



ERASMUS for student mobility – Study Periods

Funding for Perth College UHI students for study abroad in Europe

Erasmus is a great opportunity to spend between 3 and 12 months in another European country, and have it count towards your degree. Apply and receive Erasmus grant for your studying period abroad in Poland or Germany.

Key info:

- We currently offer Erasmus exchange opportunities for students on the following courses:
 - BA Child and Youth Studies – in Poland,
 - HND Engineering Systems – in Germany
- You must be enrolled at least in the second year to be able to participate (you may apply while you are in your 1st year),
- You can go either for one or for two semesters – depending on the programme you are enrolled on (please consult the academic contact for Erasmus)
- You will receive a financial support of approx. €225 per month (in the academic year 2009/10)
- Language preparation support is available
- The programme is open to home and international students (please see eligibility criteria)
- For general information about Erasmus programme see: <http://www.britishcouncil.org/erasmus>

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible, you must be:

- Formally registered at Perth College UHI and be studying at the course leading to a recognised degree or other recognised tertiary level qualification,
- and**
- a national of a participating country or recognised by their country of residence as a refugee, stateless person or permanent resident

Please note that nationality criteria will change from the academic year 2010/11. Recipients of Erasmus grants for individuals must be either:

- nationals of a country participating in the Lifelong Learning Programme¹;
- or**
- nationals of other countries enrolled in regular courses in eligible institutions of higher education or vocational training, in a participating country, or employed or living in a participating country, under the conditions fixed by each of the participating countries, taking into account the nature of the programme.

Part-time students are eligible to participate in Erasmus providing they study full-time during their mobility period.

Costs

There is no admin charge for the organisation or administration of your Erasmus exchange,

Fees for first degree eligible students who are subject to SAAS funding will be paid by SAAS as normal. Please see SAAS website for more information:

http://www.saas.gov.uk/student_support/special_circumstances/going_abroad.htm

You will not be required to pay fees at the host institution.

Your students' entitlements to national grants or loans for study at Perth College will be maintained during your Erasmus period abroad. Entitlement will not be discontinued, interrupted, or reduced while you are studying in a participating country and receiving an Erasmus mobility grant.

Student mobility grants will be paid as a flat rate grant and calculated on a monthly rate. Grants are provided as a contribution towards the costs of the planned Erasmus mobility period. For the academic year 2009/10 the monthly grant is €225.

Grants can only be paid to students going on an approved mobility programme under Perth College Erasmus University Charter and Inter-institutional Agreements between Perth College and partners in other participating countries.

Current exchange links

Academic year 2009/10 is the first year of running the programme at Perth College UHI. Although we are new to the programme we have already developed links with the following institutions:

Kujawy and Pomorze University in Bydgoszcz, Poland ***Kujawsko-Pomorska Szkoła Wyższa w Bydgoszczy, Polska***

Dynamic university specializing in studies in the field of pedagogy, economics and administration. Based in the thriving city of Bydgoszcz it has a wide variety of activities to offer – from quality study to social programme at the newly created Centre for International Students.

For the university website see: www.kpsw.edu.pl

Subject area of exchange: Child and Youth Studies (BA)

Language of tuition: Polish. In addition to pre-departure and in-country training students are eligible to apply for EILC (please see 'language' section for information on available support);

Course contact for Erasmus at Perth: Mei-Li Roberts

Erasmus institutional contact at Perth: Anna Kociolek

University of Applied Sciences, Aschaffenburg, Germany
Hochschule Aschaffenburg, Deutschland

A modern university orientated on practical learning with two main Faculties: in Business Administration and Engineering.

For the university website see: www.fh-aschaffenburg.de

Subject area of exchange: Engineering Systems (HND)

Language of tuition: German. Pre-departure training fund and in-country language training available (please see 'language' section for information on available support)

Course contact for Erasmus at Perth: Jim Thompson

Erasmus institutional contact at Perth: Anna Kociolek

Language

Variety of support programmes for language training is available for Erasmus students:

- Pre-departure training

Once you get accepted on Erasmus exchange you can apply for a scholarship for language training to be undertaken while still at Perth. You will be responsible for organising your training and the scholarship will cover either full cost of training, or part of it.

- Training in-country

An allowance of up to one month's study grant can be awarded to students for linguistic preparation in the country where they will complete their Erasmus period of study. Language preparation must be delivered by a recognised provider of language-training and be held in the host country immediately prior to the study period.

- Erasmus Intensive Language Course (EILC)

Erasmus Intensive Language Courses are specialised courses in the less widely used and less taught languages of the countries participating in the programme which serve to prepare students for their Erasmus period abroad.

Countries involved in organising EILCs are: Belgium (Flemish Community), Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Turkey.

An additional study grant can be awarded to students for attendance on an EILC. The grant is intended to offset the additional costs of taking part in an EILC before the student has commenced their Erasmus mobility period. The additional study grant is paid for the duration of the EILC of between 2 to 6 weeks. If the EILC course is run at the same time as the Erasmus period, the grant is not available; however there may be circumstances when a supplementary EILC grant may be approved, such as when there are extra costs involved in participating in an EILC.

Courses are held at beginner and/or intermediate level.

If a student fails to undertake their planned Erasmus period they will be required to reimburse the EILC grant.

Courses will be held between July and September 2009 and, in some cases, in January or February 2010.

How to apply for EILC:

1. Fill in an application form (http://ec.europa.eu/education/erasmus/doc902_en.htm)
2. Send the application to the Erasmus coordinator at Perth College (see contact details at the end of the section) by **24th of May 2010** (for courses starting in 2010) or **25th of October** (for courses starting in 2011)
3. Your application will be considered by the hosting institution abroad – you will be informed about the results by the end of June/November

Please see what courses (in Poland) are available for students wishing to apply for EILC in Polish:

<http://www.erasmus.org.pl/index.php/ida/75/>

Applying

If you are interested in taking part in Erasmus please see our current list of exchange partners to check that your academic department has Erasmus links and contact your academic contact for Erasmus in the first instance.

Once you have consulted your choice with the academic staff and gained initial approval, you will have to submit an outgoing exchange application form to the International Centre (contact details at the bottom) – available from Perth College website or from the International Centre.

Deadline for applications:

For academic year 2010/11:	16 April 2010
For academic year 2011/12:	25 February 2011

Contact:

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International Centre
Perth College UHI

ⁱ Eligible countries : Austria Belgium Bulgaria Denmark Finland France Germany Greece Ireland Italy Luxembourg Netherlands Portugal Spain Sweden Cyprus Czech Republic Estonia Hungary Lithuania Latvia Malta Poland Romania Slovenia Slovak Republic, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Turkey