



University of the Aegean

Erasmus+ Institutional Factsheet

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Academic calendar	Each academic year starts on September 1 st , ends on August 31 st and consists of two semesters: Winter and Spring semester (Exact dates are specified by Senate decision every year)	
	<u>Winter semester</u> <u>Lecture Period:</u> Beginning of October – Mid January <u>Examination Period:</u> until early February	<u>Spring semester</u> <u>Lecture Period:</u> Early February – end of May <u>Examination Period:</u> until end of June
Application and Nomination deadlines	For winter semester: June 15 th For spring semester: October 15 th Students intending to study at the UAegean are advised to meet the above deadlines. The deadlines will be flexible only if there are still positions available. Nominated students will receive an email with the documents required for their registration. The list of the required documents is available in the website: European Mobility: https://erasmus.aegean.gr/en/students-mobility-european International Mobility: https://erasmus.aegean.gr/en/students-mobility-international	
	Acceptance decision The University of the Aegean will send its decision within 4 weeks after the deadline for submission of complete application files. The students accepted by the UAegean will receive via email a letter of acceptance	
UAegean Erasmus Student Guide & Welcome package	Our Practical Guide for Erasmus Students and Erasmus Brochure are available online: UAegean Practical Guide for Erasmus Students: https://erasmus.aegean.gr/en/uaegean-practical-guide UAegean Erasmus Brochure: https://erasmus.aegean.gr/en/uaegean-brochure	
Fields of Study Overview	The University of the Aegean (UAegean) was founded in 1984 aiming to introduce new approaches in higher education in Greece and worldwide and to promote regional development. Situated in 6 picturesque islands in the Aegean Archipelago (Lemnos, Lesbos, Chios, Samos, Syros and Rhodes), the UAegean offers a unique natural, cultural and human environment for modern studies in the ancient cradle of knowledge. In forty years, the UAegean has evolved into an international research-oriented University offering 18 undergraduate (BA or BSc) and more than 40 postgraduate (MA or MSc) programmes in modern interdisciplinary thematic areas such as environment, communication systems, business administration, cultural informatics, product design, food and nutritional sciences, education design, geography, tourism, shipping and transport, social sciences, management studies, informatics design, mathematics, humanities and Mediterranean studies. In addition, the UAegean has established joined international postgraduate programmes (i.e. in Biodiversity, Environmental Policy and Management, European Integration) as well as joined PhD degree programmes in a wide range of thematic areas.	

Course information	Courses at University of the Aegean are taught in Greek. However, there are a few courses in English too, as well as special arrangements for Erasmus+ students, such as tutoring-type or reading-type courses in English or assignment of essays in English with the use of English bibliography in small groups of students. Information concerning courses and other academic matters can be obtained at the website of each Department of the University: https://erasmus.aegean.gr/en/node/82												
Language requirements	The University of the Aegean recommends a minimum of language level B2* in English in order to take full advantage of the mobility. *Level according to Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), see http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/european-language-levels-cefr												
Greek Language courses	At the University campus of Mytilene, there are Greek language courses organized specifically for Erasmus+ students at the beginning of each semester. These courses are offered free of charge and they apply 5 ECTS for a semester period. Further information: https://erasmus.aegean.gr/sites/default/files/2020-11/Erasmus%20-%20Greek%20Language%20Courses_0.pdf												
ECTS & Grading system	The student workload consists of the time required to complete all planned learning activities, i.e. course and contact hours (lectures, seminars etc) and private study (preparation for exams, writing of paper, reading etc.): 1 ECTS credit = 25 hours. At the University of the Aegean ECTS credits are applied to all Schools and Departments. One academic year = 60 ECTS One semester = 30 ECTS One trimester = 20 ECTS Grading system <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Grade</th><th>Description</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>8,5-10</td><td>Άριστα (Arista) - Excellent</td></tr> <tr> <td>6,5-8,49</td><td>Λίαν Καλώς (Lian Kalos) - Very Good</td></tr> <tr> <td>5,00-6,49</td><td>Καλώς (Kalos) - Good</td></tr> <tr> <td>0-4,99</td><td>Ανεπιτυχώς (Anepitychos) - Fail</td></tr> <tr> <td>N.P.</td><td>Non present at the exam</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Grade	Description	8,5-10	Άριστα (Arista) - Excellent	6,5-8,49	Λίαν Καλώς (Lian Kalos) - Very Good	5,00-6,49	Καλώς (Kalos) - Good	0-4,99	Ανεπιτυχώς (Anepitychos) - Fail	N.P.	Non present at the exam
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Accommodation	Incoming students may be entitled to free accommodation depending on room availability. If you are allocated a room, you will be informed in advance. In case there is no room available in the dormitories you should find a room on your own. You may find a contact detail list of real estate agencies on every UAegean island at http://www.xo.gr/dir-az/R/RealEstate-Agencies/?lang=en by entering the name of the town of your preference. Students can also search for accommodation by using online searching engines. The University of the Aegean is not responsible for the contracts signed for private accommodation. Further information is provided in the above-mentioned Practical Guide for Erasmus Students: https://erasmus.aegean.gr/en/uaegean-practical-guide												

Student catering	The University of the Aegean provides for subsidized catering in every University Unit. Students on the islands of Lesbos, Samos, Chios, and Rhodes may have lunch and dinner at University-owned restaurants, whereas students on the island of Syros are entitled to eat at restaurants that have contracts with the University.
Student and Staff counselling service	The University of the Aegean offers counselling services to students and staff on each UAegean island. Counselling is offered free of charge. It is supported by trained professionals with full respect for medical confidentiality
Health Insurance	All incoming Erasmus students should be medically insured during their stay at the UAegean. Erasmus students from EU countries will forward a copy of their European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) to the Erasmus+ Office before their arrival. EHIC is a free health card that is issued by national health insurance providers and gives access to medically necessary, state-provided healthcare during a temporary stay in any of the 28 EU countries, Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway and Switzerland, under the same conditions and at the same cost (free in some countries) as people insured in that country. More information about how to apply for a European Health Insurance Card and students' national health insurance provider at: http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=563&langId=en#nationalinfo Before their arrival to the UAegean, students and staff coming from non-EU countries are requested to submit copies of the required private insurance contracts to the Erasmus+ Office
Visa Information	Visa is not required for EU citizens. Detailed information about visa requirements (according to the country of origin) and information about Greek or other national authorities that issue visas for Greece abroad are available at the official website of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs http://www.mfa.gr/en/visas/ Alternatively, non-EU students and staff may also contact their nearest Greek Embassy about visa information. All exchange students and staff members should be aware that the visa application process lasts approximately one month and that an acceptance letter from the University of the Aegean may be required.
Useful Links	Official Portal of the Hellenic Republic for Studies in Greece: https://studyinggreece.edu.gr/ ESN Greece (Erasmus Student Network/Greece) Erasmus Student Network Greece (ESN Greece) is a non-profit volunteering student association and one of the 40 member countries of ESN https://esngreece.gr/