

GUIDE TO COMPLETING THE LEARNING AGREEMENT

For **long-term international mobility for studies Programmes**:

Erasmus+ for studies, SEMP, Ulisse, Double/Joint Degrees

The Learning Agreement (LA) is a fundamental document for students participating in mobility programmes for studies (Erasmus+ for Studies in Europe (KA131) and beyond Europe (KA171), SEMP, BIP, Ulisse, Double Degrees and Joint Degrees).

It represents an agreement between the student, the home university and the host university, in which the courses and activities the student will undertake during the mobility period are defined, and ensures that the credits earned abroad will be recognised by the home university.

The Erasmus+ Programme 2021-2027 foresees the gradual **digitisation** of several mobility processes, including the digital exchange of Learning Agreement data between partner universities (**Digital Learning Agreement - DLA**) through the **Erasmus without Paper** (**EWP**) network.

Starting from the academic year 2025/26, the Digital Learning Agreements (DLA) will be introduced for students participating in mobility funded by the Erasmus+ Programme (Erasmus+ and double degrees in Europe, Arqus, and BIP) with European partners [1] active in the EWP network. European partners that are not yet integrated into EWP, as well as partners in Turkey and the United Kingdom, are excluded.

Deadlines

The **Unipd deadlines** for submitting the **Learning Agreement Before the mobility** on **Uniweb** are:

- June 15 for departures in the first semester
- October 15 for departures in the second semester



Attention! You must also meet the **deadlines of the host university,** which may be earlier than those of Unipd.

If necessary, it is possible to **modify the LA or DLA** even during the mobility, within approximately **30/45 days** from the start of the semester at the host university. The changes must be signed by all parties involved.

^[1] The countries with which digital exchange is active are: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, and Sweden.

Recommendations before completing the LA

Before proceeding with the completion of the **Learning Agreement** on **Uniweb**, **students are required to follow some important guidelines:**





Agree on the activities to be carried out abroad and those that will be substituted at the University of Padua (Unipd) with the relevant Academic Coordinator at Unipd.



Check directly with the host university if it is necessary to include a specific contact for the Responsible Person at the Receiving Institution to avoid the DLA being rejected or not evaluated. This step is **not** required for **Ulisse** students.



The completion of the LA does not replace the completion of the Study Plan: all students must fill out the Study Plan on Uniweb according to the deadlines defined by their degree programme.

Instructions for different Programmes





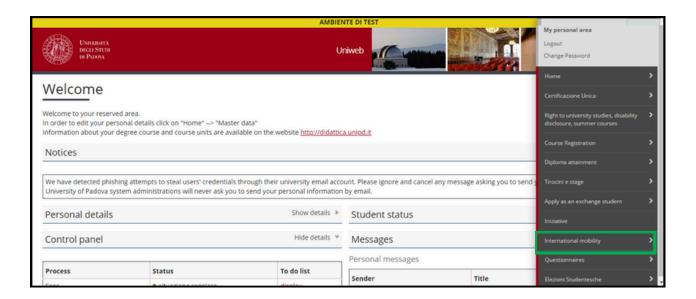
Double and Joint Degree programmes: students should contact the **Teaching Office of their Department.**

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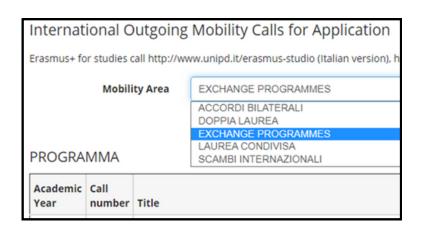
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ACCESS TO THE LEARNING AGREEMENT OR DIGITAL LEARNING AGREEMENT ON UNIWEB

- **Accessing Uniweb:** Log in with your username and password (SSO).
- Select the correct section: In the menu on the right, under 'International mobility' (Mobilità internazionale) select the option 'Outgoing international mobility' (Bandi di mobilità).



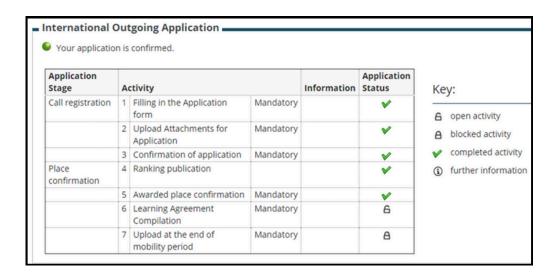
- **Select the mobility area based on your programme:**
 - EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES: Erasmus+ Studies, SEMP, BIP (Blended Intensive Programmes), Summer&Winter Schools, Virtual Exchange;
 - ACCORDI BILATERALI (Bilateral Agreements): Ulisse;
 - DOPPIA LAUREA: Double degrees or multiple degrees;
 - LAUREA CONDIVISA: Joint degrees.



Access the relevant call by clicking on the magnifying glass icon in the 'Options' (Azioni) column.

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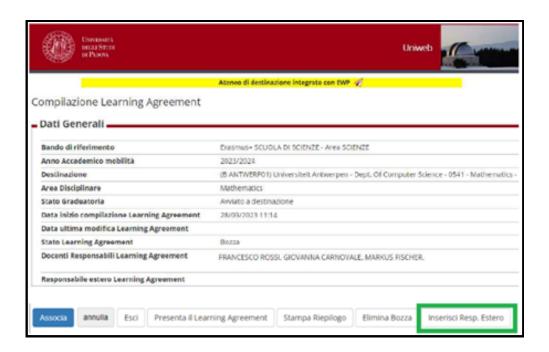




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Digital Learning Agreement: integration with EWP

It is possible to check if your host university is integrated with **EWP** directly on **Uniweb**, by the presence of the label 'Ateneo di destinazione integrato con **EWP'** (Destination University integrated with EWP) **highlighted in yellow** at the top of the page.





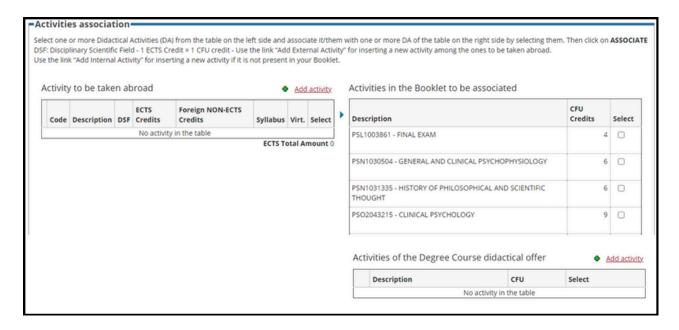
The University of Padua (Unipd) uses the **DLA** (Digital Learning Agreement) **system**, which should not be confused with the **OLA** (Online Learning Agreement). Some host universities require completion of the **Online Learning Agreement** (OLA) through the platform https://learning-agreement.eu/, but for **Unipd** students it is not possible to use this platform. The only tool integrated with **EWP** is **Uniweb**.

ENTERING ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

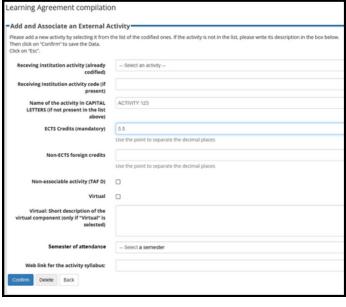
The LA/DLA consists of two tables:

- **Table A (left side)**, where the activities to be carried out abroad should be entered.
- **Table B** (**right side**), dedicated to the Unipd activities that will be replaced by the activities abroad.

To insert the **academic activities to be carried out abroad (Table A)** in the LA/DLA on Uniweb, you need to click on "Add Activity":



You will then access the screen where the details for each academic activity need to be entered.

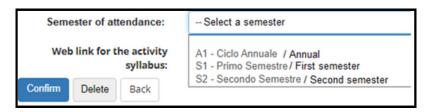


It is **not** recommended to enter activities from the dropdown menu "Academic Activities from Foreign University Offer" since it is not available for all universities, and often the activities do not correspond to those you wish to include.



The following fields should be completed:

- **Receiving institution activity code:** If available, it is recommended to enter it, since it is often requested by the partner.
- Name of the activity (mandatory): It must be entered exactly as listed in the partner's course offer.
- **Number of ECTS credits (mandatory)**: In cases where the host university uses local credits (not ECTS), the corresponding conversion should be applied and the number of ECTS credits indicated. For example, in the United Kingdom, activities are often listed with English credits, which are worth double the ECTS credits. Therefore, for an activity worth 15 English credits, 7.5 ECTS credits should be indicated (using a full stop for the decimal place).
- **Non-ECTS foreign credits:** If the partner university does not use ECTS credits. For Ulisse, if no specific guidelines are provided, you can refer to the Credit Conversion Table at the following link: https://www.unipd.it/en/ects-erasmus-out.
- Non-associable activity (TAF D): For more details, refer to the sections below.
- **Semester of attendance (mandatory):** The semester of attendance must be entered for each activity carried out abroad.



Link to the activity programme

When entering the activities to be carried out abroad (Table A), it is important to know whether they will:

- Be associated with Unipd activities (Table B) that will be replaced during the recognition phase. This includes thesis work for Bachelor's and Master's degree students.
- Be entered as free-credits (by ticking the TAF D flag): in this case, the activity is not associated with specific Unipd activities, but is recognised in the Study Plan as free-credits.

Foreign activities that are not associated with Unipd activities and are not entered as free credits are generally recognised as 'off-study plan' activities.



Important note: It is necessary to **follow the guidelines** set by the regulations of each degree programme and always agree with the appropriate **Unipd** academic coordinator on how to enter activities into the LA/DLA.

CASE A - ASSOCIATION OF ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

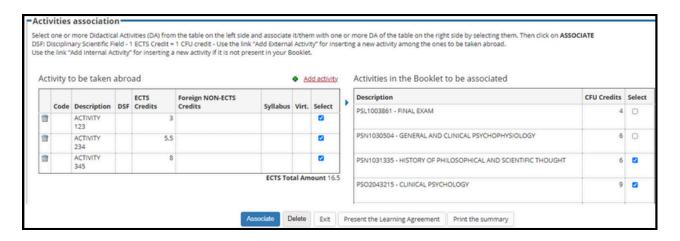
After having entered the activities to be carried out abroad (Table A), it is important to **associate** them with the Unipd activities in your study plan (Table B) that will be substituted. Generally, the association should ensure an **equivalent number of credits**.

It is advisable to provide, where necessary, **extra credits** from activities carried out abroad that can be used as free credits 'in excess'. For example, a Bachelor's degree student could graduate with 182 credits instead of 180. In any case, for the recognition of any credits 'in excess' it is necessary to refer to the **Degree Course Board – Consiglio di Corso di Studio**.

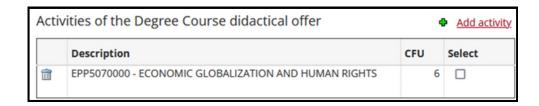
The available options are as follows:

- Single association → All the exams abroad are associated with all the corresponding exams at Unipd, for an overall equal number of credits.
- **One-to-One Association** \rightarrow One exam abroad replaces a single Unipd exam.
- Multiple Association → Two or more exams abroad replace one single Unipd exam, or vice versa.

To associate the activities, you need to check all the activities you want to associate, click on 'Associate', and then click on 'Confirm'.



If necessary, **you can add activities that are not included in your online booklet** but are in your 'Degree Course didactical offer'. To do so, click on **'Add Activity'**.





In this case, it is important to update the Study Plan within the appropriate timescale, by adding the Unipd activities chosen from the academic courses on offer which are not present in the online booklet.

It is not possible to associate activities abroad with integrations in your online booklet.

For some **Double Degree/Joint Degree mobility programmes**, it is necessary to associate the exact same activities, as they are present both in the offer of the host institution and in that of the Unipd degree course or curriculum.

ASSOCIATION OF RESEARCH AND THESIS ACTIVITY

Students who intend to carry out part or all of their **thesis work** abroad must make a **separate association** by entering "Thesis work" or "Master thesis work" as the activity abroad and associating it only with the Unipd activity "**Final exam**" (Prova finale).



PhD students should only enter the activity 'PhD research project' on Table A **without making any associations**, and indicate zero credits.

In these cases, it is also necessary to:

- Always indicate the **name and surname** of the Unipd **supervisor** in the **'notes'** box of the Learning Agreement.
- Attach the Letter from the Unipd Supervisor/Tutor signed by the Unipd thesis supervisor and stating the name of the supervisor abroad (the letter can be downloaded from 'The Learning Agreement' section at the following link: https://www.unipd.it/en/learning-agreement-erasmus-out).

ASSOCIATION OF INTEGRATED COURSES (CORSI INTEGRATI)

In the event that the activity abroad is associated with 'integrated courses' (corsi integrati) present in the academic courses on offer, it is necessary to select the entire course and it is not possible to select single modules that make up the course.

At all stages, it is always possible to view the **'Summary'** (Riepilogo) by clicking on **'Print summary'** (Stampa riepilogo) to **verify that the activities have been correctly associated.**

CASE B - FREE-CREDITS ACTIVITIES

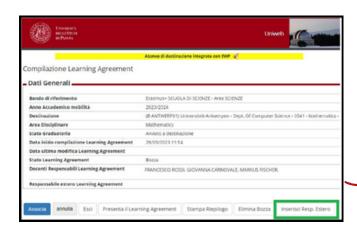
It is not always possible to find a corresponding Unipd activity to replace (for example: "Finnish" may not be available among the Unipd academic courses on offer). In this case, it is necessary to **tick the "TafD" flag** when entering the activity abroad. In this way, it will be entered as free-credits activity, which cannot be associated with any specific Unipd activity.

CONTACT OF THE RESPONSIBLE PERSON AT THE RECEIVING INSTITUTION

Before completing the LA/DLA on Uniweb, it is strongly recommended to directly check with the host university whether it is necessary to include a specific contact for the Responsible person at the Receiving Institution, in order to avoid the LA/DLA being rejected or not evaluated by the host university.

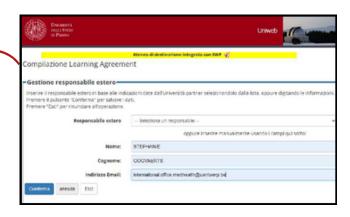
For some partner universities, the generic email address automatically entered by Uniweb is sufficient, as the Responsible person's details are retrieved from the system when the LA/DLA is approved or commented on.

If it is necessary to modify the **contact details** of **the Receiving Institution**, a new LA/DLA must be submitted.



To enter a specific contact required by the host university, go to the bottom of the LA completion page on Uniweb and click on 'Insert Responsible Person Abroad' (Inserisci Resp. Estero).

Manually enter the first name, last name and email address of the contact person at the Receiving Institution (without using the drop-down menu).





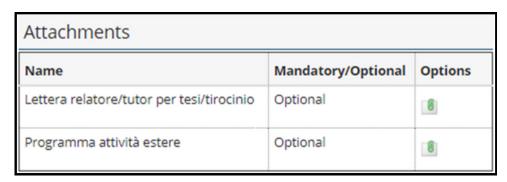
After entry, the contact details are reported in the 'General Data' (Dati Generali) box.



ATTACHMENTS TO THE LA/DLA

After entering activities and making associations, it is possible to attach documents in **PDF format.**

To attach PDF documents, click on the icon under 'Options' section.

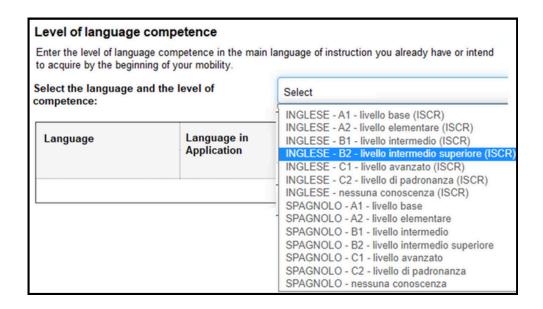


After attaching the documents, you can click on 'Submit the Learning Agreement' (Presenta Learning Agreement) and proceed with entering your language proficiency level and any additional notes.

ENTERING LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY LEVEL

After completing the entry of the academic activities, click on the 'Submit the Learning Agreement' button. Only after that will you be able to enter your language proficiency level.

The language proficiency level can only be entered during the **first** submission of the Learning Agreement. It is necessary to enter the level of the main language of instruction that you possess or intend to acquire before the mobility begins. It cannot be changed in subsequent versions of the LA/DLA.



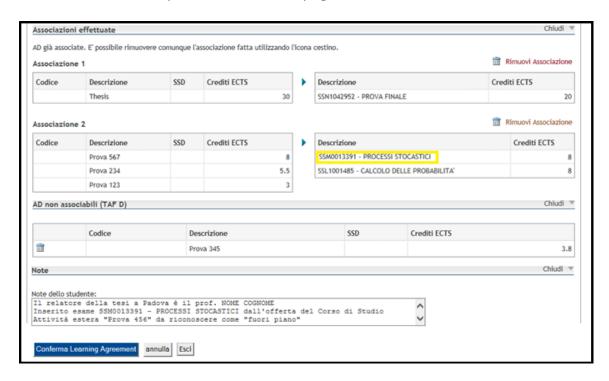
ENTERING NOTES AND CONFIRMING THE LEARNING AGREEMENT/DIGITAL LEARNING AGREEMENT

After completing the entry of the academic activities, click on 'Submit the Learning Agreement'. Only after that will you be able to enter any notes.

It is essential to enter NOTES in the following cases:

- **Thesis**: It is necessary to indicate the name and surname of the Unipd thesis supervisor/tutor.
- Adding activities from the Degree course offer which are **not included in the online booklet**.
- Foreign activities entered as 'off-study plan' (fuori piano).
- In case of associations with excess number of credits, indicate how you wish to recognise them (free-credits or off-study plan).

After entering the notes, you need to click on 'Submit the Learning Agreement' to submit it and make it visible on the professor's Uniweb page.



SUBMISSION OF THE LA/DLA TO THE HOST UNIVERSITY AND APPROVAL

For students receiving an **Erasmus+ grant (Arqus, Double Degree, BIP) or SEMP grant**, the LA / DLA must also be signed by the Host University in the specific section dedicated to 'The Receiving Institution'.

The Learning Agreement and Digital Learning Agreement have **different submission processes**.

In the first case (**Learning Agreement**), after approval by the Unipd coordinator, it is possible to download the European Standard version (not the Summary) in PDF format and send it to the Host University via email or through an application, according to the partner's instructions. The document will already be electronically signed by the student and the Unipd coordinator.

In the second case (**Digital Learning Agreement**), after approval by the Unipd coordinator, the DLA is digitally sent via the EWP network to the Host University, which will approve or reject the DLA. When the DLA is **approved** by the partner, the European Standard version with all signatures can be downloaded from Uniweb. If it is rejected ('**commented**'), the student must submit a new DLA on Uniweb following the instructions provided by the Host University, visible both in the Summary (Destination University Notes/Note Ateneo di Destinazione) and in the notification email sent by Uniweb. In each stage of the process, a notification will be sent from Uniweb to both the student and the Unipd academic coordinator responsible for the DLA.

Furthermore, **the status of the communication via EWP** can be viewed at the top of the DLA form.







The Learning Agreement (LA) or Digital Learning Agreement (DLA) before the mobility and any modified version during the mobility (Exceptional Changes to the Learning Agreement) must be signed by all parties and uploaded to the Mobility Online platform, respectively at the beginning and at the end of the mobility.

Students of the **Ulisse** programme and **Double Degree programmes without an Erasmus grant do not need to send the Learning Agreement to the host institution.**

STATUS OF THE LEARNING AGREEMENT AND DIGITAL LEARNING AGREEMENT

The statuses of the LA and DLA are listed below:

- **'Draft'**: when the Learning Agreement is being **prepared** by the student.
- **'Submitted'**: when the student has **submitted** the LA/DLA and it is visible on the professor's webpage.
- **'Revision'**: when the LA/DLA is **under review** by the professor. In this case, the student cannot make any changes.
- 'Internally approved': a specific state for the Digital Learning Agreement (DLA) indicating approval by the Unipd professor, but not yet by the Host University.
- **Approved'**:
 - If referring to the **Learning Agreement** (LA), it means that the document has been **approved** by the Unipd professor, and any **notes** added by the professor are visible.
 - If referring to the **Digital Learning Agreement** (DLA), it means that it has also been **approved** by the Host University.
- **'Rejected'**: when the professor has **rejected** the Learning Agreement. In this status, any **notes** added by the professor can also be viewed by the student.
- 'Final': when the recognition procedure has started.

CHANGES TO THE LEARNING AGREEMENT/DIGITAL LEARNING AGREEMENT

After the approval of the first Learning Agreement, the student can make up to **4 changes**. Changes are generally allowed within 4 weeks from the start of the mobility period or from the start of the second semester in case of a mobility lasting 9-12 months.

In order to make changes to the **LA or DLA**, the student must submit a **'New Learning Agreement'** (Nuovo Learning Agreement), by using the specific button at the bottom of the page and follow the same procedure as previously described.

If the exchange of the **Digital Learning Agreement (DLA) via EWP** is active with the partner university, once the DLA is sent, it cannot be modified until it is approved or rejected by the receiving institution. In such cases, the student can directly contact the partner university and request the approval or rejection of the DLA, in order to proceed with the necessary changes.

Changes can include:

- Removing associations and activities that will not be undertaken;
- Adding new activities and associations.

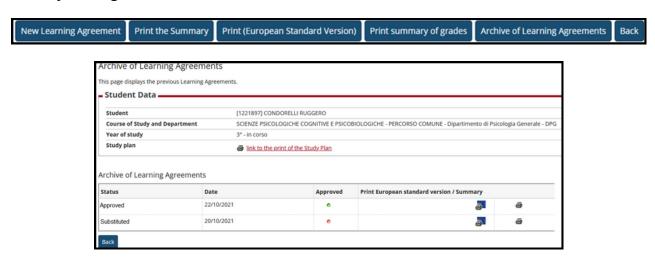
To remove activities and associations, use the **'trash can'** icon.

Attention: to correctly remove associated activities, it is necessary to delete the association first and then each individual activity.

Download the Summary and check that it is no longer included!

The modified Learning Agreement must be approved by the Unipd professor and the host university (for Erasmus+ and SEMP grant holders only) in order for the completed activities to be recognised. It is therefore necessary to make any changes well in advance of the end of the mobility.

When you click on 'New Learning Agreement' to make changes, the Learning Agreement returns to 'Draft' status. If you do not wish to proceed with the changes, you can delete the draft by clicking the "**Delete draft**" button.



It is also possible to view all approved or rejected learning agreements by clicking on 'Archive of Learning Agreements'.

MANAGEMENT OF SPECIAL CASES IN THE LEARNING AGREEMENT/DIGITAL LEARNING AGREEMENT

STUDENTS ADVANCING FROM BACHELOR'S TO MASTER'S PROGRAM

Students that are progressing from their Bachelor's to their Master's degree must complete the LA/DLA on Uniweb before graduating. They should enter all activities as free-credits 'non-associated (TafD)' activities, and the approval from the academic coordinator will be 'provisional'. After enrolling in the Master's degree course, the student must submit a new Learning Agreement with the associations of activities offered by the Master's degree course.

STUDENTS OF THE SCUOLA GALILEIANA

Students of the Scuola Galileiana who want to recognise in the Galileian Study Plan one or more activities carried out during the mobility must first agree on them with the academic coordinator and then enter the activities abroad, without making any associations. It is necessary to specify in the 'Notes' that the non-associated activities will be recognised in the Galileian Study Plan. Furthermore, the Galileiana Coordinator's email of approval must be attached under 'Letter of Supervisor/thesis tutor/tutor for internship'.

STUDENTS STUDENTS ENROLLED TO TWO DIFFERENT DEGREE COURSES

The activities included in the LA / DLA must relate exclusively to the mobility-related career.

RECOGNITION OF ACTIVITIES, "REDEFINED" LEARNING AGREEMENT AND TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS

The recognition process is not automatic; it involves various offices and professors, and students are therefore required to take action promptly. Only once all the end-of-mobility documents have been submitted is it possible to proceed with recognition of the activity carried out abroad.

First, it is necessary to check that the latest approved Learning Agreement corresponds to the Transcript of Records, both in terms of course names and credit numbers. For example, if the activities completed abroad were entered in Spanish or Portuguese, and the Transcript of Records lists the courses only in English, the Learning Agreement must be 'redefined' by replacing the activities previously entered and re-entering them in English.

Recognition must be based on the last approved (or, if needed, redefined) Learning Agreement.

If the grades received abroad **are very low**, and it was not possible to reject the grade at the host institution, **the student can propose**, when redefining the Learning Agreement, that these activities be recognised as **'off-study plan'** (fuori piano).

All activities in the Transcript of Records (including thesis activity) must be recognised upon return from the mobility period and **at least 15 days before the start of the graduation session.**

Activities recognised as **free-credits (TAF D)** may be included in the Study Plan after the recognition has been completed, within the available compilation timeframes, according to the instructions of the Teaching Office at the Department.

If an 'integration' of an exam taken abroad is required, it is necessary to regularly enrol to the exam on Uniweb, after the recognition has been completed and all activities have been entered in the online booklet.

The recognition process must be completed **within 5 weeks** from the submission of the correct and complete end-of-mobility documentation (except in special cases such as holiday periods or University closures).

Once the recognition has been submitted to the Student Office, activities are added to the online booklet, and **the student can view the recognition**:

- from the online booklet, where the replaced Unipd activities appear, along with the weighted average resulting from the grades of the foreign activities;
- from the 'Home/Self-certifications/Autocertificazione iscrizione con esami (self-certification of of enrolment with exams)' section, where, in addition to the recognised foreign activities, the grades in thirtieths will also appear.

ATTACHING THE TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS AND/OR THESIS LETTER TO THE LEARNING AGREEMENT ON UNIWEB

After having received the PDF copy of the Transcript of Records and/or the letter of the thesis work from the Mobility Unit, and having checked that all successfully passed activities are included in the Learning Agreement, the Mobility Desk may ask you to attach the document on Uniweb before starting the recognition process.

Students should only attach the ToR/letter in PDF issued by the Mobility Unit, not scanned copies or copies sent by the host institution.



Attention: on the International Mobility page on Uniweb, it is necessary to check that:

- in the section 'Ranking publication' the 'Ranking status' is 'Returned from destination', and
- in the section 'Learning Agreement Compilation' the 'Learning Agreement Status' is 'Submitted' or 'Approved'. With other statuses (e.g., 'the student reached the destination', 'draft', 'rejected', 'final'), it is NOT possible to attach the Transcript of Records/letter of thesis work.

To attach the Transcript of Records/letter for thesis work, go to the **'Upload attachments on return'** section.

Attach the Transcript of Records in PDF issued by the Mobility Unit by clicking the paperclip icon in the 'Options' column.



CONTACT INFORMATION



For technical issues

• University Call center: 049 827 3131

• **Mobility Unit**: 049 827 5033

Email: erasmus@unipd.it





For educational matters

• Always refer to the professor responsible for the Learning Agreement.



For administrative matters (submission and sending of the Learning Agreement, thesis letter, etc.):

- **Erasmus+ Studies and SEMP Programme**: Mobility Desks at Schools/Departments https://www.unipd.it/en/erasmus-studies-out
- Ulisse Programme: bando.ulisse@unipd.it
- **Double/Joint Degrees**: Teaching Office at the Department and Mobility Unit: mobility.out@unipd.it
- Blended Intensive Programmes (BIP) and Virtual Exchanges: https://www.unipd.it/en/virtual-exchange-students