



## Going on mobility

### TUITION FEES

**As Erasmus+ student, you do not have to pay tuition fees at the host institution.** However, you will still be required to pay tuition fees at the Lyon CNSMD.

You might be asked to pay some fees at the host institution to cover insurance fees, to register at the library, to take part in a students' association, to use some material such as photocopies, or for public transports, etc.

### Worth knowing!

In Germany, most higher education institutions required students to pay between €150 and €230/semester for the "Semester Ticket" to have access to public transports in the city and in the region. The payment of these fees is compulsory.

Also, we advise students wishing to undertake a study period abroad to spend some time researching the average cost of living at your chosen destination.

### LANGUAGES

Students are recommended to have at least a minimum knowledge of the foreign language spoken in the country they will spend their study period abroad in (usually English, German or Italian).

Some partner institutions offer language courses, namely some Hochschulen für Musik in Germany and Austria. Some other partner institutions have signed specific agreements with language centres or other universities where Erasmus+ students can take language classes. Should you be interested, please contact your host institution.

The Lyon CNSMD offers language courses, and we recommend students to register for these courses before their mobility in order to best prepare their study period abroad. Students wishing to undertake a study period abroad are given priority access to these courses.

### Warning!

Some universities require Erasmus+ students to prove a certain level in the language (often basic) to accept them as incoming students.

### Erasmus+ Online Linguistic Support (OLS)

In January 2015, the [Erasmus+ Online Linguistic Support \(OLS\)](#) was launched for students taking part in the Erasmus+ programme. The OLS offers participants in Erasmus+ long-term mobility activities the opportunity to assess their skills in the foreign language(s) they will use to



study, work or volunteer abroad. In addition, selected participants may follow an online language course to improve their competence.

The OLS language assessment is **mandatory for all participants to Erasmus+ mobility activities of at least two months** (studies/traineeships/EVS volunteering) with one of the following languages as the main language of instruction, work or volunteering: German, English, Spanish, French, Italian and Dutch (with the exception of native speakers).

**Erasmus+ mobility participants must take the assessment twice — before and at the end of their mobility period** — in order to monitor their progress in the language of mobility.

**For higher education students, taking the OLS language assessment before their departure is a pre-requisite for the mobility**, except if duly justified. Assessment results do not prevent participants from taking part in the mobility programme, but can be used by the sending institution/coordinating organisation to identify the participants most in need of linguistic support. If the host institution requires a specific language certificate (IELTS, TOEIC, TOEFL, CIEF, Goethe Institut), Erasmus+ students still have to take these exams, since the OLS does not replace them.

Based on their language proficiency, **participants may have the opportunity to access the OLS learning platform to follow an online language course before and during their mobility period**. This should be agreed between the participant and the institution/organisation in charge of his/her selection.

**At the end of their mobility period, participants will be requested to take a second assessment to assess the progress made**. The last 30% of the Erasmus+ grant will only be paid out if Erasmus+ students hand in their final mobility report and take the second language assessment.

### **Bursaries and linguistic support to learn German**

The [Franco-German Youth Office](#) (FGYO) as well as the [German Academic Exchange Service](#) offer bursaries for students wishing to take German courses before their mobility.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

**Outgoing students organise their own accommodation**, but can therefore ask the host institution for some pieces of advice. Student-to-student accommodation exchanges are sometimes possible between French and international students if their study periods coincide.

## **INSURANCE**

Should you wish to have further information about the social insurance for students going abroad for an exchange, check the [LMDE website](#).



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## EUROPASS PORTEFOLIO

2 documents accessible online:

- The Europass CV: a document to present your skills and qualifications effectively and clearly
- The Language Passeport: a self-assessment tool for language skills and qualifications

2 documents delivered by specific institutions:

- The Diploma Supplement: a document describing the knowledge and skills acquired by holders of vocational training certificates (currently under construction at the Lyon CNSMD)
- The Europass Mobility: a document to record knowledge and skills acquired in another European country (please ask the International Relations Office at the Lyon CNSMD)



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