



ERASMUS + INFORMATION EVENT

Institute for Media Culture and Theater

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Aims:

The aim of Erasmus+ is to contribute to the Europe 2020 strategy for growth, jobs, social equity and inclusion.

Specific issues tackled by the programme include:

- Reducing unemployment, especially among young people
- Promoting adult learning, especially for new skills and skills required by the labour market.
- Encouraging young people to take part in European democracy
- Supporting innovation, cooperation and reform
- Reducing early school leaving
- Promoting cooperation and mobility with the EU's partner countries



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Internships Abroad

Sources of Information:

- International Office: <http://international.uni-koeln.de/8977.html>
- Media Culture and Theater: Philipp Bojahr
http://www.mekuwi.phil-fak.uni-koeln.de/philipp_bojahr.html



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Four Ways to Study Abroad

- Make your own Partnership Agreement
- Apply via the International Office:
<http://international.uni-koeln.de/8929.html>
Please be aware that the different partner universities have different deadlines.
- Apply via an Institute
You can apply via any Institute, and as many, Institutes as you like..
- Apply via the Erasmus + Programme of the Institute of Media and Theater



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Common Questions:

“Can I apply via different Institutes at the same time?”

Yes! But remember that there are different application procedures and deadlines in the different Institutes.



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Common Questions:

“I am doing a joint-honours degree (2-Fach/Verbund). Can I study both of my subjects abroad?”

That depends entirely on your partner university. Check with them.

If not, you could study more of your other subject next term to compensate.



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“Can I study abroad more than once?”

Yes!

Erasmus + will fund your studies for 12 months

So, you could study in France for one semester and in Turkey for another semester

If you are able to fund yourself, your studies abroad are unlimited



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“How will I fund my studies abroad?”

- You will need to apply for funding via the International Office. <http://international.uni-koeln.de/8933.html?&L=1>
- Max 250 euros per month. Funding depends on the country you are going to.
- Extra Funding can be applied for via **Auslands-BAföG**
- Funding is not dealt with by the Institutes



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HOW DO I APPLY?

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Application Materials:

1. **A completed application form**, submitted to the Reception of the Institute of Media Culture and Theater
2. **A CV**, in the English Language, submitted to the Reception of the Institute of Media Culture and Theater
3. **A covering letter**, in the English Language, submitted to the Reception of the Institute of Media Culture and Theater
4. **A printout of your KLIPS records**, with all of your completed courses and grades, signed by you submitted to the Reception of the Institute of Media Culture and Theater.
5. **An email** notifying Dr Jenny Sager (jenny.sager@uni-koeln.de) of your intention to apply for study abroad containing your complete details (first name, last name, date of birth, telephone, mobile, contact details of your next of kin, your email address).

COVERING LETTER

Format:

- Must be written in English, black ink and size 12 font.
- Max length: 2 sides of A4
- This is not a formal covering letter – it can be personal in tone and you can use the first person ‘I’
- Only one covering letter per student (but including a discussion of your choice/ranking of different partner universities).

Content:

- Why is studying abroad important to your university education?
- Why have you chosen to apply to these universities? Explain your priority list.
- What courses do you want to take? How will these courses link to your studies in Cologne?
- What you expect from studying abroad? Intellectually, culturally, personally, linguistically?
- Do you have the necessary language prerequisite to study in this country?

Submission of Application

DEADLINE: 1st February 2017

- Hand in your application materials (application form, CV, Klips print out, covering letter) to the reception of the Institute of Media, Culture and Theater
- Email your contact details to me. Dr Jenny Sager:
jenny.sager@uni-koeln.de



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EVALUATION OF APPLICATIONS

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EVALUATION PROCESS

- After the submission of the application, it will be reviewed over the course of **two weeks**.
- Successful applicants will be informed by **15th February**
Successful applicants will then have **1 week** to formally accept the offer, via email
- If a successful applicant turns down the offer, the place will be offered to another applicant



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Meeting for Successful Applicants:

- Applying for Funding
- Completing a Learning Agreement (a form which lists the courses you plan to take abroad)
- General Advice about looking for accommodation, applying for visas, booking travel, etc.



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It is possible to pause your studies (Urlaubssemester), while you go abroad

Positive:

- You avoid having to pay your student fees (Semesterbeitrag)

Negative:

- You have no subsidized train travel
- You can not register for exams
- You can not access the library



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CONVERTING CREDITS FROM ABROAD

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- On your return from abroad, book an appointment to see me in my office hour
- I will fill out a **credit conversion form** on the basis of that meeting and your transcript of records from abroad
- You will then take this form to the Exam Schools (Prüfungsamt), who will then do the credit conversion

CONVERTING CREDITS FROM ABROAD

- I can only advise you on the conversion of media studies courses
- So if you study Art History and Media, for example, you will need to go to the Erasmus Representative in Art History to help you to convert Art History courses
- If you decide to study a language while abroad, these credits can be converted by Studium Integrale

All credits gained abroad can be converted

These credits can be recognised in any module here at Cologne

CONVERTING CREDITS FROM ABROAD

MYTH:

“You can not convert study abroad credits into AM modules”

FALSE!!!

You can convert study abroad credits into **ANY** module

CONVERTING CREDITS FROM ABROAD

MYTH:

“Just studying abroad is enough to get the Erasmus module”

FALSE!!!

“No, you need to get at least 12 credit points to get the Erasmus module!”

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MYTH:

“Jenny Sager converts the credits and grades from abroad”

FALSE!!!

Only the Exam Schools (Prüfungsamt) can convert credits/grades from abroad. I merely offer them suggestions on the basis of my knowledge of media studies.

CONVERTING CREDITS FROM ABROAD

MYTH:

“You can convert some credits into BA modules and then the rest into MA modules”

FALSE!!!