



# Higher Education Learning Agreement for Studies

*Student's name*  
*Academic Year 20.../20...*

<b>Student</b>	Last name(s)	First name(s)	Date of birth	Nationality <sup>1</sup>	Sex [M/F]	Study cycle <sup>2</sup>	Field of education <sup>3</sup>
<b>Sending Institution</b>	Name	Faculty/Department	Erasmus code <sup>4</sup> (if applicable)	Address	Country	Contact person name <sup>5</sup> ; email; phone	
<b>Receiving Institution</b>	Name	Faculty/ Department	Erasmus code (if applicable)	Address	Country	Contact person name; email; phone	

## Before the mobility

<b>Study Programme at the Receiving Institution</b>				
Planned period of the mobility: from [month/year] ..... to [month/year] .....				
<b>Table A Before the mobility</b>	Component <sup>6</sup> code (if any)	Component title at the Receiving Institution (as indicated in the course catalogue <sup>7</sup> )	Semester [e.g. autumn/spring; term]	Number of ECTS credits (or equivalent) <sup>8</sup> to be awarded by the Receiving Institution upon successful completion
				Total: ...
Web link to the course catalogue at the Receiving Institution describing the learning outcomes: [web link to the relevant information]				

The level of language competence <sup>9</sup> in _____ [indicate here the main language of instruction] that the student already has or agrees to acquire by the start of the study period is: A1 <input type="checkbox"/> A2 <input type="checkbox"/> B1 <input type="checkbox"/> B2 <input type="checkbox"/> C1 <input type="checkbox"/> C2 <input type="checkbox"/> Native speaker <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Recognition at the Sending Institution</b>				
<b>Table B Before the mobility</b>	Component code (if any)	Component title at the Sending Institution (as indicated in the course catalogue)	Semester [e.g. autumn/spring; term]	Number of ECTS credits (or equivalent) to be recognised by the Sending Institution
				Total: ...
Provisions applying if the student does not complete successfully some educational components: [web link to the relevant information]				

<b>Commitment</b>					
By signing this document, the student, the Sending Institution and the Receiving Institution confirm that they approve the Learning Agreement and that they will comply with all the arrangements agreed by all parties. Sending and Receiving Institutions undertake to apply all the principles of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education relating to mobility for studies (or the principles agreed in the Inter-Institutional Agreement for institutions located in Partner Countries). The Sending Institution and the student should also commit to what is set out in the Erasmus+ grant agreement. The Receiving Institution confirms that the educational components listed in Table A are in line with its course catalogue and should be available to the student. The Sending Institution commits to recognise all the credits gained at the Receiving Institution for the successfully completed educational components and to count them towards the student's degree as described in Table B. Any exceptions to this rule are documented in an annex of this Learning Agreement and agreed by all parties. The student and the Receiving Institution will communicate to the Sending Institution any problems or changes regarding the study programme, responsible persons and/or study period.					
<b>Commitment</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Signature</b>
Student			Student		
Responsible person <sup>10</sup> at the Sending Institution					
Responsible person at the Receiving Institution <sup>11</sup>					

## During the Mobility

<b>Exceptional changes to Table A</b>						
(to be approved by e-mail or signature by the student, the responsible person in the Sending Institution and the responsible person in the Receiving Institution)						
Table A2 During the mobility	Component code (if any)	Component title at the Receiving Institution (as indicated in the course catalogue)	Deleted component [tick if applicable]	Added component [tick if applicable]	Reason for change <sup>12</sup>	Number of ECTS credits (or equivalent)
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Choose an item.	
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Choose an item.	

<b>Exceptional changes to Table B (if applicable)</b>					
(to be approved by e-mail or signature by the student and the responsible person in the Sending Institution)					
Table B2 During the mobility	Component code (if any)	Component title at the Sending Institution (as indicated in the course catalogue)	Deleted component [tick if applicable]	Added component [tick if applicable]	Number of ECTS credits (or equivalent)
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

## After the Mobility

<b>Transcript of Records at the Receiving Institution</b>					
Start and end dates of the study period: from [day/month/year] ..... to [day/month/year] .....					
Table C After the mobility	Component code (if any)	Component title at the Receiving Institution (as indicated in the course catalogue)	Was the component successfully completed by the student? [Yes/No]	Number of ECTS credits (or equivalent)	Grades received at the Receiving Institution
				Total: ...	

<b>Transcript of Records and Recognition at the Sending Institution</b>				
Start and end dates of the study period: from [day/month/year] ..... to [day/month/year] .....				
Table D After the mobility	Component code (if any)	Title of recognised component at the Sending Institution (as indicated in the course catalogue)	Number of ECTS credits (or equivalent) recognised	Grades registered at the Sending Institution (if applicable)
			Total: ...	

<sup>1</sup>**Nationality:** country to which the person belongs administratively and that issues the ID card and/or passport.

<sup>2</sup>**Study cycle:** Short cycle (EQF level 5) / Bachelor or equivalent first cycle (EQF level 6) / Master or equivalent second cycle (EQF level 7) / Doctorate or equivalent third cycle (EQF level 8).

<sup>3</sup>**Field of education:** The [ISCED-F 2013 search tool](http://ec.europa.eu/education/tools/isced-f_en.htm) available at [http://ec.europa.eu/education/tools/isced-f\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/tools/isced-f_en.htm) should be used to find the ISCED 2013 detailed field of education and training that is closest to the subject of the degree to be awarded to the student by the Sending Institution.

<sup>4</sup>**Erasmus code:** a unique identifier that every higher education institution that has been awarded with the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) receives. It is only applicable to higher education institutions located in Programme Countries.

<sup>5</sup>**Contact person:** person who provides a link for administrative information and who, depending on the structure of the higher education institution, may be the departmental coordinator or works at the international relations office or equivalent body within the institution.

<sup>6</sup> An "**educational component**" is a self-contained and formal structured learning experience that features learning outcomes, credits and forms of assessment. Examples of educational components are: a course, module, seminar, laboratory work, practical work, preparation/research for a thesis, mobility window or free electives.

<sup>7</sup>**Course catalogue:** detailed, user-friendly and up-to-date information on the institution's learning environment that should be available to students before the mobility period and throughout their studies to enable them to make the right choices and use their time most efficiently. The information concerns, for example, the qualifications offered, the learning, teaching and assessment procedures, the level of programmes, the individual educational components and the learning resources. The Course Catalogue should include the names of people to contact, with information about how, when and where to contact them.

<sup>8</sup>**ECTS credits (or equivalent):** in countries where the "ECTS" system is not in place, in particular for institutions located in Partner Countries not participating in the Bologna process, "ECTS" needs to be replaced in the relevant tables by the name of the equivalent system that is used, and a web link to an explanation to the system should be added.

<sup>9</sup>**Level of language competence:** a description of the European Language Levels (CEFR) is available at: <https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/european-language-levels-cefr>

<sup>10</sup>**Responsible person at the Sending Institution:** an academic who has the authority to approve the Learning Agreement, to exceptionally amend it when it is needed, as well as to guarantee full recognition of such programme on behalf of the responsible academic body. The name and email of the Responsible person must be filled in only in case it differs from that of the Contact person mentioned at the top of the document.

<sup>11</sup>**Responsible person at the Receiving Institution:** the name and email of the Responsible person must be filled in only in case it differs from that of the Contact person mentioned at the top of the document.

<sup>12</sup>**Reasons for exceptional changes to study programme abroad (choose an item number from the table below):**

<b><i>Reasons for deleting a component</i></b>	<b><i>Reason for adding a component</i></b>
1. Previously selected educational component is not available at the Receiving Institution	5. Substituting a deleted component
2. Component is in a different language than previously specified in the course catalogue	6. Extending the mobility period
3. Timetable conflict	7. Other (please specify)
4. Other (please specify)	



## Guidelines on how to use the Learning Agreement for Studies

The Learning Agreement template is applicable to Erasmus+ mobility for studies between Programme Countries (KA1), between Programme and Partner Countries (KA1), and for Higher Education Capacity Building projects involving Partner Countries (KA2).

The purpose of the Learning Agreement is to provide a transparent and efficient preparation of the study period abroad and to ensure that the student will receive recognition in his/her degree for the educational components successfully completed abroad.

It is recommended to use this template. However, if higher education institutions already have an IT system in place to produce the Learning Agreement or the Transcript of Records, they can continue using it. All the information requested in this template is to be considered as minimum requirements, meaning that further fields can be added, if needed, and the format (e.g. font size and colours) can be adapted.

### **BEFORE THE MOBILITY**

#### **Administrative data**

Before the mobility, it is necessary to fill in page 1 with information on the student, the Sending and the Receiving Institutions. The three parties have to agree on this section to be completed before the mobility.

On page 1, most of the information related to the student, Sending and Receiving Institutions will have to be encoded in the Mobility Tool+ (for Capacity Building projects, in the EACEA Mobility Tool).

#### **Educational components (Tables A and B)**

The study programme includes the indicative start and end months of the agreed study programme that the student will carry out abroad.

The Learning Agreement must include all the educational components to be carried out by the student at the Receiving Institution (in Table A) and it must contain as well the group of educational components that will be replaced in his/her degree by the Sending Institution (in Table B) upon successful completion of the study programme abroad. It is necessary to fill in Tables A and B thoroughly before the mobility. Additional rows and columns can be added as needed. However, the two Tables A and B must be kept separated. The objective is to make clear that there is no need to have one-to-one correspondence between the components followed abroad and the ones replaced at the Sending Institution. The aim is rather that a group of learning outcomes achieved abroad replaces a group of learning outcomes at the Sending Institution.

An academic year of full-time study is normally made up of educational components totalling 60 ECTS credits. It is recommended that for mobility periods shorter than a full academic year, the educational components selected should equate to a roughly proportionate number of credits. In case the student follows additional educational components beyond those required for his/her degree programme, these additional credits must also be listed in the study programme outlined in Table A.



The Sending Institution should indicate in Table B the group of educational components counting towards the student's degree that would normally be completed at the Sending Institution and which will be replaced by the Study Programme at the Receiving Institution. The total number of ECTS credits (or equivalent) in Table B should correspond to the total number of ECTS credits (or equivalent) contained in Table A. Any exception to this rule should be clearly stated in an annex of the Learning Agreement and agreed by all parties. Example of justification for a discrepancy in the total number of ECTS credits (or equivalent) between Table A and Table B: the student has already accumulated the number of credits required for his/her degree and does not need some of the credits gained abroad.

The group of components can be included in Table B as follows:

<i>Recognition at the Sending Institution</i>				
Table B Before the mobility	Component co (if any)	Component title at the Sending Institution (as indicated in the course catalogue)	Semester [e.g. autumn/spring; ter	Number of ECTS credits (or equivalent) to be recognised the Sending Institution
		<i>Course X</i>	...	10
		<i>Module Y</i>	...	10
		<i>Laboratory Work</i>	...	10
				<b>Total: 30</b>

Where all credits in Table A are automatically recognised as forming part of the programme at the Sending Institution, typically in the case of **mobility windows**<sup>1</sup>, Table B is **simplified** and reduced to one single line, as described below:

<i>Recognition at the Sending Institution</i>				
Table B Before the mobility	Component co (if any)	Component title at the Sending Institution (as indicated in the course catalogue)	Semester [e.g. autumn/spring; ter	Number of ECTS credits (or equivalent) to be recognised the Sending Institution
			<i>Mobility window</i>	...

The Sending Institution must foresee which provisions will apply if the student does not successfully complete some of the educational components from his study programme abroad, by providing a web link.

### Language competence

A recommended level in the main language of instruction has been agreed between the Sending and Receiving Institutions in their Inter-Institutional Agreement. The Sending Institution is responsible for providing support to its selected candidates so that they can have the recommended language skills at the start of the study period.

The level of language competence in the main language of instruction, which the student already has or agrees to acquire by the start of the study period, has to be reported in the box provided for that purpose in the Learning Agreement for Studies or, alternatively, in the grant agreement.

In case the level of the selected student is below the recommended one when signing the Learning Agreement (or grant agreement), the Sending Institution and the student should agree that he/she will reach the recommended level by the start of the mobility. They should also discuss and decide the type of support to be provided to the student by the Sending or Receiving Institution.

**The Erasmus+ Online Linguistic Support (OLS)** has been designed to assist Erasmus+ students in improving their knowledge of the main language of instruction, before and during their stay abroad, to ensure a better quality of learning mobility.



For mobility between Programme Countries, and for the languages covered by the OLS, the student must carry out an OLS language assessment before the mobility, and a final assessment at the end of the mobility, except for native speakers and in duly justified cases (e.g. special needs students).

The completion of the OLS assessment before departure is a pre-requisite for the mobility. This assessment will be taken after the student is selected, before signing the Learning Agreement or, alternatively, the grant agreement.

Based on the results of the OLS assessment, the Sending Institution may allocate an OLS language course to the students who wish to improve their language competences. More opportunities for participants following the OLS language courses (OLS Live Coaching: MOOCs, Forum and Tutoring sessions) are available at <http://erasmusplusols.eu>

### **Signing the Learning Agreement**

All parties must sign the Learning Agreement before the start of the mobility. It is not compulsory to circulate papers with original signatures; scanned copies of signatures or digital signatures may be accepted, depending on the national legislation.

## **DURING THE MOBILITY**

### **Exceptional Changes to the Study Programme**

Changes to the study programme should be exceptional, as the three parties have already agreed on a group of educational components that will be taken abroad, based on the course catalogue that the Receiving Institution has committed to publish well in advance of the mobility period and to update regularly.

Any party can request changes to the study programme within five weeks after the start of each semester. These changes should be agreed by all parties as soon as possible, within two-weeks following the request.

In case of changes due to an extension of the duration of the mobility, a request can be made by the student at the latest one month before the foreseen end date.

All changes should be indicated in Tables A2 and B2, while Tables A and B should not be modified. All Tables (A, B, A2 and B2) should be kept together in all communications. Changes to the study programme abroad should be listed in Table A2. Please refer to endnote 12 to indicate the reason for change.

For example:

<b>Exceptional changes to Table A</b>						
(to be approved by e-mail or signature by the student, the responsible person in the Sending Institution and the responsible person in the Receiving Institution)						
<b>Table A2 During the mobility</b>	<b>Component code (if any)</b>	<b>Component title at the Receiving Institution (as indicated in the course catalogue)</b>	<b>Deleted component [tick if applicable]</b>	<b>Added component [tick if applicable]</b>	<b>Reason for change<sup>ii</sup></b>	<b>Number of ECTS credits (or equivalent)</b>
	XXX		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Choose an item.	5
	YYY		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Choose an item.	8

Table B2 should be completed only if the changes described in Table A2 affect the group of educational components agreed in Table B.

### **Changes of the Responsible person(s)**

In case of changes of the responsible person(s), the information below should be inserted by the Sending or Receiving Institution, where applicable.

<b>Changes of the Responsible person(s)</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Position</b>
New Responsible person at the Sending Institution			
New Responsible person at the Receiving Institution			



### **Confirming the Changes**

All parties must approve the changes to the Learning Agreement. The European Commission would like to limit the use of paper for exchanging documents and it is therefore accepted to exchange information electronically, e.g. via email, without the need of a signature. However, if national legislations or institutional regulations require paper signatures, a signature box should be added where needed.

## **AFTER THE MOBILITY**

### **Transcript of Records at the Receiving Institution (Table C)**

After the mobility, the Receiving Institution should send a Transcript of Records (Table C) to the student and to the Sending Institution within a period stipulated in the Inter-Institutional Agreement (normally within five weeks after publication/proclamation of the student's results at the Receiving Institution). It can be provided electronically or through any other means accessible to the student and the Sending Institution.

The Transcript of Records from the Receiving Institution (Table C) should refer to the educational components agreed in Table A and, where applicable, in Table A2. Grade distribution information should be included (web link or annex).

The actual start and end dates of the study period should be included according to the following definitions:

- The start date of the study period is the first day the student has been present at the Receiving Institution. For example, this could be the start date of the first course, a welcoming event organised by the Receiving Institution, an information session for students with special needs, a language and intercultural course organised either by the Receiving Institution or other organisations (if the Sending Institution considers it relevant for the mobility).
- The end date of the study period is the last day the student had to be present at the Receiving Institution, not his actual date of departure. This is, for example, the end of exams period, courses or mandatory sitting period.

### **Transcript of Records and Recognition<sup>iii</sup> at the Sending Institution (Table D)**

Following the receipt of the Transcript of Records from the Receiving Institution, the Sending Institution should recognise the student's academic outcomes successfully completed at the Receiving Institution. The Sending Institution should fully recognise the total number of ECTS credits contained in Table B (and, if applicable, B2), without the need for the student to take any further courses or exams.

Where applicable, the Sending Institution will translate the grades received by the student abroad, taking into account the grade distribution information from the Receiving Institution (for higher education institutions from Programme Countries, see the methodology described in the ECTS Users' Guide<sup>iv</sup>).

The Sending Institution will provide a Transcript of Records (Table D) to the student or record the results in a database or any other means accessible to the student, normally within five weeks after having received the transcript of the Receiving Institution.

The student will be able to report on the recognition by the Sending Institution via the on-line EU survey or a complementary online survey.

**Diploma Supplement:** The information contained in the Transcript of Records from the Receiving Institution should also be included in the Diploma Supplement produced by the Sending Institution (at least for Sending Institutions located in Programme Countries), with the exact titles of the components that the student has followed abroad.

## Steps to fill in the Learning Agreement for Studies

### Before the mobility

Provide study programme.  
Identify Responsible persons.  
Commitment of the three parties with original / scanned/ digital signatures.

### During the mobility

#### **If modifications are needed:**

A party requests changes within 5 weeks after the start of each semester. Agreement by the three parties has to be reached within 2 weeks after the request.

Request for extension of the duration has to be made at the latest one month before the foreseen end date.

### After the mobility

**The Receiving Institution** provides a Transcript of Records to the student and Sending Institution normally within 5 weeks after publication of the results.

**The Sending Institution** recognises the activities successfully completed by the student during the mobility and registers them in the student's Transcript of Records normally within 5 weeks.



<sup>i</sup>**Mobility window:** a period of time reserved for student credit mobility that is embedded into the curriculum of a study programme.

<sup>ii</sup>**Reasons for exceptional changes to study programme abroad (choose an item number from the table below):**

<i>Reasons for deleting a component</i>	<i>Reason for adding a component</i>
1. Previously selected educational component is not available at the Receiving Institution	5. Substituting a deleted component
2. Component is in a different language than previously specified in the course catalogue	6. Extending the mobility period
3. Timetable conflict	7. Other (please specify)
4. Other (please specify)	

<sup>iii</sup>**Recognition:** all the credits that the student has earned during the mobility and that were specified in the final version of the Learning Agreement as counting towards his/her degree (Table B and, if applicable, B2 of the official template) are recognised by the Sending Institution without the need to take any further courses or exams.

<sup>iv</sup>**ECTS Users' Guide:** [http://ec.europa.eu/education/tools/ects\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/tools/ects_en.htm)