

**Annex to Erasmus+ Inter-Institutional Agreement
University of Reading
Institutional Factsheet 2014/15**



1. Institutional Information

1.1. Institutional details

Name of the institution	University of Reading
Erasmus Code	UK READING01
EUC	30250
Erasmus+ website	www.reading.ac.uk/studyabroad/incoming
Office responsible for mobility matters	Erasmus & Study Abroad Office Carrington Building, Whiteknights, University of Reading, Reading, RG6 6AU, UK
Institutional website	www.reading.ac.uk

1.2. Main institutional contacts

Contact person	Marcus Dowse
Position	Erasmus & Study Abroad Manager
Responsibility	Central management of the ERASMUS+ programme Primary contact person for Erasmus + partners
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Contact person	Ms Souwoon Cho
Responsibility	Administration of incoming / outgoing students and staff mobility
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Responsibility	Administration of incoming / outgoing students and staff mobility
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2. Detailed requirements and additional information

2.1. Recommended language skills

The sending institution, following agreement with our institution, is responsible for providing support to its nominated candidates so that they can have the recommended language skills at the start of the study or teaching period:

Type of mobility	Subject area	Language(s) of instruction	Recommended language of instruction level ¹
Student Mobility for Studies	Any	English	See: www.reading.ac.uk/vso-erasmusapply.aspx
Staff Mobility for Teaching	Any	English	Recommended equivalent of C1

Language learning can be provided through the provision offered by IWLP (www.reading.ac.uk/iwlp) and at SACLL (www.reading.ac.uk/sacll).

2.2. Module information

Information: www.reading.ac.uk/studyabroad/incomingstudents/whatcanistudy/vso-whatcanistudy.aspx.

Only modules listed at the above are available for selection unless permission has been provided by the Erasmus & Study Abroad Office for alternative modules to be selected. Modules listed on other parts of the University of Reading website are not available for selection.

The list of module noted on the Erasmus & Study Abroad Office website is updated annually and is subject to change. The University of Reading reserves the right to amend its academic provision.

Information, including details regarding any restrictions on module selection, will be provided to the nominated students prior to their application. Further information is also noted on the module selection pages.

2.3. Calendar

2.3.1. Academic Year

Information: www.reading.ac.uk/studyabroad/incomingstudents/practicalinformation/vso-practicalinformation.aspx.

Students can be nominated for either:

- 1) Study Block 1 (Semester 1): Sunday 20 September - Friday 11 December 2015
- 2) Study Block 2 (Semester 2): Thursday 07 January - Friday 10 June 2016
- 3) Full Academic year (Semesters 1 & 2): Sunday 20 September - Friday 10 June 2016

2.3.2. Nomination Deadlines

Information regarding on students nominated must reach our institution by:

	Nomination deadline	Application deadline
Autumn term	01 May 2015	01 June 2015
Spring term	01 October 2015	01 November 2015

Information for institutions can be found on our website at:

www.reading.ac.uk/studyabroad/incomingstudents/Howtoapply/vso-infoforstudyadvisors.aspx

Details regarding application requirements can be found at: www.reading.ac.uk/vso-erasmusapply.aspx.

2.3.3. Application Process

Students must apply online and will be sent details regarding the whole application process once nominated by the partner institution and acceptance of the nomination by Reading. Applicants are expected to complete the application online (including module choices), then print and get the relevant authority at the partner institution to sign the application, confirming the details noted. This should be scanned and emailed, together with a Transcript (in English, indicating modules studied and grades received as part of degree programme) to

¹ Level according to Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)

studyabroad@reading.ac.uk . If the applicant is non-EU visa national, then they will be required to provide evidence of language proficiency also.

Information for institutions can be found on our website at:

www.reading.ac.uk/studyabroad/incomingstudents/Howtoapply/vso-infoforstudyadvisors.aspx

Details regarding application requirements can be found at: www.reading.ac.uk/vso-erasmusapply.aspx

2.3.4. Decision Response

The University of Reading will normally send its decision regarding the application direct to the student within four (4) weeks of the submission and receipt by the Erasmus & Study Abroad Office of the full application and associated documentation, as stipulated at: www.reading.ac.uk/vso-erasmusapply.aspx .

For staff mobility the decision will be made by the representative of hosting department on the basis of the teaching / training programme submitted. The deadline for submission of the relevant agreement (teaching or training) will be mutually agreed by the relevant parties.

2.3.5. Transcripts of Records

A Transcript of Records will normally be issued by the University of Reading no later than five (5) weeks after date of submission of the relevant the assessment or the end of the period of registration at the University of Reading, whichever is later.

2.4. Methods of assessment

Each school at Reading sets its own default form of assessment, reviewed annually and approved by the relevant academic authorities at the University. Examination assessment takes place during the summer term.

Students who are not registered at the University for the summer term will be set an additional piece of assessment to replace the examination, as approved by the relevant academic authorities at the University. Students will be informed of the form of assessment by the academic department and the Erasmus & Study Abroad Office at the time they register onto the module, after arrival.

2.5. Students and Staff with Disabilities

The University of Reading has the infrastructure to welcome participants with disabilities in accordance of the requirement of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education² providing that full disclosure is made at nomination stage by the sending institution in order that the appropriate support and guidance can be provided to the participant by the relevant authorities at the University of Reading. Partner institutions are advised to contact the University of Reading well before the nomination and application deadlines to ensure that all necessary arrangements can be made. The sending institution is responsible for covering all extra costs in connection with the exchange. Further information can be found at: www.reading.ac.uk/studyabroad/incomingstudents/practicalinformation/vso-studentwithdisabilities.aspx

There are a small number of designed rooms in halls of residence available for students with disabilities; however availability is extremely limited and cannot be guaranteed to any applicant.

3. Additional information

3.1. Grading system

Details can be found at: www.reading.ac.uk/studyabroad/incoming/grades

3.2. Visa

² http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-policy/ects_en.htm

The University of Reading will provide assistance, when required, in securing visas for incoming and outgoing students/staff, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education.³

Information about all aspects of mobility will be organised and distributed to students (nominated, applicants and participants) by the Erasmus & Study Abroad Office, with the necessary detailed information, websites and contacts at Reading provided direct to the students at the appropriate time.

Details can be found at: www.reading.ac.uk/vso-erasmusapply.aspx

3.3. Insurance

Our institutions will provide assistance in obtaining insurance for incoming and outgoing students/staff, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education.⁴ Information about all aspects of mobility will be organised and distributed to students (nominated, applicants and participants) by the Erasmus & Study Abroad Office, with the necessary detailed information, websites and contacts at Reading provided direct to the students at the appropriate time.

Details can be found at: www.reading.ac.uk/studyabroad/incomingstudents/practicalinformation/vso-insurance.aspx

3.4. Housing

Reading will provide guidance regarding finding accommodation, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education.⁵ Information about all aspects of mobility will be organised and distributed to students (nominated, applicants and participants) by the Erasmus & Study Abroad Office, with the necessary detailed information, websites and contacts at Reading provided direct to the students at the appropriate time.

Details can be found at: www.reading.ac.uk/studyabroad/incomingstudents/accommodation/vso-accommodation.aspx

4. Staff mobility

- Participants should discuss their options with their International Office (or equivalent responsible for the management of the Erasmus+ programme) to ensure that there is a valid bilateral agreement in place, and that there is funds available to support the mobility.
- The host department at the University of Reading is responsible for organisational aspects of the mobility, and should be the primary contacts for participants for arrangements related to the mobility.

Teaching Staff mobility:

- Incoming teaching staff must be individually accepted by the relevant host department at the University of Reading. Acceptance is dependent on all parties (i.e. participant, sending institution and the host department at the University of Reading) agreeing in advance to the content of the candidate's teaching plan and the timing of the proposed teaching mobility.
- The host department can assist in providing information to participants regarding accommodation. However information can be found at: <http://www.reading.ac.uk/about/visitors-accommodation/about-hotels.aspx> about accommodation option on our various campuses.
- Participants who require a visa to enter the UK need to inform the host department in advance of the mobility. The hosting department will be responsible for liaising with the Department of Human Resources at Reading to ensure that the appropriate process is followed.
- A representative of the hosting academic department at Reading should sign the teaching programme and provide confirmation of the duration of the visit, or any other information required, in line with the requirements of the Erasmus+ programme.

Staff Training mobility:

³ http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-policy/ects_en.htm

⁴ As above

⁵ As above

- Incoming staff participating on the staff training programme must be individually accepted by the relevant department willing to host the mobility. Acceptance is dependent on all parties (i.e. participant, sending institution and the host department at the University of Reading) agreeing in advance to the content of the candidate's training plan and the timing of the proposed training mobility.
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