

Erasmus ICM Program Guide For Misurata University Students

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Introduction

The **Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (ICM)** program is one of the most famous academic exchange programs in the world. It was created by the European Union to encourage academic collaboration between European universities and other universities around the globe. Through this program, students from all over the world, including those from Misurata University, can study for a semester at a partner university abroad.

For students at Misurata University, the +Erasmus program offers a unique educational experience. It allows them to learn from diverse academic courses, explore new cultures, and broaden their personal and academic horizons. This program is open to students at all levels—bachelor's, master's, and PhD—and provides financial support to cover study and living costs during the exchange period. In this guide, we will give you a complete overview of how to benefit from the Erasmus+ program. This includes essential information on eligibility, application procedures, and the academic requirements you need to meet to ensure a successful study experience abroad. Whether you aim to deepen your academic knowledge or enrich your cultural understanding, the Erasmus+ program offers you the opportunity to achieve these goals.



Workflow Diagram





Exchange Opportunities

The Erasmus+ ICM program offers various exchange opportunities for students at different academic levels:

- **Bachelor's Students:** You can apply for an exchange typically after completing at least one full academic year.
- Master's Students: It's usually best to apply after finishing at least one semester, depending on the structure of your program.
- **PhD Students:** You can apply at any research stage, but you'll usually need approval from your academic supervisor.





Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the Erasmus+ Exchange Program, students must meet certain academic and personal criteria for a one-semester study:

Academic Requirements:

- Undergraduate (Bachelor's):
 - Must have completed at least one full academic year.
- Graduate (Master's):
 - Preferably completed at least one semester.
- Doctorate (PhD):
 - Can apply at any research stage, with supervisor approval.

Minimum Courses and Credits:

- Must complete a minimum of 30 ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) credits per semester.
- Must complete 60 ECTS credits for a full academic year.
- Courses taken at the host university must match the degree requirements at Misurata University.

GPA (Grade Point Average):

- Undergraduate:
 - Minimum GPA of 2.5 out of 4.0 (equivalent to about 50% to 100%).
- Graduate and Doctorate:
 - Minimum GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0 (equivalent to about 75% to 100%).

Language Proficiency:

• Must have a B2 level or equivalent in English or the host country's language.



Application Deadlines & Publication

- Application Period (Open twice a year): in the Fall (September-November) and Spring (February-April).
- **Acceptance Notification:** Students are usually informed about their selection status within two months after the application deadline.
- **Opportunity Announcements:** Details about available exchange opportunities are posted on the Misurata University website and notice boards at the beginning of each semester.





Fields of Study

The Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (ICM) program offers opportunities across a broad range of academic fields. Students can choose from the following areas:

- Humanities and Social Sciences,
- Engineering and Technology,
- Natural Sciences and Mathematics,
- Health and Life Sciences,
- Business and Economics,
- Arts and Design.





Technical Aspects of Application

- Submit Online Application: Students apply through Misurata University's electronic portal (announcements for academic exchange, International Cooperation Office).
- Provide Required Documents: These include academic transcripts, a statement of purpose, and language proficiency certificates.
- Communicate with Host University: After applying, Misurata University sends the candidate's information to the host university.
- Receive Confirmation or Rejection: Host universities review the applications and inform students of acceptance or rejection. Some universities may require additional interviews or documents.





Required Documents

To apply for the Erasmus+ exchange program, prepare the following documents:

- 1. **Completed Application Form:** Available on the Misurata University exchange program website.
- 2. **Academic Transcript:** Shows completed courses and grades, translated into English.
- 3. **Statement of Purpose:** Explains your motivations and goals for the exchange (motivation letter).
- 4. Language Proficiency Certificate: Proof of B2 level in English or the language of the host country.
- 5. **Curriculum Vitae (CV):** Includes contact details, educational and work history, and skills.
- 6. **Recommendation Letters:** Typically, two letters from faculty members familiar with your academic work.
- 7. **Copy of Passport:** Valid passport with enough validity for the duration of the exchange.



Visa and Travel Guidance

• Visa application:

- **Start Early:** Begin your visa application as soon as you receive acceptance from the host university.
- **Visa Types:** Depending on the host country, you may need a student visa or a long-stay visa.
- Gather Required Documents: Collect all necessary documents, including the acceptance letter,
 proof of financial support, and health insurance.
- Schedule and Attend Interview: Make an appointment and attend an interview at the nearest consulate or embassy.
- **Support:** Contact the International Relations Office at the host university for assistance with the visa application process, providing acceptance documents, and program information.

Travel Arrangements:

- **Flight and Accommodation:** Book your flights and arrange accommodation in advance. Many universities offer on-campus housing or can help you find off-campus options.
- **Health Insurance:** Ensure you have adequate health insurance coverage for the entire duration of your stay.
- Travel Plan: Schedule your travel to coincide with orientation week or the start date at the host university.





Arrival and Integration

Orientation Sessions:

 Attend Welcome Sessions: Participate in the orientation sessions organized by the host university. These sessions will help you understand the campus, local culture, and academic expectations.

Interaction with Coordinators:

 Connect with Support Staff: Stay in touch with Erasmus+ coordinators and other support staff for guidance on academic and personal matters. You can reach them via email and other communication channels.

Cultural Exchange and Representation:

 Represent Positively: Represent Misurata University and Libya in a positive light. Share your culture and take part in mutual cultural and educational activities.

Join the Erasmus Student Network (ESN):

 Engage with ESN: The ESN provides support and social integration opportunities. Participate in events and use their resources to enrich your exchange experience.



Commitments & Opportunities

Academic Responsibilities:

- Maintain Academic Progress: Ensure you meet the academic requirements set by the host university.
- Regular Communication: Stay in regular contact with both your host and home universities about your academic status.

Cultural and Social Interaction:

- Participate in Cultural Activities: Engage in activities that promote cultural understanding and community involvement.
- Be a Cultural Ambassador: Share Libyan heritage and learn about other cultures.

Personal and Professional Growth Opportunities:

- Develop Skills: Use the exchange period to develop new skills and build an international network.
- Explore Future Opportunities: Look into academic or career opportunities that might arise during or after your exchange.





Useful Resources

- Misurata University Website: Click link here
- Official Erasmus+ Website: Click link here
- Erasmus Student Network (ESN): <u>Click link here</u>
- International Cooperation Office Misurata University:

Contact Information and Office Hours for Support and Inquiries:

- Office Hours: 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
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- Official Website: <u>Click link here</u>



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