

## **Information on Incoming Erasmus Mobility for Studies**

### **Spring semester of academic year 2020-2021**

#### **2020-2021 Academic Calendar**

Fall Semester courses: from 05-10-2020 to 15-01-2021

Fall Semester exams: from 25-01-2021 to 12-02-2021

**Spring Semester courses: from 22-02-2021 to 04-06-2021**

**Spring Semester exams: from 14-06-2021 to 02-07-2021**

**Important note:** When completing the online application and the necessary documents (student application form, Learning Agreement, etc.) students should pay attention to the spring semester dates which are indicated above.

The official documents we will provide (Letter of Acceptance, Confirmation of Arrival, Confirmation of Study Period, etc.) will also be completed according to our academic calendar. We will not sign any documents certifying that the student spent a study period at our institution beyond the official semester dates.

#### **Nomination deadline**

Spring semester: **6 November 2020** (exceptionally for the current academic year)

Nominations must be sent to [llp.incoming@upatras.gr](mailto:llp.incoming@upatras.gr)

#### **Application deadline**

Spring semester: **4 December 2020** (exceptionally for the current academic year)

#### **Application procedure**

Nominated students must complete an online **application for Erasmus+ Mobility for Studies (Incoming Students) 2020-2021 Spring Semester** on the [Erasmus+ Platform](https://erasmus.upatras.gr/en) (<https://erasmus.upatras.gr/en>) within the deadline of December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

A complete application consists of the following:

- [Student Application Form](#)  
The student application form must be signed by the student and by the sending Institution
- [Learning Agreement](#)  
The Learning Agreement must be signed by the student and by the sending Institution
- Curriculum Vitae (in English)
- Statement of purpose
- Passport or ID
- Transcript of Records (provided by the sending Institution)

The before-mentioned documents must be uploaded to the [Erasmus+ Platform](#).

We do not accept documents sent by email or post.

Applications will be processed after the deadline of December 4, 2020. As soon as the Erasmus Coordinator of the receiving academic Department has signed the Learning Agreement, students will receive an automatic email informing them that their online application has been approved and that the fully-signed Learning Agreement (duly signed by the receiving Institution) is available on the Erasmus+ Platform.

Letters of Acceptance will be sent to the students by email, most probably in mid-January 2021, always provided that the epidemiological situation will allow so.

**Students are strongly advised to plan their stay in Patras with great caution as the situation is constantly changing and measures affecting international travel or domestic restrictions may take effect at any time without prior notice.**

### **Accommodation**

Incoming students may choose between the following options:

1. **Accommodation at Hostel UPatras**

The Hostel is owned by the University and operated by the Directorate of Student Affairs. It is located 4 Km from the main University Campus in Rion and is connected to the campus and to the center of Patras by regular bus service.

Monthly rent is 130€ for a single room and 90€ per person for a double room. The price includes electricity/water/heating expenses and internet connection. A security deposit equal to one month's rent is also required.

2. **Private accommodation**

Students should make their own arrangements. Assistance may be provided by ESN UoPA ([uopa.erasmus@gmail.com](mailto:uopa.erasmus@gmail.com))

**Students who wish to apply for accommodation at Hostel UPatras must complete an online housing application through the Erasmus+ Platform (<https://erasmus.upatras.gr/en>)**

The application deadline is **December 4, 2020**.

Please note that housing applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis and that unfortunately, due to limited room availability at Hostel UPatras, not all of them can be approved.

Housing applications will be processed after the deadline. Students who have applied will receive an automatic email informing them whether their housing application has been approved or declined, most probably in mid-January 2021.

### **Insurance**

EU students must obtain the **European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)** prior to their arrival. Detailed information for EHIC holders in Greece is available at [https://eu-healthcare.eopyy.gov.gr/en/2\\_3.aspx](https://eu-healthcare.eopyy.gov.gr/en/2_3.aspx)

Non-EU students must obtain insurance coverage, equivalent to the one provided by the European Health Insurance Card, prior to their arrival.

Insurance should be valid for the entire period of stay in Greece.

### **Permission to enter Greece (visa)**

EU/EEA citizens do not need visa to enter or stay in Greece. However, it is necessary to carry a valid passport or an ID card stating their nationality.

Non-EU/EEA citizens should consult the Hellenic Embassies or Consulates in their home countries about the relevant visa requirements.

### **Academic Counselling**

For information about the courses they may choose and any other academic-related issues incoming students should contact the [Erasmus Coordinator](#) of the receiving academic Department (based on the inter-institutional agreement).

**Please note that this is an absolute requirement before completing the Learning Agreement.**

### **Greek Language Course - Course on Greek Culture and Civilization**

The Greek Language and Culture Lab offers the following two courses which are especially designed for Erasmus students:

- **Greek Language Course – Modern Greek I** (6 ECTS)  
Language course providing basic knowledge of Greek for communicative purposes. No prior knowledge of Greek is required.
- **Introduction to Greek Civilization & Culture** (3 ECTS)  
A series of courses introducing the students to some landmarks of the Greek civilization in ancient and modern times and to the history of Patras.

For any further information about the above-mentioned courses please contact the **Greek Language and Culture Lab** (email: [greeklab@upatras.gr](mailto:greeklab@upatras.gr), <http://greeklab.upatras.gr/>).

Students who wish to attend either or both courses must include them in the Learning Agreement. Both courses are free of charge.

### **Buddy Program!**

#### **Erasmus Student Network**

Erasmus Student Network of the University of Patras (ESN UoPa) is an

- enthusiastic
- full-time
- working voluntarily

student organization, responsible for taking care of all incoming Erasmus students and making them feel at home. ESN UoPa members contact incoming students before arrival, answer their questions, provide information, help them find private accommodation and organize orientation days and various social activities throughout the year.


You may find them on [Facebook](#), on the website [www.uopa.esngreece.gr](http://www.uopa.esngreece.gr) or at: [uopa.erasmus@gmail.com](mailto:uopa.erasmus@gmail.com)

Please be aware, however, that this year it will not be possible to organize any social events due to COVID-19 restrictions.

**Useful links:**

- [Guidelines on how to use the Learning Agreement for studies](#)
- [List of Departmental Erasmus Coordinators](#)
- [Departments of the University of Patras](#)
- Location: The city of [Patras](#) | The city of [Agrinio](#)
- [How to reach the main University campus](#)
- [Academic calendar 2020/2021](#)
- [ECTS Guide](#)
- [Erasmus Charter for Higher Education 2014-2020](#)

**Attachments:**

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 [learning\\_agreement\\_studies\\_form\\_2020-2021.docx](#)

 [academic\\_calendar\\_2020-2021.pdf](#)

 [erasmus\\_departmental\\_coordinators\\_2020-2021.pdf](#)