



ERASMUS+ FOR STUDIES PROGRAMME A.Y. 2023/2024 USEFUL INFORMATION FOR OUTGOING ERASMUS+ STUDENTS PROCEDURE FOR ONGOING MOBILITY

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1. ARRIVAL AT THE HOST UNIVERSITY

Once your mobility has started:

- you MUST have your Learning Agreement approved by both Universities (Sending and Receiving Institution). If you have already started your mobility and you do not have a Learning Agreement signed due to extraordinary and exceptional conditions that you have already reported to internationalexchange@unito.it, you MUST get it approved as soon as possible (for further information, please read the Vademecum online Learning Agreement);
- you have to check with your Host University the criteria they use to fill in the Mobility Declaration-Dichiarazione di mobilità (which dates will be certified as the actual beginning and ending of your mobility?). Please note that the duration of the semester abroad may not correspond to the duration of the Agreement you were awarded.

N.B. The final calculation of the grant will be made solely on the basis of the dates entered on the Mobility Declaration.

For example:

- Number of months under the Bilateral Agreement: 6 months;
- Grant received by the student on the basis of the dates entered on the Gform: 6 months;
- Duration of the academic semester certified in the Mobility Declaration: 5 months.

In this case, the student will be asked to return 1 monthly instalment of the grant because of the difference between the scholarship received (6 months) and the period attested by the Mobility Declaration (5 months).

2. CHANGES TO THE LEARNING AGREEMENT

After you started your Erasmus+ Mobility, in case you need to make some changes to the study plan previously approved, **you have to change your Learning Agreement**. This procedure has to be carried out:

- within 5 weeks from the beginning of each semester;
- as soon as possible if the changes to the Learning Agreement are due to an extension of your mobility stay (see Section 3 – How to request an extension of your Erasmus+ stay).

In order to make these changes, you should use the **UniTo online procedure** to submit a **"New Learning Agreement"**. The procedure is similar to the one you previously followed and it allows you to delete and/or add coursework from/to the latest Learning Agreement approved.

- ! Before making any change to your Learning Agreement, you must make sure that both UniTo and the Host University have approved your "Learning Agreement Before the Mobility".
- ! Students should limit the use of the "Change Learning Agreement" procedure, by agreeing the overall list of changes required at the beginning of each semester and therefore making only one "Change" per semester.
- ! Make sure that the coursework included in your Learning Agreement is already part of your UniTo Study Plan (*Piano Carriera*).





PLEASE NOTE:

During the mobility abroad it is not possible to:

- take exams at the University of Turin (both in-person and online mode);
- register exams at the University of Turin (both in-person and online mode);
- complete your course of study (graduate) at the University of Turin while on Erasmus+.

Only during the virtual programme in the frame of a blended mobility you:

- can take/register exams at the University of Turin (both in-person and online mode);
- however you still cannot complete your course of study (graduate) at the University of Turin while on Erasmus+.

3. HOW TO REQUEST AN EXTENSION OF YOUR ERASMUS+ STAY

Any extension to your Mobility stay must be agreed and authorised by both the Host University and the Italian professor who oversees the Bilateral Agreement of your Erasmus+. The authorization must be obtained 30 days before the end of the mobility stay covered by the Bilateral Agreement or in any case before the hypothetical end of your mobility.

In order to complete the procedure to request an extension of your Erasmus+ mobility you must:

- check the official Erasmus+ National Agency's calculator in order to calculate correctly the number of days of your mobility. You will find it on the UniTo website, by clicking here);
- take into consideration the duration of the Bilateral Agreement you have been awarded and NOT
 the dates you previously communicated via our Google Form "Autodichiarazione del periodo di
 mobilità all'estero".
 - **N.B.** There's no need to ask for an extension if the mobility ends within the deadline of the Bilateral Agreement you were awarded;
- fill in and send by email to Sezione UNITA e Mobilità Internazionale (<u>internationalexchange@unito.it</u>) the form "Richiesta di proroga" ("Extension of mobility request" form). You will find the form on the UniTo website page <u>Istruzioni per student UniTo (outgoing)</u>.

The "Extension of mobility request" form has to be sent to the Sezione UNITA e Mobilità Internazionale Office before the end of your mobility period initially established by the Agreement and it must:

✓ already be complete with the signatures of the reference professors/responsible offices of both UniTo and the Host University.

N.B.

- As far as UniTo is concerned, the person responsible for the approval is the professor who
 oversees the Bilateral Agreement of your Erasmus+ mobility scholarship. You'll find her/his
 name on your MyUnito page > Sezione Bandi Internazionali, where you can also track all
 the details about your Erasmus+ destination;
- If the Host University is not willing to accept the extension, you will not be authorized to carry it out.
- ✓ display the dates of signature. These dates must be obtained no later than 30 days before the end of your Erasmus+ mobility established by the Agreement or in any case before the hypothetical end of your mobility. N.B. In case of delays attested in the dates of signature, the extension will not be authorized.
- ✓ **display clearly how the extended period will be carried out**: *virtually* from Italy (*blended mobility*) or *in-person* from the Country where your Host University is.





PLEASE NOTE:

! The extension of your stay can be requested for a minimum of 1 month beyond the duration established by the Bilateral Agreement and up to the maximum number of months dictated by your study cycle, taking also into account all the Erasmus+ mobilities (Erasmus+ for studies and Traineeship) carried out within the same study cycle (see Art. 2 of the Erasmus+ Mobility Call for Studies a.y. 23/24);

N.B.: You must request a 1-month extension of your mobility stay even for periods shorter than 1 month (e.g.: need to extend your stay for an expected period of 10 further days).

- ! Even in the case of authorized extension, your Erasmus+ mobility for studies must end by September 30th, 2024 and it must be carried out continuously;
- ! For the a.y. 2023/2024, the financial coverage for extensions is **only** available for:
 - ✓ Extended periods carried out in-person from your Host Country;
 - ✓ Mobility periods that have been authorized in conformity with the rules previously mentioned (e.g. extensions requested for a period that would go beyond the duration of the Agreement);
 - ✓ Max 3 month-extension of mobility (actually carried out) beyond the duration of the Agreement;
- ! The extension of your stay period (up to max 3 months) will only **be paid after all the closure procedures of your Erasmus+ mobility are completed**. The calculation will be made on the basis of the actual duration of the mobility undertaken and, if you benefit from the supplementary contribution, the CFUs obtained abroad and recognised in your academic career;
- ! In order to keep your Erasmus+ student *status* and all the safeguards that it brings, you have to submit your request of extension on the basis of the actual number of months you need to stay abroad beyond the deadline of the Agreement, regardless of the maximum period of time that can be paid.

Example:

- Total number of months according to your Google Form submission: 5 (02/09/2023-01/02/2024 150 days)
- Total number of months covered by the Agreement: 6 (180 days)

In your Google Form submission, you wrote **01/02/2024** as the end date of your Erasmus+.

However, the **Bilateral Agreement** you were awarded covers **6 months**. So, considering you started your mobility on Sept 2nd, 2023 **your Erasmus+ would officially end on March 1st, 2024**.

If:

- ✓ You stay on Erasmus until March 1st, 2024 you don't need to submit an extension request. In this scenario, your Erasmus+ scholarship will be recalculated at the end of your mobility and you will be paid the difference (if due) on the basis of the duration covered by your bilateral agreement;
- ✓ You plan to stay on Erasmus **beyond** March 1st, 2024 you **must** ask for an extension of your mobility period. In this case:
 - o You have to consider March 2nd, 2024 as the initial date of your extension period;
 - Your "Extension of mobility request" form must be authorized and signed within Feb 3rd
 2024 (the date of signature must be visible);
 - The extension of your Erasmus+ mobility will be covered financially up to max 3 months beyond the end date covered by the Agreement (in our example that would be March 1st 2024).





4. MOBILITY DECLARATION

Before you come home, the Host University must certify your actual Mobility dates on the "Mobility Declaration" form which shows your recorded start and end Mobility dates. This form must state clearly the period of in-person Mobility CARRIED OUT ABROAD and, if necessary, the online period CARRIED OUT IN ITALY.

You can download the "Mobility Declaration" form from UniTo website on this pace "<u>Istruzioni per studenti UniTo (outgoing)</u>" which will have to be filled in and approved by the Host University at the end of your Mobility. You can also use the form recommended by the Host University, as long as it provides CLEARLY the same information as the UniTo form.

The actual period spent abroad will ONLY be counted according to the actual start and end dates recorded in this document. Travel documents, rental contracts, etc., will not be taken into consideration.

Please note that the date of issue of the "Mobility declaration" form must be the same as or after the date certified as the end of your Erasmus+ stay, or the document will not be valid. If the document is signed earlier, the date of signature will be considered the actual end date of your mobility.

We remind you that, according to the Erasmus+ mobility Programme, your Erasmus+ stay must last a minimum of 2 months (60 days).

PLEASE NOTE:

According to the new Erasmus+ mobility programme, **only** in-person mobility periods will be funded, therefore in case of:

- <u>Physical Mobility</u>: the participant receives contributions for their entire Mobility period in the host country;
- <u>Blended Mobility</u>: the participant receives contributions only for the actual days of Mobility in the host country.

5. END OF MOBILITY DOCUMENTS CHECK

Before you come back to Italy and by the end of your mobility, please remember to complete any procedures required by your Host University and to check that you have the following documents (for further details see "Useful information a.y. 2023-2024 - End of mobility" which will be published here Instructions for students UniTo (outgoing):

- Mobility Declaration: signed and, if possible, stamped by the Host University;
- Learning Agreement (LA) including any Changes to the original Learning Agreement in its final
 version, which must be approved through the Online Learning Agreement procedure by the UniTo
 professor and signed and stamped by the Host University;
- Transcript of Records (ToR), or the certificate of exams taken at the Host University. Please note that many Host Universities send this document directly to our office after the end of your mobility: in this case, the timing of the delivery of the document does not depend on you. However, you are required to request the release of the Transcript of Records by e-mail. If the Host University does not use the ECTS system for the credits and grades of the courses taken during the mobility, we recommend that you ask the Host University for a table that converts the local grades and credits into the ECTS system;





- If you carried out thesis research and/or traineeship, you must obtain a certificate of thesis
 research and/or traineeship on unstamped paper which the Host University has signed and/or
 stamped, with an indication of the number of hours spent on each activity (for any problems
 write to internationalexchange@unito.it);
- Recognition of Coursework Form (DR): the form for 2023/2024 mobility is available on the <u>Istruzioni per studenti UniTo (outgoing)</u> page;
- Piano Carriera Career plan (PC), in pdf format, that you can download from your MyUniTo.

6. SIMULATOR TOOL OF THE ERASMUS+ FOR STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP A.Y. 2023/2024

Before you come back to Italy and send us the documents to initiate the closure procedure of your mobility, you can use the "*Simulatore borsa Erasmus+ studio a.a. 2023-2024*" (Simulator of the Erasmus+ for studies scholarship a.y. 2023/2024). This useful tool gives you an idea of the final, actual grant due of your Erasmus+ scholarship. You can find it on the <u>Istruzioni per studenti UniTo (outgoing)</u> webpage. However, pay the utmost attention to the following:

- 1- This simulator is a reference tool. The calculation of the actual Erasmus+ grant due will ultimately be carried out by the UNITA and International Mobility Section office. Use it carefully;
- 2- You'll enter the data yourself. **Tip:** when selecting the information, pay close attention to get an idea of the final grant due. For further information on the grant, please read **the Grant Agreement** (Articles 5 and 6) and/or the Erasmus+ Call for studies a.y. 23/24 Article 7) first;
- 3- The final calculation made by the simulator **DOES NOT INCLUDE** the amounts of the following grants (**IF DUE**): Travel Grant, Top Up Travel Green and the actual extension period carried out that can be paid. For further details please read again Article 5 of Grant Agreement;
- 4- **Please note:** for the purpose of calculating the actual period of your Erasmus+ mobility, only the dates certified by the host university on the Mobility Declaration will be taken into account;
- 5- **Please note:** only the Erasmus+ stay period carried out in-person will be paid. The simulator **does not** consider virtual mobility intervals;
- 6- Take into account the amount of the Erasmus+ scholarship that you have already got in order to calculate the balance (if due) or the amount you'll have to return at the end of your mobility: **EXAMPLES:**
 - ! You got € 1.200 as first payment of your Erasmus+ grant. The simulator tells you that the total amount of the scholarship is € 1.500. You have a **positive balance** (you'll get more money) of € 300,00 (€ 1.500-1.200= € 300).
 - ! You got € 1.200 as first payment of your Erasmus+ grant. The simulator tells you that the total amount of the scholarship is € 1.100. You have a **negative balance** (you'll have to return money) of € 100,00 (€ 1.100-1.200= € -100).