

Erasmus+ Programme

Key Action 1 – Mobility for learners and staff – Higher Education Student and Staff Mobility

Inter-institutional agreement 2017-20/21 between programme countries

Minimum requirements

The institutions named below agree to cooperate for the exchange of students and/or staff in the context of the Erasmus+ programme. They commit to respect the quality requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education in all aspects related to the organisation and management of the mobility, in particular the recognition of the credits awarded to students by the partner institution.

A. Information about higher education institutions

| Name of the institution (and department, where relevant) | Erasmus code | Contact details (email, phone) | Website (eg. of the course catalogue) |
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| Università degli Studi di Messina | I MESSINA01 | Institutional Coordinator Dott. Giuseppe Lucchese International Relations Organisational Unit Piazza S. Pugliatti, 1 98122 Messina Italy Phone: +39 090 6768534 erasmus@unime.it | Erasmus incoming incoming information: http://relint.unime.it/en/mobilita-in-entrata/ |
| Department | | Departmental Coordinator Prof.ssa Stefania Taviano Dept of Ancient and Modern Civilization Tel: +39090 3503 481 staviano@unime.it | Course Catalogue: http://www.unime.it/cis/numon/cisam/offer |
| University of Birmingham | UK BIRMING02 | Beverley Broll, International Mobility Manager, International Relations, University of Birmingham, Birmingham B15 2TT, UK. | ERASMUS incoming information: http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/studyabroad/nc |

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| | | b.broll@bham.ac.uk Tel: 44 121 415 8427 Claire Belkadi, Head of Study Abroad: c.belkadi@bham.ac.uk Kaveri Barooah, Incoming Coordinator: K.Barooah@bham.ac.uk General enquiries: studyabroad@bham.ac.uk | ingstudents.aspx Semester dates: http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/termdates.aspx |
| Department | | | |

B. Mobility numbers per academic year

The partners commit to amend the table below in case of changes in the mobility data by no later than the end of January in the preceding academic year.

Student Mobility (SMS)

| FROM [Erasmus code of the sending institution] | TO [Erasmus code of the receiving institution] | Subject area code [ISCED] | Subject area name | Study cycle [short cycle, 1 st , 2 nd or 3 rd] | Number of student mobility periods Student Mobility for Studies [total number of months of the study periods or average duration] |
|---|---|------------------------------|-------------------|--|---|
| UK BIRMING02 | I MESSINA01 | 222 | Modern Languages | 1 st (Bachelor) | 4 students for 6 months each or equivalent |
| I MESSINA01 | UK BIRMING02 | 222 | Modern Languages | 1 st (Bachelor) | 4 students for 6 months each or equivalent |

Staff Nobility (STA)

| FROM [Erasmus | TO [Erasmus | Subject area | Subject area | Number of staff mobility periods |
|------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
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| code of the sending institution] | code of the receiving institution] | code [ISCED] | name | Staff Mobility for Teaching <i>[total number of days of teaching periods or average duration]</i> |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|--|
| UK BIRMING02 | I MESSINA01 | 222 | Modern Languages | 1 person / 1 week (8 teaching hours per week) |
| I MESSINA01 | UK BIRMING02 | 222 | Modern Languages | 1 person / 1 week (8 teaching hours per week) |

C. Recommended language skills

The sending institution, following agreement with the receiving institution, is responsible for providing support to its nominated candidates so that they can have the recommended language skills at the start of the study or teaching period:

| Receiving institution [Erasmus code] | Optional: Subject area | Language of instruction 1 | Language of instruction 2 | Recommended language of instruction level ¹ Student Mobility for Studies <i>[Minimum recommended level: B1]</i> | Staff Mobility for Teaching <i>[Minimum recommended level: B2]</i> |
|---|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|
| I MESSINA01 | | Italian | English | B1 | B2 |
| UK BIRMING02 | | English | | IELTS 6.5 (no less than 6.0 in any band) TOEFL iBT 88 (no less than 21 in Reading, 20 in Listening, 22 in Speaking and 21 in Writing.) | Not applicable |

¹ For an easier and consistent understanding of language requirements, use of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) is recommended, see <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/european-language-levels-cefr>

D. Additional requirements and information

[To be completed if necessary, other requirements may be added on academic or organisational aspects, e.g. the selection criteria for students and staff; measures for preparing, receiving and integrating mobile students and/or staff]

[Please specify whether the Institutions have the infrastructure to welcome students and staff with disabilities.]

UK BIRMINGO2: Disability and Dyslexia Support

<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/support/disability/index.aspx>

T: +44 (0)121 414 5130

E: disability@bham.ac.uk

E. Calendar

1. Applications/information on nominated students must reach the receiving institution by:

| Receiving institution [Erasmus code] | Autumn term* [month] | Spring term* [month] |
|---|---|--|
| I MESSINA01 | Nomination deadline: May 15 th Application Form: May 30th | Nomination deadline October 15 th Application Form: October 30th |
| UK BIRMINGO2 | Nomination deadline 28 March Application deadline 30 April | Nomination deadline 1 October Application deadline 1 November |

[to be adapted in case of a trimester system]*

Nominations

I MESSINA01:

Partner institutions should send nominations to erasmus@unime.it

2. The receiving institution will send its decision within 6 weeks.

UK BIRMINGO2:

Partner institutions should send nominations to: k.l.Mondav@bham.ac.uk

2. The receiving institution will send its decision within 6 weeks.

I MESSINA01: The University of Messina welcomes students and staff with disabilities. For questions regarding services to students in need of individual arrangements in connection with studies and/ or examinations, please see the following link:

http://www.unime.it/sezione_disabili/

Transcript of Records

A Transcript of Records will be issued by the receiving institution no later than 5 weeks after the end of the exchange period given that the transcript form and all relevant course work have been submitted by the student.

Termination of the agreement

The inter-institutional agreement may be amended by mutual agreement. The inter-institutional agreement may be terminated by either party. In the event of unilateral termination, a notice of at least one academic year should be given. In the event of such notice being given, all existing commitments to staff or students will be fulfilled. Neither the European Commission nor the National Agencies can be held responsible in case of a conflict.

F. Information

1. Grading systems of the institutions

I MESSINA01

<http://relint.unime.it/en/internazionalizzazione/diploma-supplement/>

<http://relint.unime.it/files/2012/09/Tabella-di-Conversione-voti-con-il-sistema-ECTS-DM270-04.pdf>

UK BIRMINGO2:

| <i>University of Birmingham numerical mark</i> | <i>UK Honours Class</i> |
|--|-------------------------|
| 70+ | I First Class |
| 60-69 | 2I Upper Second Class |
| 50-59 | 2II Lower Second Class |
| 40-49 | III Third Class |
| 0 - 39 | Fail |

2. Visa

The sending and receiving institutions will provide assistance, when required, in securing visas for incoming and outbound mobile participants, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education.

Information and assistance can be provided by the following contact points and information sources:

| Institution [Erasmus code] | Contact details (email, phone) | Website for information |
|-------------------------------|---|---|
| I MESSINA01 | erasmus@unime.it | http://relint.unime.it/files/2012/09/Incoming-Erasmus-Handbook2.pdf (see compulsory fulfillments-Italian immigration rules) |
| UK BIRMING02 | ISAS (International Student Advisory Service), Student Hub Aston Webb +44 (0)121 414 8464 | https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/studentservices/international/index.aspx |

3. Insurance

The University of Birmingham cannot assist students in finding insurance as we are unable to promote private companies.

| Institution [Erasmus code] | Contact details (email, phone) | Website for information |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| I MESSINA01 | erasmus@unime.it | http://relint.unime.it/en/mobilita-in-entrata/informazioni-utili (see Health Insurance) |
| UK BIRMING02 | <i>Not applicable</i> | <i>Not applicable</i> |

4. Housing





The receiving institution will guide incoming mobile participants in finding accommodation, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education.

Information and assistance can be provided by the following persons and information sources:

| Institution [Erasmus code] | Contact details (email, phone) | Website for information |
|-------------------------------|--|---|
| I MESSINA01 | erasmus@unime.it | http://relint.unime.it/en/mobilita-in-entrata/informazioni-utili (see Accommodation and meals) |

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| UK BIRMING02 | Accommodation Services Tel 44 (0)121 414 8000 Email: living@contacts.bham.ac.uk | http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/study/accommodation/index.aspx |
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G. SIGNATURES OF THE INSTITUTIONS (legal representatives)

| Institution [Erasmus code] | Name, function | Date | Signature ² |
|----------------------------------|--|----------------|---|
| I MESSINA01 | Legal Representative: Prof. Pietro Navarra | 20.01. 2017 |   |
| UK BIRMING02 | Legal Representative: Beverley Broll, International Mobility Manager | 26/1 2017 |   |

² Scanned signatures are accepted