

ERASMUS FAQ

- **Do I need to speak the local language?**

*No, most universities offer a variety of English courses. However, do make sure you look at the host university course listings before you apply, as there are universities that offer a very small range of courses through English. If you are a language student (**French, German or Spanish**) please check with your MU International Coordinator regarding this matter.*

- **Do I have to take all courses through a certain language when I'm studying a language? (French, German and Spanish language students)**

Discuss this matter with your MU International Coordinator.

French: Elyse.Ritchey@mu.ie

German: Cordula.Boecking@mu.ie

Spanish: mercedes.abengoza@mu.ie

- **Can I go for a semester?**

All BA and LLB students are required to go abroad for the full academic year. Students studying General Science, Engineering, Astrophysics and Product Design are eligible to go for one semester only. Enquire with your MU International Coordinator.

- **Will I get a grant when I go abroad?**

You are automatically applicable for the Erasmus Mobility Grant. This grant is a mobility allowance of €280-€300 per month. The grant will be paid out in three instalments (December, April and July).

- **Am I still eligible for the SUSI grant when I go abroad?**

You can still receive your SUSI grant. When you renew your SUSI application during the summer, you can fill in the option that you will be going abroad for the academic year.

- **Can I only take the subjects that I currently study at MU?**

Not necessarily, but this would need to be discussed and agreed with your MU International Coordinator.

- **How many places for students are available at each university?**

This varies by university, but available places are usually between 2-4 students per subject, with two being the average.

- **How can I find accommodation?**

The International Office of Maynooth does not provide support in finding accommodation.

However, some universities offer on-campus accommodation (or give support in finding accommodation). Check this with your host-university. Also, there are many websites available for every city which tell you about the different housing options.

How can I get in touch with previous Erasmus students?

1. Instagram: [maynoothuni goingabroad](#)
2. Facebook: [MU Erasmus and Study Abroad Outgoing](#)

- **How much does it cost going on Erasmus?**

The price of going on Erasmus differs from place to place. However, previous Erasmus students can give you advice on budgeting and living costs. Also, this link below gives comparisons to costs abroad and in Ireland.

Link: <https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/>

- **Will I have to pay university fees abroad?**

You will only have to pay your Maynooth University fees. However, the host university can charge a separate fee for administration costs, such as a library fee etc. Check this with your host-university.

- **Do I need an extra insurance for when I'm abroad?**

*Maynooth University provide (free of charge) a Student Travel Insurance Policy. This policy is for accident and emergencies ONLY and includes repatriation. **This policy does not cover lost/stolen items such as laptops or mobile phones. Students must also hold a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) to cover you for general GP visits.** If you do not have an EHIC, apply for one ASAP!*

- **Which documents are required before I leave and during my year abroad?**

1. **Learning Agreement (LA)**

- a. *This document must be signed by the student, their MU International Coordinator and in some cases, the host university. If you make any changes during the year, make sure that you notify your MU International Coordinator for approval. After that, the International Office also needs a **copy** of your signed Learning Agreement (before, during and after mobility). The original LA should be kept by the student.*

2. **Credit Requirement Document**

- a. *This document is required by the Registrar to confirm that the student is aware of the credits required to successfully pass their year abroad. This document will be completed and signed by both the student and their MU International Coordinator when the LA is being completed.*

3. **Certificate of Attendance**

- a. *This document needs to be signed by the International Office of your host-university. This document must be submitted before your first grant payment can be processed.*

4. **Grant Receipt**

- a. *After each Erasmus Grant payment, you will receive a **grant receipt**. You need to complete and sign this document and send it back to wendy.cameron@mu.ie as soon as possible. Your subsequent grant payments will NOT be processed until the previous grant receipts have been received.*

- **Can I include language courses in my learning agreement?**

This will be discussed when you meet with your MU International Coordinator. [MU International Coordinators 2020/21](#)

- **How do I stay in touch with Maynooth University while I'm abroad?**
*The outgoing exchange coordinator can be reached via email: intl.outgoing@mu.ie. For academic queries, you **MUST** contact your MU International Coordinator: [MU International Coordinators 2021/22](#).*
- **If I add/drop modules during my year abroad, who shall I contact?**
Any changes to your LA must be approved by your MU International Coordinator. When you receive it back (signed) send a copy to the International Office. [MU International Coordinators 2021/22](#)
- **Can I go to multiple universities during my year abroad?**
No.
- **Can I apply to a university that MU is not partnered with?**
No, this is not possible. You are only eligible to attend a host university that we are currently partnered with. [ERASMUS partner universities](#) Filter by LANGUAGE and SUBJECT.
- **Can I combine my Erasmus with a work placement?**
*Combining Erasmus with a work placement or with the ELA (English Learning Assistance) is not possible. Work placements are facilitated through the Placement Office and ELA's through the academic department. **The International Office is not involved with the placement or ELA process.***
- **Am I allowed to work abroad?**
You are allowed to work when you are on Erasmus.
- **Do I receive the Transcript of Records (Statement of Results) from my host-university?**
It depends on the university you are attending. In some cases, they send it directly to Maynooth University or to your home address. If they send it to your home address, make sure you send it on to us, so that we can send them on to your department.

It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the International Office receive your transcript and any other certificates from your year abroad. If you fail to do this, the exam board will mark your academic year as incomplete.

- **What happens if I fail my year abroad?**

If you are a BA student, your BA International degree will revert back to a BA degree and you will progress into final year as normal.

If you are on a 4-year programme (i.e LLB, IEF), you will be required to repeat 3rd year back at MU.

If you have any concerns or queries, let us know as soon as possible so that we can try and help you

All information can also be retrieved from: <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/international/going-abroad-maynooth>