

# Information about the Erasmus+ Exchange Program of the Faculty of Physics and Astronomy

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- International experience/s can be an advantage in many aspects (e.g. personal or professional development):
  - „Broadening one’s horizon“
  - Getting acquainted with other cultures and university systems
  - Improving foreign language proficiency
  - Open-mindedness and flexibility
- The Erasmus+ program enables students to study at different European partner universities for a limited period of time (1-2 semesters)

- Allotment of an exchange place at a partner university:  
⇒ No semester fee & less organizational and bureaucratic effort!!
- Erasmus+ grant:
  - Financial support for additional expenditures like traveling, higher rents/costs of living etc.
  - Approximately 330 - 450 €/month
  - Requires additional application (after being accepted for an exchange place) **at International Office!** Please inform yourself about **deadlines** and stick to them!  
Prerequisites: learning agreement with ~30 ECTS (see below)
  - After your study abroad: Certificate about the completion of courses/ECTS
- <http://www.uni-jena.de/en/international>

- **All students from the Faculty of Physics and Astronomy:**
  - Physics (B.Sc., M.Sc.,...), Photonics,
  - Material Sciences,
  - Teaching students (physics needs to be one subject)
- Application possible after completing first 2 semesters,
- Possibility to get repeated Erasmus-support in new study stage (BSc, MSc), but pay attention to offered courses at partner university (BSc, MSc, subject area)
- Students need to be fully enrolled at FSU and will stay enrolled during their study abroad period. (Request a break semester!)
- Few exceptions for students from other disciplines:
  - If free places left after the first round of allocation
  - approval of partner university required

## Existing „bilateral agreements“ (number of slots/year):

Land	Universität	Plätze
Großbritannien	University of St Andrews (nur MSc Phys. mit der Spez. Astro)	1
Irland	Cork Institute of Technology (nur Phys./Phot.)	1
Niederlande	Delft University of Technology (nur Phys./Phot.)	5
Frankreich	Université Joseph Fourier - Grenoble (nur Phys./Phot.)	2
	Université de Rennes I (nur MSc Phys./Phot.)	1
	Université de Bordeaux (nur MSc Phys./Phot.)	5
	Université de Paris-Saclay, Institut d'Optique (nur MSc Phys./Phot.)	2
Schweiz	Université de Genève (nur Phys./Phot.)	2
Österreich	Fachhochschule Wien (Physik, Biomedizintechnologie)	4
Finnland	University of Eastern Finland (nur MSc Phys./Phot.)	1
Schweden	Umeå Universitet (nur Phys./Phot.)	2
Polen	Uniwersytet Jagielloński w Krakowie (nur Phys./Phot.)	1
	Nicolaus Copernicus University Toruń (nur Phys./Phot.)	1
Tschechien	Brno University of Technology (nur Phys./Phot.)	1
Rumänien	Universitatea Babeș-Bolyai, Cluj-Napoca (nur Physik)	1
Bulgarien	University of Chemical Technology and Metallurgy, Sofia (Physik und Materialwissenschaften)	2
Spanien	Universidad de Granada (nur BSc Phys.)	1
	Escola Tècnica Superior d'Enginyeria de Telecomunicació de Barcelona (nur Phys./Phot.)	1
	Universitat de les Illes Balears, Palma (nur BSc Phys.)	1
Portugal	Universidade de Lisboa (nur Phys./Phot.)	1
	Universidade de Coimbra (nur Phys./Phot.)	1
Italien	Università degli Studi di Roma "Tor Vergata" (nur Phys./Phot.)	1
	Politecnico di Milano (nur Phys./Phot.)	2
	Università degli Studi di Cagliari (nur Phys./Phot.)	1
Griechenland	Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (nur Phys./Phot.)	2

- Documents/forms from International Office of FSU:  
<http://www.uni-jena.de/en/erasmus-forms>
  - ⇒ Formulare ⇒ Erasmus+
  - ⇒ Erasmus+ Bewerbungsformular 2023-24
- Fill out completely and include:
  - Letter of motivation
  - List of all completed credits/courses (transcript of records)
  - Planned study period (WS/SS/full academic year)
  - Letter of recommendation from faculty member
  - Language certificate(s) (school, university, also planned courses to attend after application)
    - 1st, 2nd (3rd) choice for exchange places
- Submit til Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> 2023 to Erasmus-Coordinator of PAF

- Convincing letter of motivation:
  - Getting to know a different university system, improving language skills and living in a new culture
  - Broadening one's horizon
  - Make use of courses offered at partner university, which might not be available at FSU
  - Include convincing description of your planned studies abroad and why you chose this particular university
  - Not convincing: „I want to visit a beautiful country“
- Include previously completed courses/grades
- It can help to improve your already existing language skills, e.g., by taking a language course prior to the planned study period.

- Decision factors:
  - Motivation (40%)
  - Language proficiency (30%)
  - Academic achievements (20%)
  - Form of the application (10%)



# When will I be informed about the decision?

- Middle of February/beginning of March 2023:  
positive (or negative) answer from Erasmus coordinator
- When positive: fill out and sign **binding declaration of acceptance** (form from website of International Office),  
and send it to Erasmus-Coordinator  
⇒ binding allotment of study places at the partner  
universities

- It's your own responsibility to register yourself at the partner university (after being nominated by your Erasmus-coordinator).
- You need to search for an apartment/place in a student dormitory yourself (keep potential deadlines in mind!).
- Request a break semester at FSU for your study abroad period.
- Make sure you have **sufficient insurance coverage** for your partner university's country!
- Fill out the "learning agreement" (form from website of International Office):
  - Plan for your study abroad: must contain all courses you intend to participate in (also language courses!)
  - Approx. **30 ECTS per semester**
  - Needs approval from Erasmus coordinator, also later changes

- Overlapping study periods:
  - German university system: study year is divided in **two semesters**
  - Many foreign universities: study year is divided in **three trimesters (three terms)** depending on the specific university/country
    - ⇒ relevant if you plan on doing one semester only
- Take break semester(s) during your Erasmus-semester(s), important for your total number of semesters!
- If you receive BAföG:
  - Inform yourself about 'Auslands-BAföG' (foreign BAföG), it can be requested at the BAföG-office responsible for you

- Usual process: FSU has to approve the courses at the partner university: **examination board**
- The examination board usually approves the courses if
  - equivalent courses are being offered at the FSU (equivalent content, level, hours a week, ECTS, etc.) and the respective faculty member approves the course (**ask for approval beforehand!**)
  - a faculty member recommends a course to be accepted even though the course does not have an equivalent in the module catalog from FSU (in this case document the content exactly)
- Full guarantee that courses completed during your Erasmus+ period will be transferred cannot be given. Yet, if you stick to the information and steps mentioned and stay in touch with your coordinator the probability is very high.

- Application deadline: 15. January 2023
- Use all available information and forms from homepage of International Office (<https://www.uni-jena.de/en/studying-in-europe>)
- If there still are questions open:  
Ask your Erasmus-coordinator!
- Final decision: end of February/beginning of March 2023

**Good luck with your application!**