

Criteria for the selection of Erasmus+ applications – SPGI Department

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Selection criteria are outlined in the decision made by the Council of the Department on 10 November 2022.

Choice of destinations and general indications

Each applicant may express up to two destinations for each mobility call by giving them a decreasing level of priority. The assignment will take place by generating for each destination a ranking of candidates built on the score given according to the selection criteria. Given that it is possible to be assigned to only one destination for each call for applications, candidates who are successful in both destinations shall be assigned to the one chosen with the higher priority ranking.

Failure to submit documents or written notes in the "Additional Information" space during the application phase where explicitly requested in the criteria shall result in the non-awarding of points, with no possibility of integrating the application after submission.

The following criteria are intended to apply to Erasmus+ and SEMP destinations of the Department or any other selection according to the specifications of the individual mobility calls.

1. Points for year of enrolment

| BACHELOR | POINTS | MASTER | POINTS |
|---------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|--------|
| First year Bachelor's degree | 18 | First year Master's degree | 25 |
| Second year Bachelor's degree | 20 | Second year Master's degree | 15 |
| Third year Bachelor's degree | 15 | Ripetente Master | 5 |
| Ripetente ¹ Bachelor | 5 | Fuori corso | 0 |
| Fuori corso ² | 0 | | |

2. Credits for semester (first call – students enrolled from the second year onwards)

At the **first call**, this criterion **only applies to students enrolled from the second year onwards**. At the **second call** for applications it applies **to all**. Only the credits registered up to the date indicated in the call for applications are taken into account.

| N. OF CREDITS | POINTS |
|---------------|--------|
| 30+ | 20 |
| 28-29 | 18 |
| 26-27 | 15 |
| 21-25 | 10 |
| 16-20 | 5 |
| 10-15 | 2 |
| <10 | 0 |

3.a Weighted average criteria (first call – students enrolled from the second year onwards)

At the **first call**, this criterion **only applies to students enrolled from the second year onwards**. At the **second call** for applications it applies **to all**. Only the grades registered up to the date indicated in the call for applications are taken into account

¹ *Ripetente* is a student who was not admitted to his/her next year of study.

² *Fuori corso* are students who have passed the legal duration for obtaining the qualification.

| GRADE | POINTS |
|-------------|--------|
| 30 | 20 |
| 29 | 17 |
| 28 | 14 |
| 27 | 11 |
| 26 | 8 |
| 25 | 5 |
| 24 | 2 |
| 23 or lower | 0 |

3.b Admission test result criterion (First year bachelor degree - first call)

This criterion applies only to the **first call** for applications and only to persons enrolled in the **first year of bachelor degree programmes**.

A score is assigned on the basis of the overall percentage distribution of the results obtained in the admission tests by enrolled students per degree course.

For example, if your result is among the top 10% of results for those who enrolled in the same course, you will receive 20 points.

Those who have been exonerated from the TOLC must enclose the credit recognition deliberation indicating the exoneration. Merit will be assessed according to criterion 3.a applied to the grade of the recognised exams.

| RESULT | POINTS |
|------------|--------|
| Best 10 % | 20 |
| 13 % | 17 |
| 12 % | 14 |
| 10 % | 11 |
| 10 % | 8 |
| 10 % | 5 |
| 25 % | 2 |
| Lower 10 % | 0 |

3.c GPA criterion / weighted bachelor degree average (First year master degree - first call)

This criterion applies only to the **first call** for applications and only to persons enrolled in the **first year of master degree programmes**.

Points are assigned on the basis of the weighted average obtained during the previous bachelor career.

Those who have studied at a university other than the University of Padua must attach their degree certificate with examinations from the first cycle degree to the application and indicate the weighted average in the 'Additional information' space if this is NOT indicated on the certificate.

| GRADE | POINTS |
|---------------|--------|
| 30/A | 20 |
| 29 | 17 |
| 28/B | 14 |
| 27 | 11 |
| 26/C | 8 |
| 25 | 5 |
| 24/D | 2 |
| 23 or lower/D | 0 |

4. Criteria related to linguistic knowledge

Language proficiency is assessed for one language for each destination chosen on the basis of the courses indicated in the proposal for activities to be carried out abroad, which must be attached to the application. The title of the courses must be written in the language in which the courses will be taught during the exchange.

If the student proposes to undertake activities in more than one language, language proficiency will only be assessed for the main language of instruction of the chosen university.

It is possible to obtain a score in **one** of the following ways for each destination:

a) LANGUAGE EXAM

Students who have passed the **language exam** required by their study plan, or during their previous degree if they are students at Master Level, acquire a score of the sum of:

1. a score corresponding to the level:

| | Subjects | Points |
|-------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Bachelor's degree | French, German, Portuguese | 5 |
| | English, Spanish | 5 (Spanish entry test) 10 exam |
| Master's degree | English, French, German, Spanish, Portuguese | 10 |

2. a score in relation to the grade obtained:

| GRADE | POINTS |
|------------|--------|
| 30 | 8 |
| 29 | 7 |
| 28 | 6 |
| 27 | 5 |
| 26 | 4 |
| 25-24 | 3 |
| 23 | 2 |
| Da 22 a 18 | 0 |

Romanian, Polish, Modern Greek, Hungarian, Lithuanian, Latvian, Norwegian, Slovenian, Danish, Finnish, etc. may also be considered as curricular language exams if the student proposes to take courses in that language at the partner institution.

Only exams registered in the booklet by the date indicated in the call for applications or, in the case of exams taken at other universities, certified by attaching the degree certificate with transcript of records will be considered.

b) TAL

Students who have taken the University Language Centre (Centro Linguistico Ateneo CLA) assessment test named TAL acquire a vote in relation to the level passed: according with the following scheme:

| Type of test | Document to be uploaded in the Erasmus application | Score on level basis | |
|---------------------------|--|----------------------|----|
| | | B1 | B2 |
| TAL Reading and Listening | Open Badge Reading and Listening or self-certification | 3 | 7 |
| TAL Speaking | Open Badge Speaking o or self-certification | 2 | 3 |

In the case of TAL B1 or B2 certificates covering more than one skill for the same level (e.g. reading and listening certificate and oral production certificate), the points are added together.

You must attach your Open Badge(s) to your application (certificate showing your name and surname) or self-certify in the "Additional information" section that you have passed the TAL, stating the date on which you took the test.

If you are enrolled on a bachelor degree programme in SCIENZE POLITICHE, RELAZIONI INTERNAZIONALI, DIRITTI UMANI or SCIENZE POLITICHE and have submitted an English language certificate dated before 01/01/2023 and obtained an exemption from TAL B2, in order to obtain the score corresponding to TALB2 reading and listening and oral production, you must attach evidence of this to your application (e.g. email confirmation from the teacher responsible) or write it in the notes.

c) OFFICIAL LINGUISTIC CERTIFICATION

Students submitting an official linguistic certification obtained within the last three years, included the year in which they are supposed to start their mobility (for example, for the call 2025/26 certified after 01/01/2023) by recognized institutions from the University of Padova and clearly indicated on the website of the University of Padova (https://cla.unipd.it/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/TABELLA-NUOVA-2023_10_nov_1.pdf) acquire a score in relation to the language level certified:

A1 = 1 point, A2 = 2 points, B1 = 6 points, B2 = 11 points, C1 = 13 points, C2 = 14 points

Certification must be attached.

d) OLS test/PLACEMENT TEST

Students can also submit the OLS test/PLACEMENT TEST of a previous Erasmus+ mobility, which will be awarded:

A1 = 1 point, A2 = 2 points, B1 = 4 points, B2 = 9 points, C1 = 11 points, C2 = 12 points

The test result must be attached to the application.

e) ESABAC

Students who have obtained the Esabac Diploma will be awarded 11 points for the French language.

The diploma must be attached to the application.

f) BACHELOR DEGREE TAUGHT IN ENGLISH

Those who have obtained a Bachelor's degree taught in English in Italy or abroad will obtain 11 points for the English language.

A degree certificate and diploma supplement or other evidence of the language of instruction of the programme must be attached to the application.

g) NATIVE SPEAKERS

Native speakers can be awarded 14 points. A student is considered a native speaker if he/she has attended at least the entire secondary school cycle and has obtained the relative diploma (corresponding to the DIPLOMA DI MATURITA) in the country where the language being assessed is considered an official language.

A copy of the diploma certification and self-certification must be attached to the application.

h) ERASMUS LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT

Ad hoc tests for the Erasmus language assessment may be organised once a year when the call for applications is published by the department's language teachers, subject to their availability. The organisation of tests for all languages is therefore not guaranteed.

The assessment has no exam value and does not attribute credits, is valid only for the purposes of the ranking list for the call for applications and does not entitle the student to any certifications that may be required by the Partner Institutions.

The available tests and dates are communicated when the first call for applications is published.

The student will gain a result from the sum of:

1. a score corresponding to the reference level:

| LEVEL | POINTS |
|-------|--------|
| A1 | 1 |
| A2 | 2 |
| B1 | 5 |
| B2 | 10 |
| C1 | 12 |
| C2 | 13 |

2. a score in relation to the grade obtained:

| GRADE | POINTS |
|-------|--------|
| 30 | 8 |
| 29 | 7 |
| 28 | 6 |
| 27 | 5 |
| 26 | 4 |
| 25-24 | 3 |
| 23 | 2 |
| 22-18 | 0 |

Please indicate in the "additional Information" section that you have taken part in the Erasmus language assessment.

If the student has multiple attestations of language, it is his/her responsibility to submit those that are most beneficial to the application (one for each language).

Only one method will be considered for a single language for each destination indicated in the application.

5. Erasmus Commission Points: FROM 0 TO 6 POINTS

In the case of **dubious** or **problematic applications and situations** (eg. anomalous Learning Agreement for content or number of scheduled exams; thesis activities without tutor at the Partner Institution; equal situations; meaning equivalent and multiple applications for highly preferred locations; specific curricular needs) the decision will be referred to a committee made up of 'Referenti Erasmus' (Erasmus Coordinator for Degree programme) and Academic Coordinators involved, who can assign up to 6 points based on:

--- draft of the study plan for activities abroad and congruence of the proposed activities with the student's university career

--- interview / motivations expressed by the student

6. Points for thesis work abroad

Students who intend to apply for thesis work abroad will have to attach a letter from their supervisor at the Università di Padova and an acceptance letter from the supervisor abroad who will follow their activity

during the mobility period (also via email). Following the presentation of these declarations, additional points will be assigned as follows:

- 6 points for Bachelor's students
- 10 points for Master's students

7. Second Erasmus+ mobility

Priority will be given to students who have not previously benefited from an Erasmus grant over those who have already benefited from an Erasmus grant during their current cycle of studies.

8. Degree courses

For certain bilateral agreements for specific degree courses, students enrolled in these courses will have priority in the list of successful students.

9. PhD Students

For PhD applicants, the list of successful students will be stipulated by the relevant Erasmus commission (see point 5) on the basis of the validity of the submitted applications, of the proposed research work and of the certified linguistic knowledge.