



Information Event Erasmus+

**Department of Sociology
Bielefeld University
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General information about Erasmus+

Erasmus+ at the Faculty of Sociology: Application and selection criteria

Cooperations are subject-specific and assigned to status groups!
Sociology // Political Science and BA // MA

Application documents

- Resume in tabular form (max. 1 page)
- Letter of motivation (1 page)
- Transcript of records
- Official proof of language skills

Selection criteria

- Compelling letter of motivation:
 - Academic and professional fit
 - Motivation and objectives (why this university/country, etc.)
 - Proof of language proficiency
- Completeness of documents!

Our partnerships

All collaborations of the Faculty of Sociology can also
be found on our [website!](#)

Belgium

Bulgaria

Denmark

Estonia

Finland

France

Italy

Netherlands

Austria

Poland

Portugal

Spain

Sweden

Switzerland

Turkey

Hungary

Partner universities outside
Europe



Language of instruction: English. The required language level is at least level B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CER).

Open to: Master students

Erasmus+ Coordination: [Mascha Nolte](#)

Courses offered and specialisations:

[MA Sociology \(Eng.\)](#)

[MA Strategic Human Resource Management \(Eng.\)](#)

Study cycle: The winter semester starts at the beginning of September and ends in mid-January. The summer semester begins in mid-January and ends in June.

Sweden/Gothenburg

University of Gothenburg

Gothenburg is Sweden's second largest city and is considered one of Europe's centers of science.

- The courses offered by the Faculty of Sociology cover theoretical, methodological, historical, and topic-specific content in sociology for exchange students.
- Special thematic areas include, for example: social change, environment, European politics, integration, and Global Studies.(Some courses may require prior knowledge or have specific prerequisites!)
- For international students, the International Office has a comprehensive support program.

Bulgaria/Sofia

Sofia University of St. Kliment Ohridski

As the capital city, Sofia is Bulgaria's educational center.

- The Faculty of Philosophy was founded in 1888.
- It combines the fields of philosophy, sociology, psychology, political science, cultural studies, administration and information, and European studies.
- Incoming students receive support here in the form of language courses, various orientation services, and a practical guide.



Language of instruction: English and Bulgarian. Many courses are offered in English. The required language level for English or Bulgarian is at least B1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). There is also a German and French MA programme.

Open for: Bachelor, Master and PhD students

Erasmus+ Coordination: Madita Michaelis (From March 31, 2026, Dr. Wayne Palmer will be responsible for this cooperation).

Courses offered and specialisations:

[BA study programmes at a glance](#)

[MA study programmes at a glance](#)

[PhD programmes at a glance](#)

A detailed description of the degree programmes and an overview of the courses offered in English can be found on the homepage.

Study period: The winter semester usually starts at the beginning of October and ends at the end of January. The summer semester usually begins at the end of February and ends in mid-June.

France/Paris

École des Hautes Etudes de Sciences Sociales (EHESS)

Language of instruction: French. The required language level for French is at least B1. EHESS Paris requires proof of language proficiency specifying the language level upon enrollment. No courses are offered in English.

Open for: Master- and PhD students

Erasmus+ coordinator: [Dr. Wayne Palmer](#)

Study programs and areas of focus:

MA Social Sciences
MA Analysis and Economic Politics
MA Political Studies
MA Public Policy and Development
MA Health, Populations, Policy and Social Interventions
MA Economic and Social Sciences
MA Sciences of Religion and Society
MA Cognitive Sciences
MA Sociology and Statistics

Study cycle: The winter semester usually begins at the end of October and ends in February/March. The summer semester usually begins at the end of February/March and ends at the end of May/June.

- EHESS in Paris is a young university (founded in 1947) that focuses exclusively on teaching and research in the social sciences.
- The institute is one of four locations spread across the country and enjoys a first-class international reputation.
- In addition to fundamental and methodological courses, the Paris campus offers a wide range of specializations that combine disciplines from the social sciences such as anthropology, political science, sociology, history, theology, linguistics, art, etc.
- The university offers support in the form of language courses, orientation days, and a welcome guide.



Information on students' personal responsibility

- **Erasmus+ is a self-directed process:** Students bear primary responsibility for planning and carrying out their semester abroad.
- **Organization of the stay:** Travel, accommodation, enrollment at the partner university, and deadlines must be arranged independently (the IO offers support).
- **Take control of your studies:** The selection of courses, coordination of learning agreements, and ensuring subsequent recognition are primarily the responsibility of the students.
- **Clarify interests:** Students decide for themselves what content-related, academic, and personal goals they want to pursue during their stay.
- **Temporary relocation:** The Erasmus semester is a temporary change of study location – responsibility for individual study progress remains with the students.



Das Online Learning Agreement (OLA)

... is the digital version of a **Learning Agreement** for Erasmus+ stays.

...is necessary to ensure the **recognition** of the academic achievements completed abroad at the home university and is a **mandatory requirement** for Erasmus+ funding.

...is created online between the **student, the home university, and the host university** and signed digitally.

Notes on the OLA (1/2)

Responsibilities of students:

Students are responsible for completing and submitting the OLA on time. Before completing the OLA, students must contact the relevant Erasmus+ coordinators and discuss their planned study program.

Selection of courses:

Students should choose courses according to their stage of study (bachelor's students → bachelor's courses, master's students → master's courses).

Changes to course selection

Students can still change their course selection during the first four weeks after arriving at the partner university. However, this can only be done in consultation with the Erasmus+ coordinator. Changes must be recorded in the OLA.

Notes on the OLA (1/2)

Recognition of modules/seminars:

Only modules that belong to the study programs of the foreign institution with which the faculty of sociology cooperates can be confirmed as equivalent and eligible for recognition.

ECTS (Leistungspunkte):

The allocation and weighting of ECTS credits may differ at partner universities. Example: At a partner university, participating in a Bachelor seminar may earn 7 ECTS, while at our faculty a comparable seminar is worth only 4 ECTS (or 6 ECTS with an examination). Students should note that, for example, we do not offer 5-ECTS modules (except for language courses).

Therefore, in Table B of the OLA, the ECTS credits that would be awarded for the corresponding module at our faculty must be indicated – not the credits of the partner university. Specifically, if at the partner university only a seminar in the Bachelor program was taken without an examination and this is listed there with 7 ECTS, then the entry in Table B must be made with 4 ECTS (coursework-Studienleistung, BA Bielefeld). If an examination is taken, it will appear in the Transcript of Records and will be taken into account during the recognition process!

Recognition of achievements

- After your stay abroad, you must submit your **application for recognition to the Examination Office** of the Faculty of Sociology!

(Please contact the relevant contact person for your degree program)

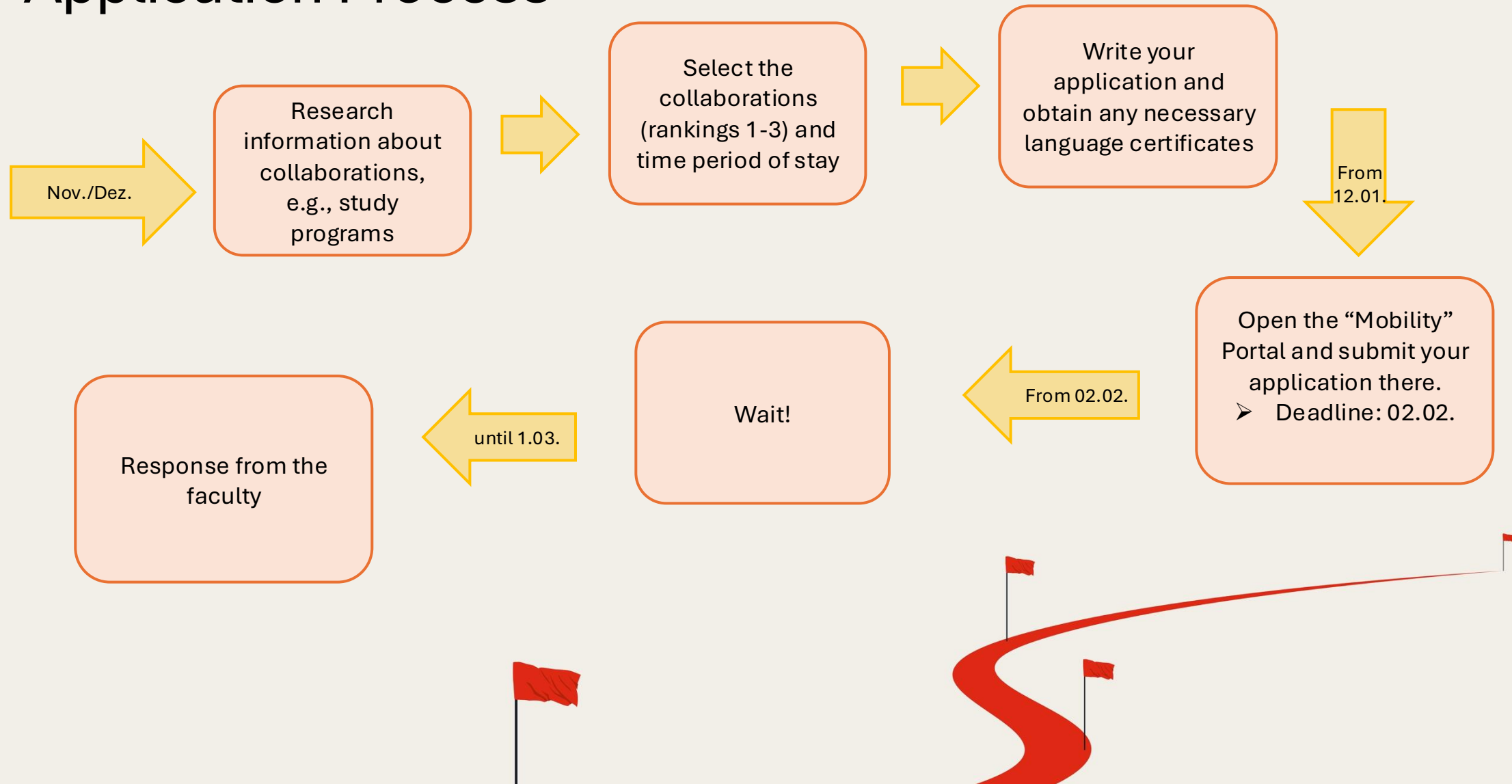
- The **application form** is available online. Please fill it out and submit it together with your final **OLA** and **transcript of records**!
- **Be sure to note the ECTS allocation** (see OLA) **in the application for recognition**!
- Marie-Sophie Borchelt decides on all Erasmus+ recognition applications.



Experiences of a semester abroad



Timeline Application Process



Timeline

Vor- und Nachbereitung





Do you have any questions about the general application process?

Please send an email to erasmus.soc@uni-bielefeld.de

Questions about individual collaborations? Please contact the relevant cooperation representative! (see overview)

