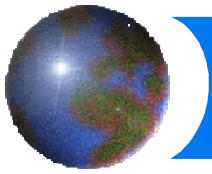
- ✦ Spain: Barcelona, Madrid, Valencia, Las Palmas
- ✦ Italy: Pisa, Bolzano
- ✦ Austria: Graz
- ✦ France: Caen, Lyon
- ✦ Germany: Berlin, Bielefeld, Darmstadt, Hanover, Lubeck, München, Paderborn
- ✦ UK: Bath, London (doctoral students)
- ✦ Hungary: Budapest
- ✦ Estonia: Tallinn





## *The Nordic countries*

- ✚ The department does not have a Nordplus network
- ✚ Freemover exchange (Nordlys) possible,  
Time to apply ~ January

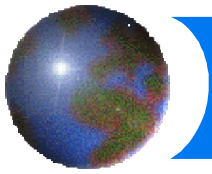


## *Other options*

- ✿ exchange agreement of the University of Helsinki
- ✿ general applications to various parts of the world ISEP, MAUI, ...
- ✿ time to apply  
(generally in January, even in November),  
Freemover without deadline

NB! There is no difference in recognition, whether you are in an exchange programme or not, but in a programme

- it is usually easier to get in
- different kinds of grants
- support from department and international services of UH



# *Application (Erasmus positions of the department)*

✿ in February-March

❏ The exchange website of the department (Finnish):  
<http://www.cs.helsinki.fi/opiskelu/kansainv-linen-opiskelijavaihto-ja-ty-harjoittelu>

❏ Application portal for students  
MobiltySearchServlet:

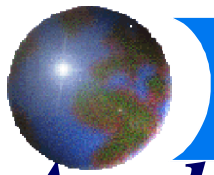
<https://kvl.it.helsinki.fi/mobility/MobilitySearchServlet?sprache=en&identifier=helsinki01>

❏ Reasons for wanting to go, transcript from study register

❏ Study plan (as exact as possible, not necessarily final)

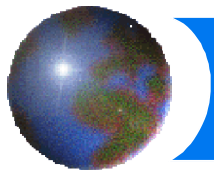
❏ CV in language of target country and English

❏ Personal meeting (Erasmus liaison)



## *Application (Erasmus positions of the department) contd.*

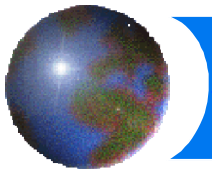
- ✚ The department decides in April
- ✚ Actual application to target university (sent by the department!)
  - ▣ Varying schedules:
    - May-June for the whole academic year or autumn semester,
    - October-December for the spring semester (sometimes earlier)



# *ERASMUS exchange university timetables*

*(examples!)*

|           | Application deadline | Semesters (~)           |
|-----------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Spain     | 31.5. / 31.10.       | Sept – Jan, Feb – June  |
| Graz      | 15.6. / 15.11.       | Oct - Feb, Feb - June   |
| Lyon      | 1.5./30.10.          | Sept – Feb, Feb - June  |
| Berlin    | 1.7/1.1              | Oct – Feb, April - July |
| Paderborn | 30.6. / 31.1.        | Oct – Feb, April - July |
| Munich    | 31.5 /31.10.         | Oct – Feb, April – July |
| Pisa      |                      | Oct – Dec, Feb – May    |
| Tallinn   | 1.6/1.11             | Sept – Jan, Feb – June  |

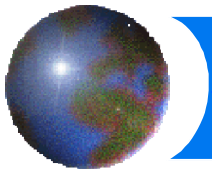


## *After the application of the department* (only for those chosen by the dept.)

- ✦ detailing of application material and sending to target university
  - actual application form (paper or web)
  - learning agreement (compulsory), possibly language certificate
  - housing form (if required)
  - possibly special language courses
- ✦ International services sends information package to elected students
  - ✦ in addition, travelling orientation in summer, December
- ✦ Grant application (international services)

+ more, details in info package from int. service

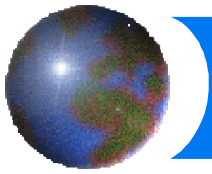
Important: take care of the schedule yourself!



## *Selection criteria*

- ✦ study progress (amount and level)
- ✦ necessary language skills (language of target country, English)
- ✦ study plan
- ✦ other reasons (to do with degree programme)

(more on the criteria on the int. services website, to be followed when applicable)



## *Grant amounts*

(in academic year 2011-2012; 2012-2013 not yet known)

### Erasmus exchange

3 months                      1000 €

4-6 months                    1200 €

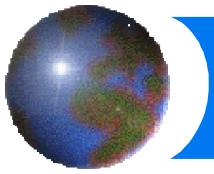
7-10 months                 2000 €

11-12 months                2400 €

- finding housing is generally assisted (paid by student)

Freemover travel grant 200 € (Europe, Russia)  
or 800 € (other countries)

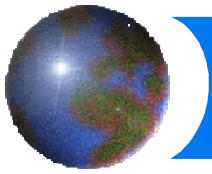




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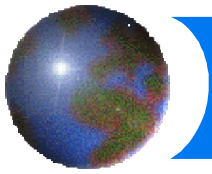
- ✚ information in Alma (in Finnish):
  - Opiskelu, tuet ja palvelut
    - Opintopalvelut ja kansainväliset asiat
      - Opiskelu ulkomailla



## *International student services*

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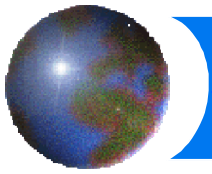
- ✿ information meetings for those elected for an exchange programme
- ✿ guide for exchange students
- ✿ travel orientations:
  - ▣ contents of orientation:
    1. Arrangements before leaving
    2. Settling down in the exchange target: bureaucracy, studying, and everyday life
    3. Presentation of countries + former exchange students' presentations
    4. Sources for additional information
    5. Returning to your home university



## *International student services*

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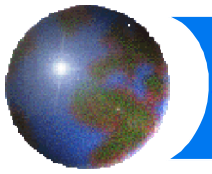
- ✿ Each exchange student receives an information package by post:
  - ✿ a guiding letter
  - ✿ a grant application form
  - ✿ the elemental book for Erasmus students
  - ✿ the form Letter of Confirmation for an Incoming Erasmus Exchange Student
  - ✿ bulletin on study grants for studying abroad
  - ✿ a guidebook with practical instructions for exchange students
  - ✿ invitation to orientation event



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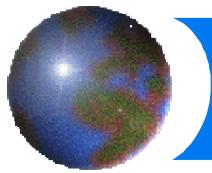
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- ✿ Erasmus Intensive Language Courses applications in May and October (courses in target country)
- ✿ Student Exchange Certificate
  - ▣ exchange target, exchange period, and amount of grant
- ✿ notifying study grants office about exchange period
- ✿ granting and paying out of exchange grants



## *More details*

- ✦ Some feedback from former exchange students (in Finnish) in Alma: ... Opiskelu ulkomailla -> Vaihtopalautteet ja maakohtaiset kertomukset
  
- ✦ CIMO: <http://www.maailmalle.net>
  - ✦ country guides
  - ✦ student histories
  
- ✦ [ulkomaillaopiskelu@helsinki.fi](mailto:ulkomaillaopiskelu@helsinki.fi) (UH, int. services)
- ✦ Inquiries about Erasmus positions to the department: [paivi.kuuppelomaki@cs.helsinki.fi](mailto:paivi.kuuppelomaki@cs.helsinki.fi) )
- ✦ <http://www.moveonnet.eu> (Search for institutions)  
Information on Erasmus universities (not much so far)



## *Reasons not to go*

(source: HS education supplement, January 2006 – 1st-year students in Helsinki and Tampere)

|   |      |
|---|------|
| ❖ family or friends                           | 69 % |
| ❖ in a hurry to graduate                      | 42 % |
| ❖ too complicated                             | 31 % |
| ❖ not interested                              | 28 % |
| ❖ not financially possible                    | 28 % |
| ❖ I do not want to leave Finland              | 28 % |
| ❖ no language skills                          | 21 % |
| ❖ hobbies                                     | 20 % |
| ❖ not useful for finding work                 | 9 %  |
| ❖ studies abroad are not credited well enough | 8 %  |
| ❖ work  | 6 %  |
| ❖ other reasons                               | 13 % |