Erasmus+ Outgoing Student Mobility for Studies (KA-131)

Definition of the Activity

Student mobility for studies mainly covers mobility between EU Member States or between EU Member States and countries associated with the Programme at associate degree, bachelor's, master's or doctoral levels and in any academic field of study.

Within the scope of the Erasmus+ programme, our students may spend one semester or one academic year abroad, from the second year onward and within our quotas, at distinguished universities in EU member countries with which we have signed inter-institutional agreements. Students enrolled in our associate degree, bachelor's, graduate and postgraduate programmes may benefit from the Erasmus+ programme. The minimum mobility duration is 2 months and the maximum duration is 12 months.

Students who have benefited from the Erasmus+ programme may become Erasmus+ students with a grant once again at a different study cycle. The activity duration is between 2 and 12 months for each study cycle separately.

The activity period must be completed without interruption. Semester breaks and official holidays during study mobility are not considered interruptions.

For programmes in which two cycles are combined, such as integrated doctoral programmes, or where two cycles are completed within a single cycle, such as medical education, the total activity duration may be up to 24 months.

If the activity is interrupted due to force majeure[1], the activity may be accepted even if the minimum duration cannot be completed, provided that the force majeure can be documented; a grant is paid for the period actually spent. The Turkish National Agency must be contacted before any event or situation is treated as force majeure. If students return before completing the minimum period for reasons other than force majeure, the activity is considered invalid and no grant is paid.

In blended mobility, the total mobility includes a physical mobility period of at least 5 days and at most 30 days. A compulsory virtual component must be included as a complementary part of blended mobility. At least 3 ECTS credits must be awarded for the blended mobility (virtual + physical).

In doctoral mobility, short-term physical mobility is at least 5 days and at most 30 days. In long-term doctoral mobility, the minimum duration is 2 months and the maximum duration is 12 months. Long-

term doctoral mobility may also include a complementary traineeship programme and may be carried out as blended mobility.

Who Can Participate?

Students who will participate in the activity must be enrolled in a diploma programme at a higher education institution. Accordingly, students applying to the programme must be full-time students registered at Istanbul Atlas University at associate degree, bachelor's, master's or doctoral level, excluding undergraduate language preparatory students. Students enrolled in double-major programmes may apply for mobility from only one major in the same application period.

[1]Force majeure means any exceptional situation or event beyond the control of the parties that prevents either party from fulfilling an obligation arising from the agreement; is not due to the error or negligence of the parties, their subcontractors, affiliated entities or third parties involved in implementation; and is unavoidable despite all due care and attention and unforeseeable in advance. Failure to provide a service, defects in equipment or materials, or delays in their availability cannot be invoked as force majeure unless they result directly from force majeure, nor can labour disputes, strikes or financial difficulties.

Grant Support

The individual support grant amounts applied when sending students to countries associated with the Programme are as follows:

Country group	Host country	Monthly study grant (EUR)
Groups 1 and 2	Germany, Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Greek Cypriot Administration of Southern Cyprus, Netherlands, Ireland, Spain, Sweden, Italy, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Greece	600
Group 3	Bulgaria, Croatia, North Macedonia, Lithuania, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Türkiye	450

Additional Grant & Inclusion Support for Students

Additional Grant Support will be provided to participants with fewer opportunities in addition to the grant to which they are entitled. In order to receive this grant, the participant with fewer opportunities

is defined as a person with economic and social disadvantages who falls under one of the following subcategories:

1. Persons subject to Law No. 2828 (those for whom a protection, care or accommodation decision has been issued by the Ministry of Family and Social Services under Law No. 2828)
2. Students for whom a protection, care or accommodation decision has been issued under Child Protection Law No. 5395
3. Persons receiving an orphan's pension
4. Children of martyrs/veterans
5. Students or their families receiving a neediness allowance. It is sufficient to submit a document proving that the student, parent or guardian was receiving financial support from municipalities, public institutions and organizations, ministries, Social Assistance and Solidarity Foundations, the General Directorate of Foundations, the Red Crescent, AFAD, etc. at the time of the Erasmus application.

Credit and Dormitories Institution scholarships and similar scholarships, other grants, aids and scholarships in the nature of merit scholarships, and one-time aids are not accepted as financial aid under this scope. Students who fall within the above scope may receive Additional Grant Support upon request, provided that they document their situation and depending on the mobility type.

For more details: https://www.atlas.edu.tr/en/erasmus/inclusion-support-and-additional-grant-support

Students Participating Without a Grant ("0" Grant)

After the results are announced, students who wish to participate without a grant may use this right by informing the Erasmus Office. Erasmus+ students, whether selected with or without a grant, do not pay tuition, registration, examination or library-use fees to the university they will attend. Grants cannot be increased after the activity has been completed. Mobility of more than 12 months cannot be carried out in each study cycle, even without a grant.

Status of Students Who Freeze Registration

Students who freeze their registration may apply for study mobility during the semester in which their registration is frozen, but they must have active student status during the period in which they are planned to participate in mobility.

Academic Recognition

Istanbul Atlas University is obliged to provide full recognition for the study period spent abroad. Full recognition is carried out as follows: the original names and credits of the courses successfully completed at the host institution and included in the student's learning agreement must appear in the transcript

and Diploma Supplement, and the footnotes must clearly state that the student benefited from mobility under Erasmus+. The transcript and Diploma Supplement must also clearly show which courses were taken under Erasmus+ and at which higher education institution.

Selection Criteria

The general criteria used to evaluate mobility applications are determined by the Turkish National Agency and explained in the Implementation Handbook. Table 1 shows the evaluation criteria.

Table 1. Evaluation Criteria:

Evaluation criteria and weighted scores to be used in the assessment of Erasmus+ student study mobility applications	
Criterion	**Weighted Scores**
Academic achievement level (CGPA)	50% of a total of 100 points
Foreign language score	50% of a total of 100 points
Children of martyrs and veterans[1]	+15 points
Students with disabilities[2]	+10 points
Students for whom a protection, care or accommodation decision has been issued under Law No. 2828 on Social Services[3]	+10 points
Students who themselves or whose first-degree relatives receive disaster-victim assistance from AFAD	+10 points
For each previously used mobility activity (with or without a grant)	-10 points
Participating in mobility in the country of citizenship	-10 points
Failure to notify withdrawal within the required period after being selected for mobility	-10 points
Applying to two types of mobility at the same time: points (applied to the mobility type preferred by the student)	-10 points
For selected students: failure to attend meetings/trainings organized by the higher education institution about mobility without an excuse (if the student applies for Erasmus+ again)	-5 points
Declaring that one will take the language exam but not taking it without an excuse, if the student applies for Erasmus+ again	-5 points

[1]Veterans, spouses and children of veterans, spouses and children of war martyrs, and certain persons covered by Law No. 3713 and Decree-Law No. 667 are prioritized; +15 points are applied if the scanned Martyr/Veteran Family Card issued by the Ministry of Family and Social Policies is submitted.

[2]Students with disabilities receive +10 points if they document their status with a Disability Health Board Report issued by a fully equipped public hospital authorized by the Ministry of Health.

[3]For prioritization under Law No. 2828, the student must submit a letter from the Ministry of Family and Social Policies indicating that a protection, care or accommodation decision has been issued for them.

Minimum Requirements for Participation

Students must first meet the following minimum requirements:

1. The student must be a full-time[1] student registered in a higher education programme at any formal education level within the higher education institution (first, second or third cycle)[2].
2. a) The cumulative GPA must be at least 2.20/4.00 for first-cycle students.
   b) For students who do not yet have a transcript at the application stage;
   - the associate degree graduation grade must be at least 2.20/4.00 for students transferring from associate degree programmes,
   - the high-school graduation grade must be at least 75/100 for first-year students.
   - The cumulative GPA of second- and third-cycle students must be at least 2.50/4.00.
3. There must be a sufficient ECTS course load for study mobility[3]. For master's and doctoral students who no longer have coursework, such as those who have advanced to the thesis period, a learning agreement may be prepared on the basis of a workload equivalent to 30 ECTS[4] in one academic semester.
4. If the student has previously benefited from higher education mobility activities under the 2014-2020 and/or 2021-2027 Erasmus+ periods within the current study cycle[5], the total duration including the new activity must not exceed 12 months.

For institutions using the 100-point system, whether the minimum GPA requirement is met is determined using the equivalents in the grade conversion table prepared by the Council of Higher Education. Higher education institutions may raise the minimum score threshold if there are many applications, provided that the criteria set by the Centre are observed. However, the new minimum score must not prevent receiving at least twice as many applications as the number of quotas. Under no circumstances may the minimum score be increased after the application call has been published.

Planned Host University

In order for student study mobility to be carried out, there must be a valid mobility agreement defined for the relevant faculty/department/programme. For this purpose, the inter-institutional agreements listed on the Istanbul Atlas University website at https://www.atlas.edu.tr/tr/erasmus/ should be reviewed.

Each student who wishes to carry out mobility through the Erasmus+ programme must first apply through the National Agency online application platform in order to be evaluated according to the Erasmus+ programme selection criteria, obtain the required signatures and upload the documents to the application system. Following the evaluation, the objection period is observed; when the announced list becomes final, students are nominated to the host institution and thus gain candidate-student status. The student's name appearing on the preliminary announcement list does not constitute an acquired right.

To gain final status, the student must apply to the institution to which they have been placed, fulfill the required application conditions and receive an acceptance letter from the host institution at the end of the process. The acceptance letter may arrive by regular mail or e-mail. Every student who wishes to apply to the Erasmus+ programme should evaluate the mobility idea carefully in advance, consult the Erasmus+ Office to learn about conditions, institutions and processes, and be prepared financially and personally for the process.

[1]Persons who have graduated from Faculties of Pharmacy, Medicine or Dentistry and who continue specialty training after being placed in a higher education institution through central examinations (TUS, DUS, EUS) cannot benefit from Erasmus student mobility if they do not have the status of a registered student at the relevant higher education institution.

[2]First cycle: associate degree, bachelor's degree; second cycle: master's degree; third cycle: doctoral degree, medical specialty training.

[3]According to the European Commission's ECTS Guide, the sufficient number of credits is 60 ECTS credits for one academic year.

[4]The workload corresponding to 1 ECTS credit is 25–30 hours.

[5]Participation in similar programmes under Mevlana, TÜBİTAK, or the Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities is not included.

Application

Details regarding the application for the relevant period are announced on our website.

Applications are received through the National Agency Application Portal at https://turnaportal.ua.gov.tr/giris

The application system user guide for the portal can be accessed via the Turkish National Agency Erasmus Application Portal Application System Guide (https://ua.gov.tr/media/e3odjnz0/3-yararlanicilar-i%C3%A7in-bireysel-giri%C5%9F-kilavuzu.pdf)

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