Erasmus+ Outgoing Student Mobility for Studies (KA-171)

Student Mobility with Third Countries Not Associated with the Programme (International Credit Mobility)

KA171, or International Credit Mobility, supports student mobility between higher education institutions in programme countries and countries associated with the Programme and higher education institutions in third countries not associated with the Programme listed in the relevant tables.

KA171 Student Mobility for Studies / Outgoing Student

Definition of the Activity

This activity supports student mobility between programme countries and countries associated with the Programme and the higher education institutions of the third countries not associated with the Programme listed below.

Study mobility may be carried out at associate degree, bachelor's, master's or doctoral level and in any academic field of study. In order to ensure high-quality mobility activities with maximum impact on students, the mobility activity must be compatible with the field in which the student will receive the diploma degree and with the student's personal development needs.

An agreement between the institutions is required for this activity to be carried out. This higher education mobility, including doctoral mobility, may also be carried out as blended mobility consisting of virtual and physical components.

Third Countries Not Associated with the Programme and Their Regions

Region 1 - Western Balkans: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro.

Region 2 - Eastern Partnership: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine.

Region 3 - Southern Mediterranean Countries: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia.

Region 4 - Russia: Russia.

Region 5 - Asia: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, North Korea, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Laos, Macao, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam.

Region 6 - Central Asia: Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan.

Region 7 - Middle East: Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen.

Region 8 - Pacific: Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.

Region 9 - Sub-Saharan Africa: Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Region 10 - Latin America: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Region 11 - Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago.

Region 12 - USA and Canada: United States of America, Canada.

Who Can Participate?

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. Open education and similar distance-learning students cannot benefit from the activity.

Field of Activity

Student learning mobility is carried out by full-time students enrolled at İstanbul Atlas University at the associate, undergraduate, master's, or doctoral level in a third country not associated with the programme, in accordance with the student's current level of study and semester.

In other words, this mobility activity involves completing part of the student's education at a higher education institution abroad with which İstanbul Atlas University has an inter-institutional agreement.

Mobility activities carried out with certain third countries not associated with the programme may not cover all levels of study.

Duration of the Activity

Activities are carried out in accordance with the minimum and maximum durations determined by the European Commission. The minimum duration for long-term student mobility for studies is 2 full months (or 1 trimester) and the maximum duration is 12 full months. For each study cycle separately, the activity duration may be between 2 and 12 months, corresponding to 1, 2 or, in some country systems, 3 terms.

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

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 blended mobility.

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.

Within the same study cycle — associate/undergraduate, master's, or doctoral level — the total duration of student mobility carried out as an Erasmus+ Mundus scholarship holder, if applicable, during the 2014–2020 Erasmus+ programme period, and during the new Erasmus+ programme period of 2021–2027, may not exceed 12 months in total.

Even if no grant is awarded, student mobility activities carried out within the same study cycle must be planned in such a way that their total duration does not exceed 12 months. When a student completes their current study cycle and proceeds to a new one — for example, from undergraduate studies to a master's programme — they may undertake physical mobility again for up to 12 months in the new study cycle. Accordingly, an individual may undertake physical mobility for up to 12 months at each study cycle, with a maximum total duration of 36 months across all study cycles.

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 Centre must be contacted before any event or situation is treated as force majeure. If students return before completing the minimum duration for reasons other than force majeure, the activity is considered invalid and no grant is paid.

[1]"Force majeure" means any exceptional situation or event beyond the control of the parties that prevents either party from fulfilling any of its contractual obligations, is not attributable to any error or negligence on the part of the parties, their subcontractors, affiliated entities, or third parties involved in the implementation, and is unavoidable despite all due care and diligence and could not have been foreseen. Failure to provide a service, defects in equipment or materials, or delays in making them available may not be invoked as force majeure unless they are directly caused by a force majeure event. Likewise, labour disputes, strikes, or financial difficulties shall not, in themselves, be considered force majeure.

Individual Grant Support

Students receive grant support to contribute to part of the expenses arising from being abroad during their activity period. Grants are not intended to cover all activity-related expenses; they are only a contribution. The monthly grant amounts are indicated in the relevant table.

Sending Country	Receiving Country	Monthly Grant Amount (Euro)
Türkiye	Third Country Not Associated with the Programme Located in Regions 1 and 12	700
Third Country Not Associated with the Programme Located in Regions 1 and 12	Türkiye	800

Travel Support

Travel support is provided for student mobility. Travel expenses are calculated using the Distance Calculator: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm. The amount corresponding to the distance in the table is a round-trip amount and is not multiplied by two.

Travel Distance	Standard Travel Grant Amount (Euro)	Green Travel Grant Amount (Euro)
Between 10 and 99 km	28	56
Between 100 and 499 km	211	285
Between 500 and 1,999 km	309	417
Between 2,000 and 2,999 km	395	535
Between 3,000 and 3,999 km	580	785
Between 4,000 and 7,999 km	1,188	1,188
8,000 km or more	1,735	1,735

Additional Grant Support in Student Mobility

Additional Grant Support may be provided to disadvantaged participants in addition to the grant to which they are entitled. In order to receive this grant, the disadvantaged participant 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. Spouses and children of martyrs/veterans (only for participants who are citizens of the Republic of Türkiye)
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 falling within the scope described above may, upon request and provided that they submit documentation proving their status, be granted Additional Grant Support according to the type of mobility, as listed in the relevant table:

Type of Mobility	Amount of Additional Grant Support
Student mobility between 2 and 12 months	€250 per month
Short-term student mobility between 5 and 14 days*	€100 in addition to the total daily grant
Short-term student mobility between 15 and 30 days*	€150 in addition to the total daily grant

* In this case, no additional support is provided for traineeships.

Status of Students Participating Without a Grant ("Zero-Grant" Students)

Students may participate in mobility activities without receiving a grant, if they wish to do so. Zero-grant students are subject to the general evaluation together with all other applicants and follow the same process as students receiving a grant. The only difference is that zero-grant students are not included in the budget calculations and no payment is made to them. Not receiving a grant does not constitute a reason for excluding a student from the selection process.

After students are selected according to the evaluation criteria and their respective weights, if there are remaining places that cannot be financially supported within the budget allocated to the higher education institution, a separate evaluation may be carried out among students who wish to participate without a grant. In this case as well, student selection is carried out by taking into account the general evaluation criteria and their weights, in line with the principles of impartiality and transparency.

After students have started their mobility as zero-grant participants, if the higher education institution decides to provide grants to zero-grant students due to reasons such as transferring funds from institutional support or obtaining additional resources, it may allocate grants either according to the order of success or by applying an equal grant allocation decision to all zero-grant students. In both cases, the grant allocation decision must be recorded by the Selection Committee.

In order for the relevant change to take effect, the grant agreement must be revised or an addendum must be signed as early as possible, and in any case before the student completes the mobility activity. This revised agreement or addendum may be prepared based on the agreement signed, scanned, and sent by the student, provided that the original wet-signed document is obtained later.

No increase in grants may be made after the mobility activity has been completed.

Within each study cycle, mobility may not exceed 12 months, even if carried out without a grant.

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.

Minimum Requirements for Participation

1. The student must be a registered, full-time[2] student at any formal education cycle (first, second or third cycle)[3] within the higher education institution.
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, and 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[4] course load for study mobility. 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[5] 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, 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 in cases where the number of applications is high, provided that this is in line with the criteria set by the Centre. However, the newly determined minimum score must not prevent receiving applications amounting to at least twice the number of available quotas.Under no circumstances may the minimum score threshold be increased after the call for applications has been announced.

[1] First cycle: associate degree and bachelor’s degree; second cycle: master’s degree; third cycle: doctoral degree and medical specialty training.

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

[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 one ECTS credit is 25–30 hours.

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

Planned Host University and Application

In order for student learning mobility to take place, there must be a valid mobility agreement with the universities cooperating under the KA171 International Credit Mobility Project. For this purpose, inter-institutional agreements with the relevant countries may be reviewed on the İstanbul Atlas University Erasmus website: https://www.atlas.edu.tr/tr/erasmus/

Each student who wishes to participate in mobility under the Erasmus+ Programme must first apply online through the National Agency application platform in order to be evaluated according to the Erasmus+ Programme selection criteria. After obtaining the required signatures, the student must upload the relevant documents to the application system.

Only after the evaluation process has been completed and the objection period has ended, students included in the announced final list gain the status of main candidate student when they are nominated to the host institution. The inclusion of a student's name in the preliminary announcement list does not constitute an acquired right.

In order for the student to gain final status, they must apply to the institution to which they have been placed, fulfil the required application conditions, and receive an acceptance letter from the host institution at the end of this process. The acceptance letter may be received either by regular mail or by e-mail.

Each student who wishes to apply for the Erasmus+ Programme should carefully evaluate the idea of exchange in advance, consult the Erasmus+ Office to obtain information about the conditions, institutions, and procedures, and be prepared for the process both financially and personally.

Academic Recognition

İstanbul Atlas University is responsible for ensuring full recognition of the study period spent abroad.

Full recognition is carried out as follows: The original names and credits of the courses taken at the host institution and included in the student's Learning Agreement must appear on the student's transcript and Diploma Supplement. It must also be clearly stated in the footnotes that the student benefited from mobility within the scope of Erasmus+.

In addition, the transcript and Diploma Supplement must clearly indicate which courses were taken within the scope of Erasmus+ and at which higher education institution they were completed.

Application

Details regarding applications 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 user guide for the portal application system can be accessed via the link aforementioned.