

ERASMUS+ INTERNATIONAL CREDIT MOBILITY

Student Mobility for Studies (SMS) from Universities based in Erasmus+ Partner Countries

International Credit Mobility is the Erasmus+ exchange scheme for the mobility of students and staff of European Universities with partners worldwide. An institution in a Programme Country¹ can send its students and/or staff to a partner institution in a Partner Country and vice versa.

Students can study in Cyprus and may benefit from an Erasmus+ grant to help with traveling and living costs. Within the framework of Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility, Open University of Cyprus (OUC) has secured funding to welcome incoming students for one academic semester at OUC undergraduate or postgraduate programmes (at Master level) and cover their Erasmus+ grant.

Incoming students will have the chance to experience OUC's blended learning methodology by attending courses both with physical presence (although limited) and online via the University's eLearning platform, interacting with their tutors, and obtaining new knowledge and skills from a European university while experiencing a new culture.

POTENTIAL BENEFICIARIES

- **Bachelor degree students** (not in the 1st year of their studies) in Subject Areas /Scientific Fields covered by Erasmus+ Inter-Institutional Agreements.
- **Master's degree students** in Subject Areas / Scientific Fields covered by Erasmus+ Inter-Institutional Agreements.

All incoming students are expected to have a minimum English language proficiency level of **B2** (preferably **C1**).

OUC PROGRAMMES OF STUDY

The full list of available Programmes of Study can be found here: [OUC Programmes](#)

OUC offers the following Master's degree Programmes in English (preferred for Erasmus+ students):

- [Master of Business Administration](#)
- [Cognitive Systems](#)
- [Enterprise Risk Management](#)

For students interested in Programmes of Study offered in Greek, their applications / Learning Agreements will be evaluated and approved first by the relevant

Academic Coordinator to ensure that some Modules / Courses can be offered in English. Hence, nominated students should primarily focus on English-taught Programmes.

IMPORTANT

- Exchanges of students and staff under the Erasmus+ ICM scheme can only take place between Universities that have signed an Erasmus+ Inter-Institutional Agreement, specifying the conditions of mobility.
 - There is a specific budget and number of available incoming mobility positions that cannot be exceeded.
 - Incoming students **do not** pay tuition fees at the Open University of Cyprus. Any fees related to the modules that will be recognized at their home University are handled by their home University.
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MOBILITY DURATION

The minimum duration of mobility is **2 months**.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Step 1: Apply for Erasmus+ study period at OUC

1. Find a suitable degree programme offered by OUC. Prospective students should identify an appropriate programme offered by OUC. Before proceeding with their application, they must consult their home university's International Relations Officer, to confirm that the existing Inter-Institutional Agreement with OUC, includes their respective subject area. You can check OUC's undergraduate and master programmes of study and available modules/courses: [OUC Studies](#)
2. In collaboration with the Academic Coordinator/Head of Programme at their home University, students must complete the **Learning Agreement**, listing:
 - a. Modules they will register for at OUC.
 - b. Modules that will be recognized at their home University.
3. The Learning Agreement must be submitted electronically to the International Relations Office of the home University within the specified deadlines.

Step 2: Application Evaluation Process

- Applications are reviewed by the International Relations Office of the sending Institution.
- Required documents:
 - Individual Learning Agreement.

- Transcript of Records.
- English language proficiency certificate (e.g., IELTS, TOEFL, IGCSE).
- The final nomination list of selected students will be established based on selection criteria and available mobility positions.
- Based on this nominations' list, competent authorities of the Open University of Cyprus will review all applications and establish the final list of beneficiaries in accordance with the selection criteria mentioned in Annex I, and the number of available mobility positions per country. The OUC Mobility Office will inform accordingly both the students securing the Erasmus+ grant for studies at OUC, and the International Relations Office of their home University.

Step 3: Approval of Erasmus+ Grant

- Selected students must sign an **Erasmus+ Grant Agreement** with OUC.
- Erasmus+ grant for incoming students is financed by OUC.

ACCOMMODATION, INSURANCE, AND VISA REQUIREMENTS

- OUC **does not** have dormitories; students must secure private accommodation.
- Incoming students must have **adequate health insurance** covering their mobility duration.
- **Visa requirements** apply for students from non-EU/EEA countries. More information: [Migration Department](#)

END OF MOBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Students must submit the following upon completion:

1. **EU Final Report** (submitted online via the EU's Beneficiary Module).
2. **Study Period Certificate** (issued by OUC).
3. **Transcript of Records** (issued by OUC).
4. **Traveling Documents:**
 - Copy of air tickets & payment receipts.
 - Boarding passes to/from Cyprus.
 - Testimonial and photographs for dissemination purposes.

FUNDING

Travel Grant

Travel grant is calculated based on travel distance between the participant's city of origin and the city of destination (Nicosia, as far as Open University of Cyprus

is concerned). Distance is calculated using the following special distance calculation tool of the EU:

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm

Distance	Amount per Participant (Euro, €)
Between 10 and 99 Km	23-28 EUR
Between 100 and 499 Km	180-211 EUR
Between 500 and 1999 Km	275-309 EUR
Between 2000 and 2999 Km	360-395 EUR
Between 3000 and 3999 Km	530-580 EUR
Between 4000 and 7999 Km	820-1188 EUR
Equal or more than 8000 Km	1500-1735 EUR

Subsistence Grant

The monthly subsistence grant for Cyprus, which is financed by OUC, based on the Erasmus+ programme provisions, amounts to 850 euro.

- [Students with fewer opportunities](#) receive an additional support on top of the EU grant above, to cover individual costs under the Erasmus+ Programme, amounting to 250 EUR per month.

CONTACT DETAILS

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SELECTION CRITERIA

INCOMING STUDENT MOBILITY FOR STUDIES AT OUC

Selection criteria for the evaluation of applications submitted by students of Universities based in Partner Countries and collaborating with Open University of Cyprus under Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility include the following:

- Students with fewer opportunities have priority.
- Grade point average (GPA), based on home University Transcript of Records/Grades report.
- English language level of proficiency: the minimum academic requirement for the Open University of Cyprus is B2 (preferably, C1 - official language certificates such as IELTS, IGCSE, and TOEFL are accepted plus certificates from the home university).

ⁱ The 33 Programme Countries are: the 27 EU Member States, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, the Republic of Northern Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey. Partner Countries are all the other countries in the world.