



UNIVERSITY OF CRETE

The University of Crete is a young public educational institution committed to excellence in research and teaching. Established in 1973, the University accepted its first students in 1977-78. It now has 16 Departments in 5 Schools (Philosophy, Education, Social, Economic & Political Sciences, Sciences & Engineering, and Medicine) as well as a number of affiliated research-oriented institutions. It has two modern campuses located on the two central cities of the island, Rethymno and Heraklion.

The University fully participates in quality assurance mechanisms both for its academic and administrative structures, and it is a strategic choice of the University that there will be an ongoing effort to meet quality in all its structures.

Reflecting its research activity and associated initiatives, the University of Crete is the first Greek University to have signed the EU Charter and the Code for the recruitment of researchers and forms part of the Euraxess European network for the mobility of researchers.

The University offers a vibrant social and intellectual environment for research and education. As such, whether your contact with the University is brief or long-term, we trust it will be rewarding.



European and International Credit Mobility

Erasmus+ Programme Countries:

www.uoc.gr/intrel/en/the-department/erasmus-ka103



The University of Crete pursues an international strategy across all areas of education, academia-research and services, by encouraging the presence of foreign students, researchers, professors and staff from all over the world.

- An active member of the Erasmus Programme from the very beginning, the UoC has been committed to the aims of increasing EU mobility in Higher Education, supporting transparency and full accreditation of studies.
- The University was selected by the European Commission as an Erasmus Success Story in 2010, in recognition of the way mobility opportunities for staff and students had been promoted, as well as the involvement of academic staff in multilateral projects for curriculum development, thematic networks and joint degrees.
- The University currently has over 500 bilateral Inter-Institutional Erasmus + Agreements with other European Universities.
- More than 200 foreign students choose to visit the UoC for a study or traineeship programme.
- More than 50 staff members from European Universities choose the UoC as host Institution for a teaching or training mobility every year.
- More than 50 UoC staff members, faculty and administrative, travel to partner Universities in Europe, to teach and/or be trained with the support of the Erasmus+ programme every year.



Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility

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A new highly competitive action was established in 2015, promoting student and staff mobility among Institutions worldwide. The University of Crete has successfully participated in Erasmus+ International Mobility since 2015 having established Inter-Institutional Agreements with Universities around the world:

Funded project acad. year
2015 - 2016:

- Boston University, USA
- Harvard University, USA

Funded project acad. year
2018-20:

- Universidad de Concepcion, Chile
- Indian Institute Delhi, India
- University of Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran
- Novosibirsk State University, Russian Federation

Funded project acad. year
2016-2017:

- Stanford University, USA

Funded project acad. year
2017-19:

- University of Belgrade, Serbia
- Harvard University, USA

Funded project acad. year
2019- 2021:

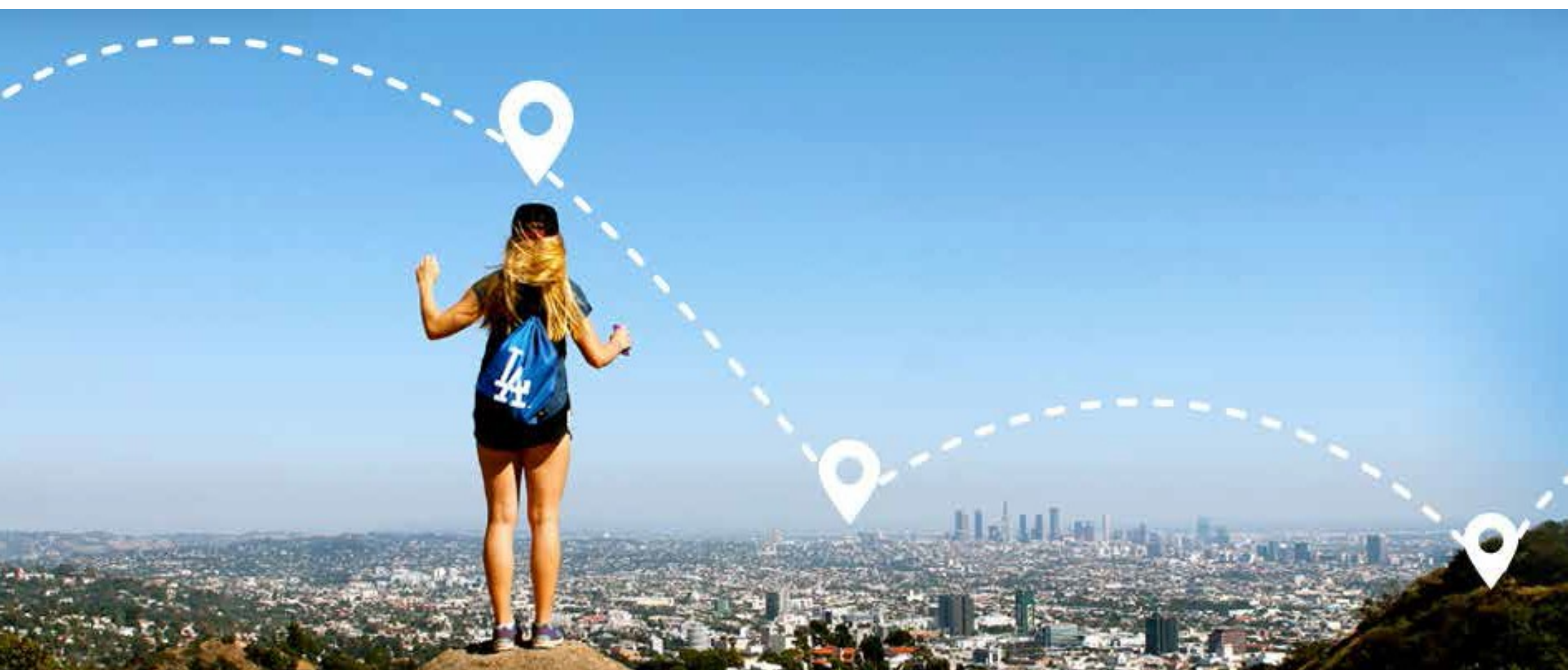
- Fundação Universidade de Brasília, Brazil
- Shanghai Tech University, China
- Ili State University, Georgia
- Birzeit University, Israel
- Saint Petersburg State University, Russian Federation

Language proficiency & Greek courses

The University of Crete offers a range of courses and laboratory and clinical traineeships in English but at many Departments the majority of courses are taught in Greek. We therefore recommend a B2 level of Greek, according to the Common European Framework of Reference for our exchange students.

To improve their language skills, Erasmus students can attend Greek language courses on both Campuses during the entire academic year.

Greek language courses are offered for free for the Erasmus students of the University of Crete on both Campuses.



Accommodation

The University of Crete cannot provide student accommodation for the Erasmus students but the Dept. of International Relations offers advice and assistance.

Erasmus Student Network

The Erasmus Student Network (ESN) of the University of Crete highly supports student exchange by organizing various social events, by familiarizing Erasmus students with the UoC campuses and by facilitating their social inclusion to the local community.

Website: <https://esngreece.gr/>

Contact email: esn@uoc.gr

Academic Calendar

Academic Year: September - June

Winter semester course period: late September - mid-January

Examination period: mid-January to mid-February

Spring semester course period: February - June

Examination period: June

Application/Nomination Deadlines

15th June, for the winter semester every year

15th November, for the spring semester every year

How to apply – Steps to take

1. Nomination by the Partner University or contact local office by email
2. Communication between the local IROs and the nominated student
3. Apply online through the UoC webpage: <https://www.uoc.gr/intrel/en/admissions/admissions-procedures>

Erasmus Academic Coordinators

Erasmus Coordinators are appointed in each Department of the University of Crete.

Contact details can be found at:

<https://www.uoc.gr/intrel/en/contact-menu>

University of Crete: <http://en.uoc.gr/>

Department of International Relations: <https://www.uoc.gr/intrel/en/>

Exchange Student Information: <https://www.admin.uoc.gr/intrel/en/students-en/information-and-advice>

Academic & Administrative Staff exchange Information:

<https://www.uoc.gr/intrel/en/incoming-faculty-academic-staff/erasmus-incoming-faculty-academic-staff>

<https://www.admin.uoc.gr/intrel/en/administrative-staff/erasmus-incoming-administrative-staff>