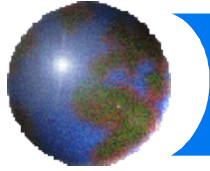


International student exchange

18.2.2010

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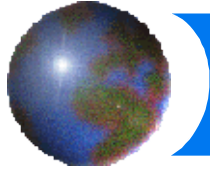
Life-Long Learning Programme

✚ Erasmus is part of the LLP

✚ Erasmus-programme

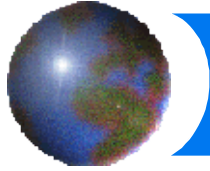
http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc80_en.htm

http://fi.wikipedia.org/wiki/Erasmus_Rotterdamilainen



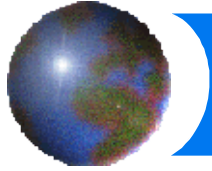
Common principles

- ✦ 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



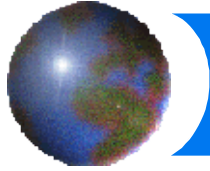
Common principles -2

- ✦ 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

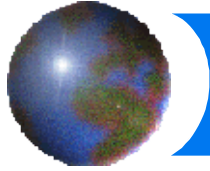
- ✦ Use local language
 - ✦ There is NOT always teaching in English!
 - ✦ Certificate of language skills can be required
- ✦ time of semesters varies
- ✦ Right to minor-subject studies varies
- ✦ You should/must study,
not only for travelling ...



Why leave?

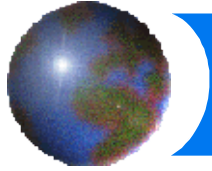
(source: HS newspaper – education supplement, January 2006 – 1st-year students in Helsinki and Tampere)

❖ 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.

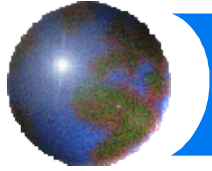


Erasmus-programme

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

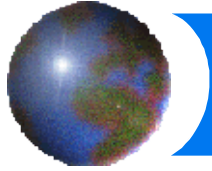
The department of computer science has partner universities in the following cities:

- ✚ Spain: Barcelona, Madrid, Valencia, Las Palmas
- ✚ Italy: Pisa
- ✚ Austria: Graz
- ✚ France: Caen, Lyon
- ✚ Germany: Berlin, Bielefeld, Darmstadt, Hanover, Lubeck, Munich, Paderborn
- ✚ Hungary: Budapest
- ✚ Estonia: Tallinn



The Nordic countries

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

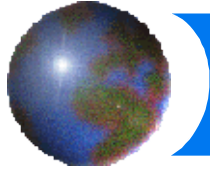


Other options

- ✦ 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

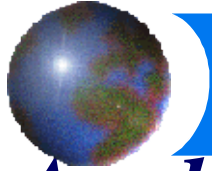
NB! There is no difference in recognition, whether you are in an exchange programme or not, but in a programme

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



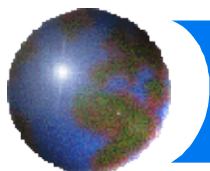
Application (Erasmus positions of the department)

- ✦ in March: 8-26.3.2010
 - ❑ The exchange website of the department (Finnish):
<http://www.cs.helsinki.fi/instr.engl/vaihto/>
 - ❑ 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.

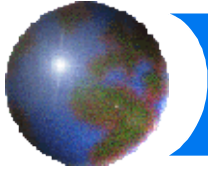
- ✦ The department decides in April
- ✦ Actual application to target university (sent by the department!)
 - ▣ Varying schedules:
 - May-June for the whole academic year or autumn semester,
 - October-December for the spring semester (sometimes earlier)



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

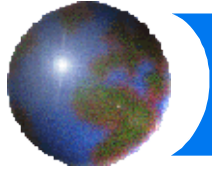


After the application of the department (only for those chosen by the dept.)

- ✦ 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

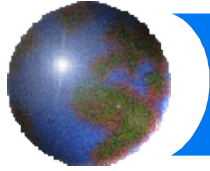
Important: take care of the schedule yourself!



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 2009-2010; 2010-2011 not yet known)

Erasmus exchange

3 months 1000 €

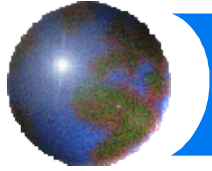
4-6 months 1200 €

7-10 months 2000 €

11-12 months 2400 €

- finding housing is generally assisted (paid by student)

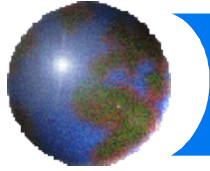
Freemover travel grant 200 € (Europe, Russia)
or 400 € (other countries)



International student services

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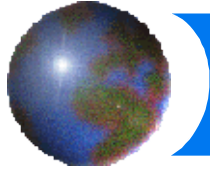
- ✚ information in Alma (in Finnish):
 - Opiskelu, tuet ja palvelut
 - Opintopalvelut ja kansainväliset asiat
 - Opiskelu ulkomailla



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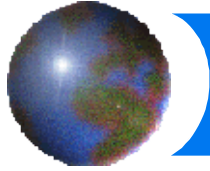
- ✦ information meetings for those elected for an exchange programme
- ✦ guide for exchange students
- ✦ travel orientations:
 - ▣ contents of orientation:
 1. Arrangements before leaving
 2. Settling down in the exchange target: bureaucracy, studying, and everyday life
 3. Presentation of countries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



International student services

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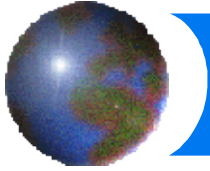
- ✦ Each exchange student receives an information package by post:
 - ❑ a guiding letter
 - ❑ a grant application form
 - ❑ the elemental book for Erasmus students
 - ❑ the form Letter of Confirmation for an Incoming Erasmus Exchange Student
 - ❑ bulletin on study grants for studying abroad
 - ❑ a guidebook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



International student services

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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

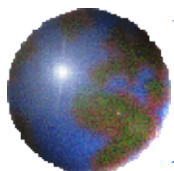


More details

- ✦ 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 (UH, int. services)
- ✦ Inquiries about Erasmus positions to the department: 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 %