# SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY – UNIVERSITY OF PADOVA SELECTION CRITERIA ERASMUS+ STUDY and SEMP MOBILITY PROGRAMMES ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/2023

## **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

In order to be admitted to the above mentioned mobility programmes, the School of Psychology accepts the guidelines of the 2024/2025 calls for applications on the admission requirements, on the number of credits that candidates must have recorded in order to submit their application and on application modalities.

### MERIT LIST BASED ON PREREQUISITES

Students meeting the prerequisites stated for each agreement, as defined in the *destinations* web portal, will be admitted to the selection.

Priority on the merit list is given to students:

- 1) enrolled in the degree programmes listed for each agreement available in the destinations web portal
- 2) who have NOT already benefited from an LLP/Erasmus+ Study or Erasmus+ Study mobility period within the same study cycle.

Should no candidates meet these prerequisites, the merit ranking list will be drawn up by assessing the remaining applications. The following candidates will not be included in the selection process:

- 1) students from degree programmes not consistent with the course catalogue of the partner university
- 2) students whose language proficiency is two CEFR levels lower than that recommended by the partner university

Please note: The degree programme indicated has a preference, not an exclusion criteria. Students enrolled in degree programmes not listed for a specific agreement may submit their application, but it is their **responsibility** to ensure that: a) the course catalogue of the partner university is in line with their course prospectus and that b) their degree programmes does not explicitly appear as excluded in the *Additional requirements* area.

Candidates in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Bachelor applying in order to spend abroad their 1<sup>st</sup> year of Master must apply for destinations devoted to the Master degree of their interest and report the title of the programme in the relevant box in the *Proposal of studies activities* form. In the absence of this information, applicants will remain on the ranking list but placed at the bottom of it, regardless of merit score.

Should **applications and unclear or problematic situations emerge** (e.g. Irregular study plan draft due to content or number of credits envisaged, students with the same merit, students applying from degree courses not listed for a specific destination), applications will need to be assessed from the Academic Coordinators (= *Responsabili di Flusso*, the professors in charge of the mobility agreements).

#### **ELIGIBILITY INTERVIEW**

Should a mandatory interview with the Academic Coordinator (= Responsabile di Flusso) be necessary to be admitted to the selection (the need for an interview is **explicitly stated** in the Additional requirements area), the interview must take place **before submitting the application** and exclusively within the deadline for the application on Uniweb. Under no circumstances can the interview be held after the application deadline.

Students are asked to promptly get in contact with the relevant Academic Coordinator asking information on the modalities of the mandatory interview (e.g.: face to face, online on Zoom/Skype, by phone, by sending via e-mail an academic CV/motivation letter...)

Immediately after the call for applications closes, the Academic Coordinator shall provide the Mobility Desk at the School of Psychology with the list of students who did the interview and the mark given to each of them (sufficient: from 0 to 5 points, fair: from 6 to 10 points, good: from 11 to 15 points, excellent: from 16 to 20 points). These marks will be taken into consideration to calculate the merit mark given to each candidate.

In the event eligibility for an interview is an essential requirement, applications from candidates who did not do the interview **will not be considered valid**.

#### **SELECTION**

To select the successful candidates, the School of Psychology has decided to adopt a criterion based on the **academic merit of the candidates**. Such merit is assessed taking into consideration: the priorities set by the School, the prerequisites set by the Academic Coordinators, the score given to the certified language proficiency and the result of the mandatory interview (if required).

A merit list will be established with score of 30 points (see file Ranking criteria).

To draw up the merit list, the weighted average (rounded to the second decimal place) of the marks correctly registered on Uniweb within the dates stated in the Erasmus+Call. Honors and exams with a simple "approved" status will not concur to the weighted average.

Each candidate can choose up to 2 different destinations by assigning a priority order (1, 2): the allocation of available scholarships takes place considering the priority.

The list of successful and eligible candidates takes into consideration the priority of choice of the destination.

#### LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Students uploading with the application a proof of their language proficiency will be granted with a maximum of 18 extra points. Language proficiency must be in the language of instruction of the partner university. Please note that possession of language level attestation/certification is not a mandatory requirement but it allows to have additional points.

If a student has several language proficiency certificates, it is their responsibility to attach to the application only the certificate that is most advantageous for the purposes of their evaluation. Points given for language certificates cannot be added up.

If a candidate mistakenly uploads more than one certificate, only the most advantageous will be taken into account.

CEFR level	Type of certificate/proof of language skills	Score
C2	Strong	18
	Weak	16
C1	Strong	15
	Weak	13
B2	Strong	12
	Weak	10

B1	Strong	9
	Weak	7
A2	Strong	6
	Weak	4
<b>A</b> 1	Strong	3
	Weak	1

#### NB:

- 1) Only certificates/proof of language skills awarded from 2018 are considered valid for Unipd application
- 1) Please see the following link for **Strong certificates**: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ygmxKdzcKxluL KJo0CprFSHRUTnLNj9/view
- 2) Weak certificates/proof of language skills are:
- Certificates/Open badges issued by other Universities language centers, clearly reporting the level achieved
- OLS tests taken during previous Erasmus+ experiences
- Certificates issued after having completed a study trip so long as they clearly state the CEFR level achieved
- Scores of any assessment language test (TAL) which might be offered by CLA for 2024/2025 candidates
- Other language proficiency statements not testing all passive and active skill
- Partial/not official results of tests given by certifying agencies (e.g. Cambridge score results)
- the Lingua inglese per la psicologia/Academic English 5 CFU courses delivered in Bachelors' programmes of the School of Psychology. The level corresponds to B2. In order for this to be counted for score calculation purposes, it is mandatory to attach the Declaration in lieu of certification (=self-declaration) available among the attachments to the application in Uniweb. In the absence of this document, the eligibility will not be counted
  - 3) The results of language tests organised by the School and the CLA during the Erasmus+ selections from the Academic Year 14/15 to Academic Year 23/24 are not taken into consideration in this selection.
  - 4) For circumstances not included at points 2 and 3:
    - Mother-tongue speakers will receive a score equal to level C2, Strong certificate. It is
      considered mother tongue speaker the student who accomplished high school and
      gained the relative diploma in a Country whose official language is under assessment
      for the selection. It is mandatory to upload a copy of the diploma with the
      application
    - A score equal to *B2*, *Strong certificate* will be awarded to students who graduated in a Bachelor Degree held in English in Italy or abroad
    - A score equal to B2, Strong certificate will be awarded to students having completed an international high school in Italy or abroad (e.g.: International Baccalaureate - IB Diploma Programme) or in the frame of educational cooperation between different EU Ministries (e.g. ESABAC)

## THESIS RESEARCH WORK, PRE-GRADUATION TRAINEESHIP

- 1) Thesis Research can be done by both Ba and Ma students (enrolled in the old and new system);
- 2) The internship can only be done by Ba and Ma students enrolled in the old system system. More information on this can be found on the School's website at the following link.

The possibility of working on thesis/internship research must always be verified by candidates and applicants, in agreement with the Academic Coordinators by contacting the administrative offices

(Erasmus, International Relations...) of the University of interest. Confirmation from supervising faculty is not sufficient. In the absence of clearance from the administration, the application will not be considered valid. If these options are not possible, applicants are encouraged to consider the Eramsus+Traineeship call.

Only the applications authorised by the Academcid Coordinator, who has signed the relevant letter the student must attach to their application, shall be considered valid. Applications bearing the signature of another faculty member (e.g., thesis advisor, Italian or foreign internship supervisor) will not be considered.

The signature on the form for a period for thesis/traineeship/research gives priority to that application compared to those of students who apply for an Erasmus grant only to take exams, asit proves that the activity to be carried out during the period abroad has already been agreed with the professor or it certifies that the professor undertakes to personally help the student look for a tutor at a host university abroad. These applications carry a score of 15 points

#### PhD students

In the event the agreement for the destination abroad envisages the possibility also for PhD students of our School to benefit from the exchange programme, the interested students are highly recommended to reach preliminary agreements with the professor in charge of the corresponding exchange programme. As they must carry out a period abroad during their training, applications from PhD students will be given priority over applications from other students.

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