

**ERASMUS+ Programme
KA131 MOBILITY FOR STUDIES AT EUROPEAN PARTNER UNIVERSITIES
(Belgium, France, Germany, Slovenia)
A.A. 2023-2024
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

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**VENICE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY ERASMUS+ MOBILITY CONSORTIUM
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**Mobility in the 2023-2024 Academic Year - Second Semester
Reserved for students of the following universities:**

- **Università degli Studi di Roma "Tor Vergata"**
- **Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca**

Deadline to apply: September 22, 2023

ART. 1 – Introduction

1. Erasmus+ is the European Union's programme to support education, training, youth and sport in Europe, through which students have the opportunity to spend a period of study in another university, in a different country, and to have the credits achieved recognised in their academic career.
2. Venice International University is an association of 20 member universities and institutions from around the world, with a common campus on San Servolo Island in Venice. VIU was founded in 1995 with the purpose of developing joint academic, research and capacity-building programs, across disciplines, continents, languages and cultures. It has since become the ideal setting for experimenting innovative approaches to education and training, where students, researchers and professors come together to exchange knowledge and ideas while exploring interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary perspectives in their studies and research.
3. The following universities together with Venice International University constitute an accredited Erasmus+ Mobility Consortium:
 - Università Ca' Foscari Venezia
 - Università Luav di Venezia
 - Università degli Studi di Padova
 - Università degli Studi di Roma "Tor Vergata"
 - Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca

4. The following universities are the destinations for this call and are also member universities of VIU:

- KU Leuven in Belgio;
- Ludwig Maximilians Universität in Germania;
- Université de Bordeaux in Francia;
- University of Ljubljana in Slovenia;

Mobilities to universities other than those listed are not permitted.



5. Applications will be accepted from students of 1st cycle (Bachelor/*Laurea*) and 2nd cycle (Master/*Laurea Magistrale*) of any discipline, although some restrictions may be applied by the home university/department. Candidates should consider that the opportunities for studies in the receiving universities are most suitable for students of the following disciplines:

- Humanities
- Economics
- Sociology
- History
- Law
- Political science
- International relations
- Philosophy
- Anthropology

6. This call is directed in particular to students who have participated, or intend participating in (pre-registration completed) the Globalization Program at Venice International University. Notwithstanding, this criterion is not a pre-requisite for application.

The **Globalization Program** brings together talented, motivated students from the member universities in a truly multicultural, international, and interdisciplinary environment. Students enjoy a powerful learning experience in which they develop their capacity for critical thinking, working across disciplines, creatively embracing new ideas.

The Program is organized in two academic semesters and one summer session per year; the first semester is from September to December; the second from February to June; the summer session takes place in August.

During the semesters of the program, approximately 25 courses are offered, taught in English by visiting professors from the member universities of VIU. The curriculum is organized around three core topics: Italy, Cultures of the World, Global Challenges. Three specialization tracks are also offered each semester: Economics, Management and Digital Technologies applied to Cultural Heritage; History and Memory; Science and Society (only the fall

semester); and Environmental Management and Sustainable Development; Cities and Global Change; Environmental Humanities (only spring semester). During the summer session six courses are offered on a range of topics. Students can receive credit from their home university for the exams taken at VIU in the Globalization Program.

ART. 2 – Prerequisites for application



1. Students must be regularly enrolled during the 2023-2024 academic year in a 1st or 2nd cycle degree program in one of the Mobility Consortium universities participating in this call:
 - Università degli Studi di Roma “Tor Vergata”
 - Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca

Students of any nationality may apply.

2. The candidates should have knowledge of the vehicular language (language in which courses are taught) at the receiving university. Knowledge of languages can be self-declared on the application form. Selected students may be required to produce certification of declared level of language competence when completing registration at the receiving university. Consider in any case that a recommended minimum level of competence of B1, even when certification is not required

The Erasmus+ program provides for the so-called Online Language Support (OLS), i.e. the possibility of using an online platform that allows students with Erasmus+ status and grant to evaluate and strengthen their language skills. To take the test and follow the language courses to improve their language skills, students must register on the [EU Academy](#) platform.

3. Candidates must carefully research the course offering in the universities abroad and consider the compatibility of available courses with their own curriculum.

ART. 3 – Requirements for participation in the mobility

1. Students can undertake a period of study abroad at one of the following universities:
 - Ludwig Maximilians Universität, Germany
 - KU Leuven, Belgium
 - Université de Bordeaux, France
 - Univerza v Ljubljani, Slovenia
2. It is the responsibility of the selected student to verify the deadlines and the documentation required by the receiving university, including certification of

language competence., and any requirements for entry visas and residency permits in the host country.

3. Non-European students who are selected for Erasmus+ mobility must verify in good time the requirements for entry visas and residency permits with the Embassy or Consulate of the host country. Departure is always subject to the issue of an entry visa for the destination country.



4. For the duration of the mobility the selected students must be regularly enrolled in a degree program in one of the Mobility Consortium universities participating in this call.
5. In order to receive the Erasmus+ grant, the student must not:
 - benefit from other EU grants or funding during the same period (AY 2023-2024).
 - have previously completed the maximum number of months of mobility permitted by the Erasmus+ programme: 12 months per study cycle (eg. 1st cycle: bachelor; 2nd cycle: master), combining Erasmus+ mobility for studies and/or traineeship, and including both participation via calls issued by the home university, and by VIU.

ART. 4 – Study activities during the mobility abroad

1. The Erasmus+ grants for studies are awarded exclusively for full-time study, during the first and second cycle of study.

The study activities during the mobility may include:

- exams;
- thesis research.

Students who intend pursuing research thesis during the mobility period can receive support from tutors at VIU in the context of the Worldwide Mobility for Thesis Research program for Globalization Program students at VIU. The students participate in group and individual meetings with professors of the program who advise the students on how to define and refine their research project.

2. Failure to carry out the activities envisaged in the Learning Agreement may result in the obligation to repay the entire contribution received for the mobility. Upon return from the mobility, only the exams present in the Transcript of Records issued by the host university and correctly indicated in the Learning Agreement completed in all its parts will be recognized. It will not be possible to refuse grades for exams already included in the Transcript of Records issued by the host university.

3. There must be consistency between the student's study plan and the teaching offer of the host university in relation to the subject area indicated in the fact sheets provided by the receiving universities.
4. It will be possible to schedule interviews with the VIU teaching secretariat in order to guide the student on the choice of destination.



3. The duration of the period abroad is determined for every Erasmus exchange on the basis of the inter-institutional agreements of the participating universities. Typically, the mobility period coincides with the Academic Calendar of the receiving institution, except for thesis research if agreed differently. According to the Erasmus+ programme rules, the minimum period of study abroad is 60 days, and the maximum is 365 days. However, this call is for mobility during the second semester of academic year 2023-2024. The mobility must be completed no later than July 31, 2024, therefore the maximum period is 7 months.

Extensions and/or reductions of the mobility period as written in the learning agreement may be allowed, only for proven educational reasons and in any case bearing in mind that the overall duration of the stay at the partner institution must be continuous and not fragmented.

Should an extension be approved, the mobility must in any case be completed by July 31, 2024.

5. The duration of the mobility period abroad is defined in each exchange agreement; however, it cannot be less than 2 months (60 days). The period abroad must be continuous and not fragmented. Requests to reduce the mobility period before departure will not be accepted; requests for reductions during the mobility for valid reasons will be evaluated, subject to approval by the professor in charge of the exchange and by the host university.
6. Acquisition of a minimum of credits in the Receiving University: in accordance with the indications of the European Commission, the universities require the student participating in the Erasmus programme to acquire a minimum number of credits in the receiving University. Students attending an entire academic year abroad must acquire a minimum of 24 credits; students attending one semester abroad must acquire a minimum of 12 credits; students attending one quarter abroad must acquire a minimum of 6 credits. In the absence of this result, the coordinator of the Mobility Consortium (VIU) will not proceed with the payment of the grant and will request the return of any funds paid in advance.

ART. 5 – *The Mobility Grant*

1. Erasmus+ grants should be considered as a contribution to the expense of studying abroad.
2. The monthly amount of the grant allocated by the European Commission varies according to the country of destination.



France (group 2):	€300 per month
Belgium (group 2):	€300 per month
Germany (group 2):	€300 per month
Slovenia (group 3):	€250 per month

Grants are awarded for activities abroad pursuant to art. 3, to be completed by July 31, 2024.

3. Special funding is available for students with disabilities who intend to participate in the Erasmus+ programme; to this end, interested students are required to report it when accepting the Erasmus+ mobility. The contribution will be disbursed, upon request to the Erasmus+ INDIRE Agency and subsequent availability of funds by it, on the basis of the real costs that the student will bear.
4. The scholarship will be paid only after receipt of the Confirmation of Arrival by the International Relations Office-Mobility Sector of the host university according to the methods indicated in the grant agreement that the student is required to sign before departure.
5. The signing of the grant agreement as well as all the other procedures indicated in this announcement are an obligation for all students who benefit from the Erasmus+ mobility and failure to fulfill one or more procedures will lead to the revocation or reduction of the financial contribution and in some cases the cancellation of the mobility. Even the use of non-compliant forms may lead to the revocation or reduction of the financial contribution and in some cases the cancellation of the mobility.
6. **Students with fewer opportunities** are those who, for economic, social, cultural, geographical or health reasons, related to coming from a migrant background, or for reasons such as disabilities and learning difficulties or any other reason, including those who may give rise to forms of discrimination within the meaning of Article 21 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, are faced with obstacles which prevent them from enjoying effective access to the opportunities offered by the programme.
To facilitate access to mobility for students and staff as much as possible, in line with the principles of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE),



higher education institutions must ensure equal and fair access and opportunities for current students and potential participants from all backgrounds. This means involving participants with fewer opportunities, for example:

- participants with certified physical, mental and health problems (disability or medical certificate)
- economic disadvantage sanctioned with ISEE (according to the indications of D.M. 1320 of 17 December 2021 (articolo 4) a.y. 2023/2024 = euro 26.306,25)
- cultural differences eg. individuals with a migrant and refugee background, national or ethnic minorities, people with linguistic adaptation and cultural inclusion difficulties, etc.
- students with minor children
- working students
- students who are professional athletes
- students orphaned by at least one parent
- students who are children of victims of terrorism and organized crime

Institutions will have to justify the interventions to support participants with fewer opportunities, having specific documentation that justifies the need for support for the inclusion of the participant.

In order to be eligible for the supplementary financial contribution the circumstance must be certifiable.

The circumstance of being a candidate with fewer opportunities can be self-declared at time of application. Documentary evidence of the circumstance must be submitted by selected candidates before the mobility place can be confirmed.

To seek advice on what type of documents may be used, where not previously specified, please contact erasmus@univiu.org.

Selected students with fewer opportunities may receive a supplement to the individual grant awarded for long-term Erasmus+ physical mobility amounting to €250.00/month.

7. Students who are awarded an Erasmus+ mobility grant must continue to pay the tuition fees and contributions to their home university also during their period of stay abroad, but they are exempt from paying enrollment fees at the foreign university of destination of the mobility (with the exception of some universities which may request a contribution to use the student services and public transport). The Erasmus+ mobility student may continue to benefit from any other national study grant or scholarship of which s/he is a beneficiary



ART. 6 – How to apply

1. Interested students must complete their web application, available on the VIU website www.univiu.org/erasmus/calls, filling in all the required fields and sections.
2. Students who obtain their Bachelor's, Master's or Master's degree during their period of stay at the receiving University will lose their Erasmus student status starting from the same day of graduation with the forfeiture of the right to attend and sit exams abroad. The student selected for Erasmus+ mobility must complete the period of study abroad, register the credits achieved before graduation.
3. Applicants with disabilities are invited to contact the Erasmus Office at VIU to receive support in submitting the application and to receive information on the services made available by the partner universities.
4. The applicant may indicate up to three destinations in order of preference starting from the first choice.
5. Applications must be completed via the web by: September 22, 2023, 3 pm.
6. Incorrectly completed or incomplete applications will not be considered.

ART. 7 - Destinations

1. The destinations available in this call are:
 - Ludwig Maximilians Universität, Germany
 - KU Leuven, Belgium
 - Université de Bordeaux, France
 - Univerza v Ljubljani, Slovenia

The list can also be consulted at: www.univiu.org/erasmus/mobility-opportunities

2. The availability of places/months in mobility may be modified following changes imposed by the Community and national bodies that regulate the program or by the partner universities.

3. The departure of the selected students is subject to acceptance by the receiving university.

ART. 8 - Ranking



1. The VIU selection committee will draw up a ranking for the respective destination universities taking into account the preferences expressed by the students and the evaluation criteria specified below:

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| - <u>Quality of the study plan:</u>
Compatibility of studies with selected destination i.e. opportunity for credit recognition | 25 points |
| - <u>Language skills</u>
Vehicular and host country languages will be considered | 10 points |
| - <u>Academic Merit</u>
Grade Point Average | 30 points |
| - <u>Motivational letter</u> | 30 points |
| - <u>Thesis Proposal*</u>
Proposal for a research project relevant to a master's thesis that will benefit from the study period abroad. | 5 points |
| - <u>VIU Bonus</u>
Students who have already attended a semester at VIU, with the achievement of credits, and/or students who are pre-enrolled for a future semester at VIU. | 15 points |

* it is not compulsory to present a thesis proposal

The rankings will be published on the univiu.org/erasmus website approximately by September 30, 2023.

Any postponement of the release of the rankings will be notified by email to candidates and/or notices on the erasmus.univiu.org website

ART. 9 – Accepting the place

The acceptance of the destination must be made by the selected student within 7 days of notification of selection, by completing and sending a dedicated form which will be sent via email from the Erasmus office to VIU.



ART. 10 – Processing and protection of personal data

1. Pursuant to legislation regarding the protection of personal data (Legislative Decree 30 June 2003 n. 196 and subsequent amendments, and EU Regulation 679/2016 – known as GDPR) the processing of candidates' personal data is carried out by Venice International University exclusively for institutional purposes and will be therefore based on principles of correctness, lawfulness and relevance for the same purposes.
2. For all further information, interested parties can contact the Erasmus Office, Venice International University, Isola di San Servolo, 30133 Venice - email erasmus@univiu.org Tel. 041 2719511 – Fax 041 2719510

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