

# Study abroad with Erasmus+, SEMP and School Program

TUM School of Social Sciences and Technology, Governance Department



## **Recommended time for a semester abroad**

Master's students: 3rd Semester

Bachelor's students: 5th Semester

### **When should I apply?**

Master's students: in your 1st semester for the 3rd  
semester

Bachelor's students: in your 3rd semester for the 5th  
semester

→ 1 year prior to your departure

- Université Paris-Cité, [Paris](#), France  
(B.Sc./M.Sc. 2x6 months)
- Sciences Po Paris, [Reims](#), France  
(B.Sc./M.Sc. 4x6 months)
- Ecole des Ponts ParisTech (ENPC), [Paris](#), France  
(M.Sc. 2x6 months)
- Panteion Panepistimio Kinonikon Kai Politikon Epistimon, [Athens](#), Greece  
(B.Sc./M.Sc. 2x6 months)
- University of [Limerick](#), Ireland  
(B.Sc. 2x5 months)
- Università degli Studi di [Firenze](#), Italy  
(B.Sc./M.Sc./Ph.d 2x6 months)
- Università degli Studi di [Pavia](#), Italy  
(B.Sc./M.Sc. 2x6 months)
- Università degli Studi di [Trento](#), Italy  
(B.Sc./M.Sc. 3x6 months)
- Technische Universiteit [Eindhoven](#), the Netherlands  
(B.Sc./M.Sc. 2x6 months)
- Universiteit van [Amsterdam](#), the Netherlands  
(B.Sc. 2x6 months)
- Universiteit van [Maastricht](#), the Netherlands  
(M.Sc. 2x5 months): Nomination only for Summer Term, Period 4 and 5

- Universitetet i [Oslo](#), Norway  
(B.Sc./M.Sc. 3x6 months)
- Universitetet i [Stavanger](#), Norway  
(M.Sc. 2x5 months)
- Universidade de [Coimbra](#), Portugal  
(B.Sc./M.Sc. 2x6 months)
- Instituto Universitário de [Lisboa](#), Portugal  
(B.Sc./M.Sc./Ph.d 2x5 months)
- IE University [Madrid](#) - International University, Spain  
(B.Sc./M.Sc. 5x5 months; Master's students exchange only April-July)
- **Universität Bern, Switzerland  
(B.Sc./M.Sc. 2x6 months)**
- **Université de Genève, Switzerland  
(B.Sc./M.Sc. 4x6 months)**
- Univerzitat Karlova, [Prag](#), the Czech Republic  
(B.Sc./M.Sc. 2x6 months)
- Central European Univ., [Vienna](#), Austria  
(M.Sc./ Ph.d 3x4 months):  
Environmental Science - 1 study place  
Public Policy - 2 study places

## Partner Faculties and Schools

**Université Paris-Cité**, Paris, France – Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

**Sciences Po Paris**, Reims, France – Campus Reims (Bachelor), different Campus (Master)

**Ecole des Ponts ParisTech (ENPC)** – Economics, management, finance (master level, taught in French)

Sustainable and Green Finance (master level, taught in English)

**Panteion Panepistimio Kinonikon Kai Politikon Epistimon**, Athens, Greece – Department of Social Policy

**University of Limerick**, Ireland – Department of Politics and Public Administration

**Università degli Studi di Firenze**, Italy – School of Political Science

**Università degli Studi di Pavia**, Italy – Department of Political and Social Science

**Università degli Studi di Trento**, Italy – Department of Sociology and Social Research

**Universiteit van Amsterdam**, the Netherlands – College of Social Sciences

**Universiteit van Maastricht**, the Netherlands – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

**Universitetet i Oslo**, Norway – Department of Political Science

**Universitetet i Stavanger**, Norway – Department of Media and Social Sciences

**Universidade de Coimbra**, Portugal – Faculty of Arts and Humanities

**Instituto Universitário de Lisboa**, Portugal – School of Sociology and Public Policy; School of Social Sciences

**IE University Madrid** – Master in International Development; Master in International Relations at School of Politics, Economics and Global Affairs; Master in Applied Economics; Master in Technology & Global Affairs; Bachelor in International Relations

**Univerzitat Karlova, Prag**, the Czech Republic – Faculty of Social Sciences, Institute of Political Studies

**Central European Univ.**, Vienna, Austria – Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy

**Technische Universiteit Eindhoven**, the Netherlands – Innovation Sciences

## Application procedure and selection criteria:

- academic progress and achievements
- letter of motivation
- language proficiency (Bachelor's students: **B2 level in English**, which can be demonstrated through a high school diploma, a TUM language module, or an official language test. Master's students: do not need to provide additional proof, as our Master's program is taught in English)
- intercultural competence

## Please submit your application in English!

Bachelor's students (full-time/part-time) may only apply in the 3rd semester (please note the regulations in FPSO §38 Paragraph 2)

## Documents to be submitted:

- current Transcript of records
- current CV
- a letter of motivation in English, in which you explain your motivation for studying at the desired partner university/-ies (**max. 2 pages**)
- proof of relevant language skills (language of instruction - mandatory and language of country - desirable)
- study plans for all desired study locations
- indication of up to **4 (!)** desired universities including information on prioritization
- indication of the desired exchange period: winter or summer semester (exchange duration is usually 1 semester)
- Master's students additionally: Bachelor's certificate



## Registration in the Online Application Portal

- use only your **TUM e-mail address** which contains given name and last name (john.doe@tum.de) - and do not register with your TUM id e-mail (ga99xyz). Register only **once** with one single e-mail address
- you can only fill in **one** Erasmus application in which you can choose up to 4 desired universities (additionally **two** faculty partner Universities)
- make sure to keep your login data in mind. You will need it again later on

# Application for academic year:

Winter term 2026/27 and Summer term 2027:

**December 1st 2025 until January 13th 2026 (at 12.00 noon)**

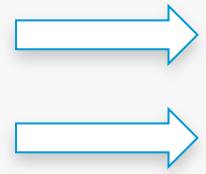
via the Online Application Portal

Select the form "Application for Erasmus+ SMS, Switzerland, Double Degree and Departmental Program 2026/27" (available from Dec.1st).

# Where can I find some information about Erasmus+/SEMP Program?

[Erasmus+ Study within the EU - TUM Global](#)

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The evening mood in Athens whets one's appetite for studying a semester in Greece. Photo: Sofia Pavlova / TUM

## Studying within the EU via Erasmus+

Would you like to get to know your European neighbors and expand your professional, linguistic, and intercultural skills? Take advantage of the benefits of Erasmus+ and gain valuable study experience abroad. The Erasmus+ program provides financial support and there are no tuition fees at the partner university. Academic achievements abroad can be recognized in consultation with your School. Applications for stays abroad in the summer and winter semesters are possible every year in December.

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### Apply for stays in the winter term 2026/27 and summer term 2027

#### Application period from December 1, 2025 to January 13, 2026 (12 noon)

The application form "Application for Erasmus+ SMS, Switzerland, Double Degree and Departmental Program 2026/27" will be available from December 1, 2025. Please apply directly via the [online application portal](#).

**Detailed information on the application process**

For students of TUM Department of Architecture (Bachelor [BA](#) / Master [MA](#)), LS Landscape Architecture [LA](#) and TUM School of Management [SM](#): please submit your application first via their respective [application tool](#). Please check the websites of these schools and departments for any different deadlines and procedures.

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# Where can I find some information about Erasmus+/Faculty Partnership Program?

## [Erasmus+ - Hochschule für Politik München](#)

Munich School of Politics and Public Policy  
at the Technical University of Munich

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**Erasmus+**  
incl. Swiss European Mobility Program

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**About the Program**

With the Erasmus+ program and the Swiss European Mobility Program, you can study at partner faculties in other European countries. You receive financial support and pay no tuition fees locally.

**Partner Universities**

You can find detailed information about partner universities for the Erasmus+ program in our [database](#).

# Overview of the partner universities



## Global Experiences

Cooperating worldwide, TUM offers you many opportunities for international experiences, ranging from short programs to several semesters abroad. Make use of these programs to advance your academic profile, improve your language proficiency, boost your career prospects, and have a lot of fun!

or School Program/  
Swiss European Mobility Program

- Doctorate / PhD
- Postgraduate / Master
- Undergraduate / Bachelor



# Overview of the partner universities

**TUM** | Global Experiences

Austria 1 Relations   Czech Republic 1 Relations   France 2 Relations   Greece 1 Relations

City	Wien
Website	<a href="https://www.ceu.edu/">https://www.ceu.edu/</a>
Erasmus Code	A WIEN78
Application Information	-
Relations	
Program	Erasmus Studies / Studium (SMS)
Level	Postgraduate / Master
Subject Area	SOT-Governance
ISCED Code	0312 - Political sciences and civics

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CZECH REPUBLIC

**Univerzita Karlova v Praze**

Institutions	
City	Praha
Website	<a href="http://www.cuni.cz">http://www.cuni.cz</a>
Erasmus Code	CZ PRAHA07
Application Information	-
Relations	
Program	Erasmus Studies / Studium (SMS)
Level	Undergraduate / Bachelor   Postgraduate / Master
Subject Area	SOT-Governance
ISCED Code	0312 - Political sciences and civics

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Univerzita Karlova v Praze, Czech Republic

**Institutions** | Travel Reports

City	Praha
Website	<a href="http://www.cuni.cz">http://www.cuni.cz</a>
Erasmus Code	CZ PRAHA07
Application Information	-

Univerzita Karlova v Praze, Czech Republic

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Travel Report	<a href="#">Erfahrungsbericht</a>
Institution	Univerzita Karlova v Praze
TUM Subject Area	SOT-Governance
Starting Date	2018-09-24

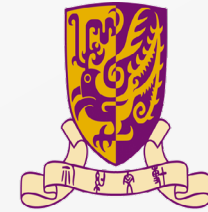
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TUM Subject Area	SOT-Governance
Starting Date	2019-02-11

# School Program - Hochschule für Politik München



# School Partnerships



香港中文大學  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong



*Status: November 2025 - Further partnerships are currently being established.*

# Application documents:

- current transcript
- current CV
- indication of the exchange period: winter or summer semester (exchange duration is usually one semester)
- letter of motivation in which you explain your motivation for studying at the partner university of your choice (max. **two pages in English**)
- proof of English language skills
- Portuguese or Chinese language skills are **not required**, but advantageous
- study plan
- Master students additionally: Bachelor's degree certificate



香港中文大學  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong





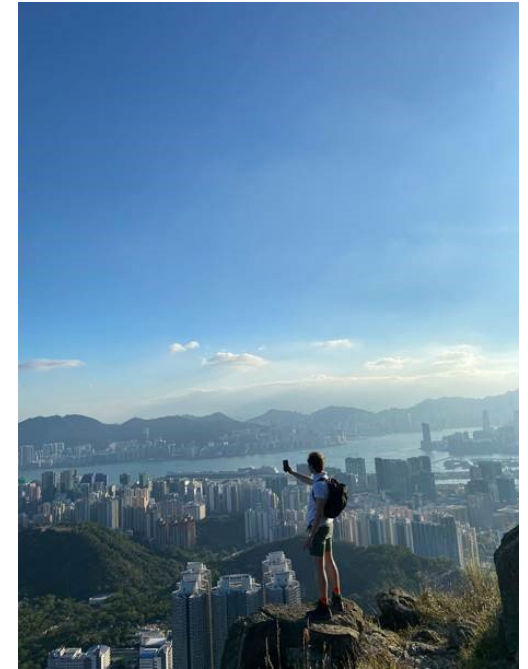
## **Application for WiSe 2026/27 or SoSe 2027**

### ***Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro***

for an exchange semester from **February/March 2027 to July 2027** you can apply  
until **25 August 2026**,  
for an exchange semester from **July/August 2026 to December 2026** you can  
apply until **20. February 2026**

### **The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)**

for an exchange semester from **January 2027 to May 2027** you can apply until  
**25 August 2026**,  
for an exchange semester from **August 2026 to December 2026** you can apply  
until **20. February 2026**



Cognate Area / fachübergreifender Studienanteil

Concentration Area / politikwissenschaftliche Spezialisierungen

Master's students additionally: Methods courses

Bachelor's students additionally:

Key competencies / Schlüsselkompetenzen

# FAQ

### **Where can I find information about HfP partnerships?**

Online-Datenbase: [Erasmus+ - Hochschule für Politik München](#) (always choose „SOT-GOV“ under Subject Area)

### **How many study places are available at each university?**

See page 3 of this document

### **What are the chances of admission at different universities?**

It varies every year because we don't know how many students will apply for a semester abroad and with what grades.

Nevertheless, it is possible to identify popular universities:

Sciences Po, IE University, Oslo, Lisbon, and Amsterdam (strong competition every year).

### **May I apply to Universities not listed under the subject area “SOT-GOV”?**

No, applications to these universities are not possible, as they do not have an agreement with HfP.

### **For how many universities can I apply?**

You may apply to a maximum of four universities.

### **Which courses can I get recognized?**

This cannot be answered yet because we don't know which courses the partner universities will offer in a year. Sometimes you can find the elective course catalogs on the partner university's website. In general: with Erasmus and SEMP, it is easier to find political science courses than technical or natural science courses (because the Erasmus agreements are academically tied to political science). Often, our students are required to take 60% (or more) of their courses at the school/department with which we have an Erasmus agreement. An overview of the faculties/schools can be found on page 4 of this document.

At two universities in our School Program (CUHK and PUC-Rio), students can take courses in both political science and interdisciplinary areas.

**Possible areas for recognition for B.Sc.:**

**Mandatory modules** cannot be recognized: This includes political science basics, mathematical basics, basics of economics and law, and computer-based data analysis. These courses must be completed at HfP.

**Key competencies:** This includes soft skills courses, e.g., language courses. It's best to check which courses are assigned to the key competencies area at our university (in TUMonline).

**Political science specializations:** We have four sub-areas within political science specializations. Please check in TUMonline the courses offered at HfP. At the partner university, you can take similar courses, which can also be recognized under these sub-areas:

Democracy, Violence, Conflict

Energy, Climate, Health, and Sustainability

Law, Regulation, Ethics, and Digitalization

International Relations and Global Governance

**Interdisciplinary study components:**

To have courses recognized in this area, they must contain a substantial technical or natural science component. You may also consult TUMonline to see which courses at our university are assigned to the interdisciplinary area, which can help determine whether recognition is feasible.

**Possible areas for recognition for M.Sc.:**

**Mandatory modules** cannot be recognized: For example, the module *Introduction to Politics and Technology*

**Modules in the Methods** area can be recognized: They must be thematically aligned with the modules listed under Methods Cluster in TUMonline.

**Political science specializations:** We have four sub-areas within political science specializations. Please check in TUMonline the courses offered at HfP. At the partner university, you can take similar courses, which can also be recognized under these sub-areas:

Data & Society

Governance

Political Economy

Sustainability

**Interdisciplinary study components:**

To have courses recognized in this area, they must contain a substantial technical or natural science component. You may also consult TUMonline to see which courses at our university are assigned to the interdisciplinary area, which can help determine whether recognition is feasible.

**General Requirement for Course Recognition:**

For a course to be recognized, students must receive a formal grade. Courses assessed solely on a pass/fail basis cannot be credited.

**Can I apply for Erasmus, TUMexchange, and the School Program at the same time?**

Yes, it is possible to apply for multiple programs. However, if you are offered a place through one of the programs—for example, TUMexchange—you must accept it. In this case, your applications for Erasmus or the School Program will no longer be considered. This policy ensures that as many students as possible have the opportunity to study abroad, so no student can be considered for multiple programs simultaneously.

**The semester abroad starts during the HfP exam period. How can I manage this best?**

You should select courses at HfP that allow an essay or a similar form of final assessment. This document can also be submitted from the semester abroad. In TUMonline, the module description specifies the form of the examination.

**Can/should I take a leave of absence during the semester abroad?**

This should be discussed with your academic advising office.

**Do I have to pay the semester fee at TUM during the semester abroad?**

Yes, absolutely.

**What scholarships are available for the Erasmus program?**

To receive an Erasmus scholarship, certain documents must be uploaded on time. More information can be found under “*To dos for Erasmus grant*” on the Erasmus – Study Abroad page: [Erasmus+ Study within the EU - TUM Global](#)

Students who have been offered an Erasmus+ placement will receive timely access to the Moodle course, where they can find detailed information about Erasmus+ mobility and the required documents. This information is also sent to students via email from TUM Global & Alumni Office.

**What scholarships are available for the SEMP program?**

You should apply for the scholarship at the partner university directly.

**What scholarships are available for the School program?**

We do not offer any specific scholarships, so we recommend that students search independently for suitable funding opportunities. The following website may be helpful: [Scholarships and funding opportunities for stays abroad - TUM Global](#)

**What language proficiency certificates do I need?**

The application process consists of two stages: application at HfP and application at the partner university.

Application at HfP: We require a minimum of B2 level in English. This can be demonstrated through your high school diploma, a language module at TUM, or an official language test. Master’s students at HfP do not need to provide a separate language certificate at this stage, as our Master’s program is taught in English and we assume proficiency at the C1 level.

Application at the partner university (after you have received a nomination from HfP): The accepted certificates and required proficiency levels are determined individually by each partner university. This information can be found on the respective universities' websites.

**When applying, I have to submit a list of courses I want to take at the partner university. Is this a final list, or can I change it if I receive a study place?**

You may revise your list of courses later. At the application stage, we only want to verify that you have identified courses that align with our program. Course offerings at partner universities can be found on their official websites. You may also refer to the list of courses offered in previous years as a reference.

**What should my motivation letter look like?**

You are required to submit a single motivation letter in English, with a maximum length of two pages. The letter should clearly indicate all the universities you are applying to and explain your interest in each.

**Will Erasmus/SEMP/School Program be recorded in the Diploma Supplement?**

Yes, Erasmus/SEMP participation is recorded in the Diploma Supplement; however, this does not occur automatically. Students are required to submit specific documents after completing their semester abroad to ensure inclusion: [Freemover - Registrierung selbstorganisierter Auslandsaufenthalte - TUM Global](#)