

How much does the semester abroad cost?

Students do not pay tuition fees at the host institution; they register as full-time students at UL and pay their annual registration fee to UL during the semester abroad.

The cost of the semester abroad will depend on the cost of living in the host country, the length of the semester (3-5 months) and the student's lifestyle.

For Erasmus semesters, i.e. in Europe, the semester costs approx. €3,500 - €5,000.

For International Exchange semesters, i.e. outside Europe, the semester costs approx. €6,000-€8,000.

While there may be funding available to students, it is important to know that the grant or scholarship will not cover all living expenses while abroad.

Funding available

Erasmus (Europe)

Erasmus mobility grant

Additional funding for students from socially disadvantaged backgrounds

Additional funding for students with grave disabilities and additional support needs

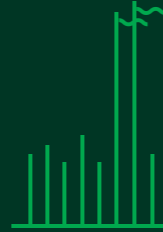
International Exchange (outside Europe)

US Scholarships (limited number)

International Credit Mobility (ICM) scholarships (limited number)



The University of Limerick joined the Erasmus programme in **1988**.



UL has the **largest Erasmus programme in Ireland**. **Over 600 UL students take part in an academic placement abroad every year**.



UL has been awarded **Best Erasmus Programme** by the Irish Education Awards in **2018, 2019 and 2020**.

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ERASMUS & International Exchange
 Spend an academic semester abroad as part of your UL degree programme

What is Erasmus / International Exchange?

The Erasmus & International Exchange programme is an academic scheme that allows students to study abroad at a partner university as part of their degree programme at UL.

The academic semester abroad is fully recognised as an academic component of UL degree programmes.

Each year, over 600 UL students study abroad at EU and non-EU partner institutions.



What are the benefits?

Taking part in an academic exchange programme can be one of the greatest experiences in a student's academic career. The academic, social, personal and cultural benefits of participating in the programme are enormous. The benefits can be:

- **academic:** students have the opportunity to study in a new academic environment, follow courses that may not be available at UL and add value to their degree programme;
- **linguistic:** progress can be spectacular, especially for less proficient speakers;
- **personal:** students usually gain confidence and independence while living abroad, they develop important life skills and expand their network;
- **intercultural:** students further develop cultural awareness and learn to be more open-minded and objective;
- **professional:** students often acquire skills that are sought after by employers such as problem-solving skills, flexibility, ability to adapt to new environments; it is proven that spending an academic semester abroad increases employability.

Who can go?

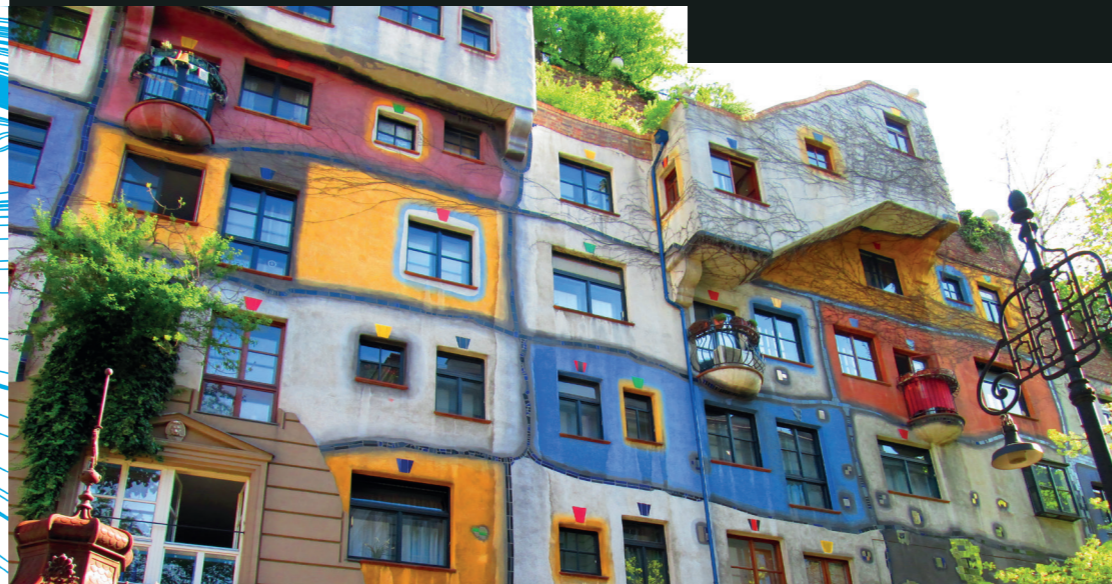
Degree programmes with compulsory academic semester abroad

There are eight UL programmes with an integrated academic semester abroad:

- LM002** – Arts
- LM019** – Social Sciences
- LM038** – Psychology and Sociology
- LM039** – Journalism and Digital Communication
- LM040** – European Studies
- LM044** – Applied Languages
- LM056** – International Business
- LM102** – Psychology

Elective academic semester abroad

The academic semester abroad is available to most other UL degree programmes, with some exceptions due to accreditation requirements. Please note that the selection process is competitive and students must be in good academic standing for their application to be approved.



Where can students go?

UL offers the opportunity to study at over 300 partner universities around the world.

Students have the opportunity to study in the following countries, to name just a few:

(EU) Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, etc.; (non-EU) Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan, New Zealand, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, South Korea, U.S.A., etc.

When and how long is the semester abroad?

The academic placement may be undertaken in Year 2 or Year 3.

Most UL students go on a semester abroad in Year 3.

The majority of academic exchanges abroad are for one semester (approx. 4-5 months).

It can be possible to extend the academic exchange programme to the full academic year (approx. 9 months), depending on the degree programme.