

## Registering for study abroad 2022/2023

Studying abroad is an exciting and highly rewarding, though often challenging experience, and one that will remain with you for the rest of your life. The experiences and skills developed while abroad further academic and personal development, cultural and social awareness, provide a foundation for further study and enhance career prospects

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Appointments via [this link](#)

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For programme-related questions like:

- How can I study abroad for a semester and still graduate in 3 years?
- Which universities have courses in the field of Brain & Cognition/ Development Studies / Education?
- Is this a good replacement course? (AI, Psychology)
- How can I combine my study abroad with an internship (CW, Sociologie)

you can contact the **mobility coordinator of your programme (see next page)**

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## Programme mobility coordinators

- AI: [Paul Hömke](#) (planning & restricted electives)
- Communication Science: [Carlo Hagemann](#)
- Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology: [Eefje Derix](#)
- Psychology: [Julia Pick](#)
- Pedagogical and Educational Sciences: [Elske Gros](#)
- Sociology: [Charlot Sanders](#)



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## Go Global!

- **You don't have to pay tuition fees abroad**, so studying as an exchange student is relatively cheap
- You will get a new view on the world and appreciate your home country better
- **You will get financial support to go abroad**
- Must-have on your CV
- You will make international friends for life (Be sure to join the introduction!)
- It is possible to go abroad and still finish your bachelor's in 3 years
- It is fun: last year's student's rated their stay abroad with an average of 8.2
- **It is now or never**
- **It is definitely more challenging, exciting and adventurous than staying at home**



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## When to go?

### BACHELOR

Each Bachelor's programme has a 'mobility window': a period during which it is possible to go abroad without experiencing a delay in your studies.

- Mobility window **AI**: the first semester of the 3rd year. If you prefer to go in the second semester and the semester abroad starts before February, carefully check the feasibility with your student advisor.
- Mobility window **CAOS**: first semester of the 3rd year.
- Mobility window of **all other Bachelor's programmes**: the second semester of the 3rd year. (Full semester, also for PWO)

If you do your **Bachelor's in 4 years**, it might be better to go in another semester than the mobility window. Decide together with the programme coordinator what semester would be best for you in that case.

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You may have to meet certain conditions before you are allowed to go on exchange:

**AI:** B1 and B2 completed, or with permission from the exam board. Please always contact the student advisor Paul Hömke to make a study planning.

**CAOS:** Exchange alleen mogelijk in B3 of later. Studenten moeten voor een planning contact opnemen met de studieadviseur, die adviseert op basis van de studievoortgang.

**Communicatiewetenschap:** Alle verplichte vakken van B1 en B2 afgerond, of met toestemming van de opleiding.

**PWO:** Alle verplichte vakken van B1 en B2 afgerond, of met toestemming van de opleiding.

**Psychology:** B1+B2 (=119 EC) completed before you start with your 3rd year (i.e. by 31 August 2022)

**Sociologie:** Exchange alleen mogelijk in B3 of later. Geen aanvullende voorwaarden.

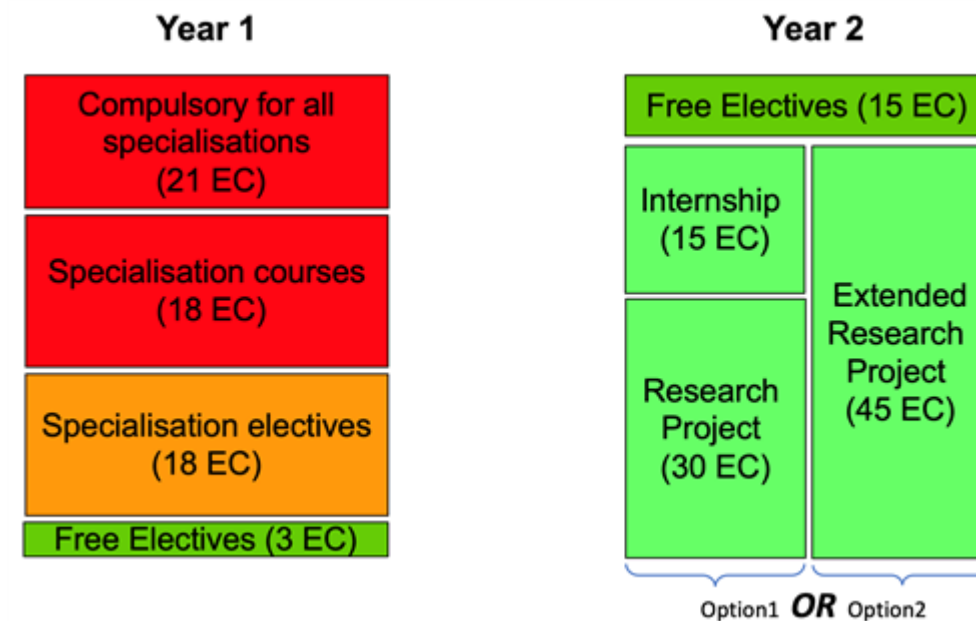


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## When to go?

### MASTER

The **AI-master** has a 3 month mobility window in the first semester of the second year. However, you will have to go for a full semester. This will cause a study delay of about 3 months. You can prevent this to find a 15 ec internship at or nearby the host university. Student Advisor [Johanna Glimmerveen](#) can tell you more about this.



The **other master's** programme don't have a 'mobility window', but it is also possible to go abroad during the Master's phase, to do an internship, or to do research for your thesis. You can also choose to take extra courses abroad.

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## List of universities outside Europe

[www.ru.nl/ioss](http://www.ru.nl/ioss) → exchange out → overview partner universities outside Europe

## List of European universities

(EU + Norway, Switzerland and Turkey)

[www.ru.nl/ioss](http://www.ru.nl/ioss) → exchange out → overview Erasmus+ contracts

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## *South America: University wide agreement (U) and Faculty agreement (S)*

Country	City	University	Nr. of places	Remarks
Argentina	La Plata	<a href="#">Universidad Nacional de la Plata</a>	U 4	
Brazil	Sao Paulo	<a href="#">Universidade de Sao Paulo</a>	U 4	
Brasil	Belo Horizonte	<a href="#">Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais</a>	U 4	
Mexico	Guanajuato	<a href="#">University of Guanajuato</a>	S 1	Priority for CAOS-students
Peru	Lima	<a href="#">Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru</a>	S 4	

U 4: There are 4 places available for all Radboud University Students

S 4: There are 4 places available for all students of Social Sciences  
→ higher chance of getting a place than U 4.

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## Important points

- Clicking on the name of the university will take you to the homepage, the international office page or the list of available courses of the university.
- Generally South American universities do not offer courses in English. You need a good command of Spanish or Portuguese to study there. It takes about 1,5 years of study to reach an appropriate level.
- Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Norway and USA are expensive destinations
- Contrary to what you might expect Japan is quite affordable.
- Bear in mind that you will have extra costs when choosing a destination outside Europe, because you will probably need vaccinations and a visa.
- Radboud University stopped participating in the ISEP programme as per 01-09-2020. If you want to go to the USA you can choose one of our 13 partners.

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## Faculty of Social Sciences

Country	City	University	Nr. of places	Language level*
Denmark	Roskilde	<a href="#">Roskilde University</a>	5	B2 EN
Greece	Athene	<a href="#">Harokopio University</a>	2	B1 EN/B2 GR
Ireland	Limerick	<a href="#">Limerick University</a>	4	B2 EN
Latvia	Riga	<a href="#">University of Latvia</a>	2	B1 EN
Lithuania	Kaunas	<a href="#">Kaunas University of Technology</a>	2	B2 EN
Poland	Lublin	<a href="#">Maria Curie-Skłodowska University</a>	2	B2 EN
Poland	Wroclaw	<a href="#">Wroclaw University</a>	2	B2 EN/B2 PL
Portugal	Lissabon	<a href="#">Universidade de Lisboa</a>	2	B2 EN/B2 PT
Romania	Cluj-Napoca	<a href="#">Universitatea Babeș-Bolyai</a>	2	B2 EN
Romania	Iasi	<a href="#">Alexandru Ioan Cuza</a>	1	B1 EN
Czechia	Praag	<a href="#">Charles University - Faculty of Humanities</a>	2	B2 EN
Turkey	Ankara	<a href="#">Ankara University</a>	4	B1 EN/A2 TR
Turkey	Ankara	<a href="#">Hacettepe University</a>	2	B1 EN

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## Europe

### Types of Erasmus contracts:

#### **Radboud University:**

New university-wide contracts with 5 UK-universities. You can study at any faculty of those universities and all Social Science students have equal chance to be selected.

#### **Gender studies:**

Contracts with gender studies abroad. Courses in other domains may be possible. All Social Science students have equal chance to be selected.

University Babes-Bolyai in Cluj-Napoca doesn't offer Gender courses anymore, but has interesting courses on International Relations that you can choose.

#### **Contracts of programmes:**

Artificial Intelligence, Anthropology and Development Studies et cetera all have their own contracts. Students of the programmes have priority. As, for example, a Communication Science student you can go abroad on a Psychology contract, but only if Psychology students leave a place open. Bear in mind that you have to take courses of the programme from the contract. It generally is not possible to take for example Anthropology courses on a Psychology based exchange.

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- Always check if there are enough interesting courses in a language you speak
  - Note that an English course title doesn't necessarily mean that the course is in English.
- Always check if the course you want to take is open to exchange. When in doubt, contact the International Office of the university abroad.
- Generally there are more English taught master's courses than English taught bachelor's courses. If you are interested in master's courses always contact the International Office of the foreign university to request permission to take those.
  - Mention this permission in your motivation letter
- Once a place is granted, you are expected to accept the place
  - Cold feet or new boy/girlfriend are no valid reasons to cancel

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## Europe

Courses from other programmes or faculties

At some universities you have to take 100% courses of the contract, while at other universities you are allowed to take 100% courses of your choice. And all kinds of percentages in between are also possible. It is therefore best to check with the International Offices of the universities of your preference what their rules are. Generally 50% courses of the contract is required.

Language levels

From A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2. A1 is beginner's level, C2 is the level of a well-educated native speaker.

B1 ES or ENG or BASQUE

You don't have to speak all 3 languages; 1 is sufficient. Be sure to check if there enough interesting courses available in a language you speak. **B1 EN doesn't mean that they really offer courses in English.**

Master's courses

Most courses in English are on master's level. As a bachelor student you normally cannot choose master's courses. Some universities however do accept bachelor students for master's courses. Contact the International Office of the university abroad to ask if master's courses are possible.

Spain / France

These countries hardly offer courses in English. You need a good command of Spanish/French to study here.



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- ✓ Finding courses online can be a bit of a challenge
  - First try the link on our contract pages. If that doesn't prove useful
  - Try googling <*name of university*> + exchange courses
    - UK and Ireland: <*name of university*> + exchange **modules**
  - Non-European destinations: download the Fact Sheet on the [Holland Scholarship](#) page by clicking on the name of the university
  - Or contact the International Office of the foreign university to ask for their exchange courses.
  
- ✓ If you go to an English speaking country: not all modules/courses may be open to exchange students. Always check the **exchange guide**.
  
- ✓ You will be going abroad as an **exchange student**, not as an *international student*. Information for international students might not be valid for you.

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For inspiration and more info on universities abroad  
check [the experiences from other RU-students.](#)

If you only find a few reports, try searching on Faculty. Searching on Country doesn't always show all the experiences.

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### Popular destinations

Popular universities are have the remark **popular** in our overviews with partner universities. This is based on previous year and this year different universities might be popular.

Popular universities have more applicants than available places. This means that some of the students who have this university as their 1<sup>st</sup> choice will not be selected for this university



This also means that you don't have any chance to get selected for popular universities when it is your 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> choice. So choose carefully.

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## Deadlines registration

**Deadline registration destinations outside Europe  
(including Russia)  
31 January 2022**

**Deadline registration Erasmus destinations  
(EU + Norway, Switzerland and Turkey)  
28 February 2022**

Around 20 February you will hear whether you were selected for an exchange outside Europe; if not you can still register for an exchange within Europe.

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## How to register

If you meet the conditions you can register in Osiris for an exchange: go to '*Buitenland*' or '*Stay Abroad*' and click '*New Request*' to start registration.

- You have to select 2 – 4 universities where you want to go to. If there is only 1 university you want to go to, you can choose *freemover* as your second choice. Contrary to rumours, choosing only 1 university will not increase your chances of getting selected.
- In 'degree programme' always select **your current programme**, e.g. B Psychology. Even if you want to do the exchange on a contract of another programme of when you are in your master's next year.
- **Never select B AP-programmes. We cannot see your request if you do and you won't get selected.**

**Please be sure that the universities you choose offer enough interesting courses in a language you speak.**

- Don't trust hearsay.
- Don't assume courses with English names will be in English.
- Always check yourself

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### How *not* to write a motivation letter

I really love the idea of going abroad. I can already picture myself at a Spanish outdoor café drinking Sangria!!! It would be super chill to study in Sevilla, because it is a really cosy city with marvellous architecture. And I would love to take flamenco lessons when I am there. Such a passionate dance!! I would also love to take Spanish lessons of course, because I now only can say ¡Buenos días! Hahaha. I am already excited and I can't wait to be there: sun, sea and tapas. Just thinking about it makes me happy and I can't wait to hop on the plane. I hope I'll get selected for Sevilla, that would be really wonderful, but another Spanish city is fine by me as well.

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## Do's and don't for your motivation letter

DO:

1. Give us reasons to choose you for this university if there are more candidates than places. We want to see that you did your homework and know what the university has to offer. Let us know why this university has added value to you
2. Your motivation primarily has to be academic, but give it a personal twist.
3. Keep it short, max 350 words. Yes, this is enough to write a brilliant motivation letter
4. Bear in mind that we have to process more than 200 applications in a very short time. Try to keep us hooked with your motivation.

1. **Do not** use clichés like:
  - I want to step out of my comfort zone.
  - I want to go to an English speaking country to improve my English / because I only speak English.
2. **Do not** sum up a list of all the courses you want to take.
3. We know who you are, so **do not** waste a part of your 350 words to introduce yourself

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- This motivation letter is **for internal use only**. Only the Mobility Coordinator of your programme and the IOSS will read this letter.
- You can write in Dutch, German or English. Use your native language.
- Max. 350 words.
- Put emphasis on your first choice and briefly mention why you would be happy with your second and third choice.
- If all your choices are equally fine to you, feel free to mention this.
- Take care of correct spelling and grammar. A letter with mistakes doesn't make a good first impression.



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## Important points

- **The registration is not without obligation.** When you get an exchange place this means you are expected to go to that place. 'I changed my mind' is not valid reason to not go.
- Still doubting you should go? Than *don't register*. Not all places will be used, so even after the deadline there will be enough interesting places available to go to.
- **Take the language requirements seriously.** It's hard to get your credits when your level is not high enough. Sevilla and several French universities already demand an **official language certificate** proving your level and more and more universities will do the same.
- The Erasmus+ contracts have consequences for the available courses → generally you have to take at 50% courses of the programme of the contract.
- We expect you to get **at least 18 ec** abroad, even if you already have enough credits to get your diploma.

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## The selection

- If the number of students wanting to go  $\leq$  number of places at a university, then everyone will be selected for that university.
- If the number of students wanting to go  $>$  number of places at a university, then the motivation will be used for the selection. In case there are more students with an equally good motivation than places, the students with the higher average grades will be selected.
- We will first check if you can go to your first choice. If not, you will be put on hold until all first choices are selected. After that we will check if you can go to your second place. Your second choice might be somebody else's first choice, so if your second choice is full, you will be put on hold again and later we will check if there are still places at your third and fourth choice.
- The **unfair consequence** of the selection is that some students with really bad motivations still can go their first choice, while students with quite good motivations will be selected for their third choice or perhaps will not be selected at all. Remember this if you want to go to popular destinations. **Don't think you failed if you were not chosen for your first choice.**
- Selection studying outside of Europe:
  - FSS-contracts: IOSS makes a pre-selection and discusses those with the programme mobility coordinator.
  - U-contracts. IOSS selects a top-3 for the central IO. The central IO will make the decision.
- Erasmus selection:
  - IOSS makes a pre-selection and the programme mobility coordinators will have the final say.

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## Announcement and following process

### **Announcement placement**

Around 20 February you will hear if you are placed on a university outside Europe.  
At the latest of 1 May you will hear if you are placed on an Erasmus university.

### **Then what?**

In April and May all students who will go on exchange in the first semester and most students who will go to a university outside of Europe will be nominated at the university abroad.

The other students will be nominated between September and December.

After the nomination the university abroad will send you information about:

- The city and the university
- Courses you can choose
- Housing: most universities offer housing or else help you with finding a room.
- Visa procedures (not for Erasmus destinations\*)

\*If you are studying at RU with a student visa, please let me know, even if you stay in Europe.

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## Financial matters

<p><b>Erasmus+ grant per <u>month</u>:</b></p> <p><b>€ 240</b> Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, North Macedonia, Turkey, Serbia,</p> <p><b>€ 300</b> Austria, Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Greece, Spain, Cyprus, Malta, Portugal</p> <p><b>€ 360</b> Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Luxembourg, Sweden, United Kingdom, Liechtenstein, Norway</p>	<p><b>Holland Scholarship</b> For selected partner universities outside Europe</p> <p>€ 1250 once</p> <p><a href="#">Meer informatie</a></p> <p><a href="#">More info</a></p>	<p><b>Individual Travel Grant from Student Life</b> When Erasmus+ and Holland Scholarship are not possible</p> <p>Within Europe you will get € 200,- a month for a maximum of 4 months</p> <p>For countries outside Europe you will get € 300,- a month for a maximum of 4 months</p>
<p>Studiefinanciering / Bafög / Study grant from your home country</p> <p>Restitution for OV-studentenkaart: about 100 euro a month</p> <p>Subletting your room. The Housing-department of the central International Office can help you with this</p>		

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## Important points

- **You don't have to pay tuition fees at the university abroad.** As you need to be registered as a student of RU you will have to pay tuition fee (*collegegeld*) during you stay abroad
- **You don't need a language certificate** like TOEFL or IELTS. We can give you a statement that your English is good enough for academic purposes. Nearly all universities accept this test. Up until now, the universities who didn't accept this statement did accept and an OOPT from Radboud in'to Languages (takes 45 minutes and costs € 12,50)
- Most universities organise an introduction. Be sure to participate, because you will quickly get to know new people, the university and the city.
- Most universities offer housing and if they don't: finding a room abroad is much easier than here in NL.
- In several countries semesters start earlier than here, so it is possible that you have to leave before the exam period at Radboud University. For all **mandatory courses** we will find a solution. Please be flexible, because this exam may be different from the exam here in Nijmegen.

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## January exams

Check the academic calendar of the university where you want to go for semester dates.

In Australia, Canada, Cyprus, Finland, Hong Kong, Norway, Spain and the UK semesters (and perhaps other countries as well) may start earlier than here, so it is possible that you have to leave before the exam period at Radboud University has ended.

For all **mandatory courses** we will find do our best to find a solution.

We will try to send the exam abroad, so you can make it on the same day as here in NL. However, this is not always possible, due to time differences, or because the university abroad doesn't offer this service. In that case you will have to take the exams here in NL after you've returned from your exchange, so in June or July.

Known universities that don't organise RU-exams abroad:

University of Glasgow

University of Limerick

Université Paul-Valéry (Montpellier)

University of Bergen organises only exams in the morning.

## Registering for study abroad 2022/2023 UK after Brexit

- Despite the fact that the UK stopped taking part in the Erasmus programme, students will still receive an Erasmus+ grant of 360 euro per month in 2022-2023 (until 31 May 2023)
- If you stay longer than half a year you need a visa for the UK. If you want to travel before/after your exchange semester and you will stay longer than half a year, it is cheaper to come back home in between than to apply for a visa.
- Latest Brexit info in [Dutch](#) and [English](#).

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### Covid-19

- The exchange to several non-European countries was canceled in 2021-2022, so we expect more applicants than usual for the coming academic year
- At the moment exchange to Erasmus destinations with [code orange](#) is allowed for students who leave coming semester. Exchange is also allowed to non-European destinations with [code orange](#) that are listed on the [EU safe travel list](#).



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## Covid-19

Nobody knows what the future will bring and for the next academic year the following scenarios are possible:

- There are no restrictions for travelling
- You are only allowed to visit a country/board a plane with a certified negative Covid-test
- You are only allowed to visit a country/board a plane when you are vaccinated
- Travelling is still restricted

We don't what the future brings, so go for your dream destination.

## Registering for study abroad 2022/2023 Covid-19

**Can I change my destination if it looks that my exchange could be cancelled?**

Perhaps.

Every university has a nomination deadline. For the first semester that deadline is between March – May and the for the second September – November. After the deadline you won't be accepted at those universities anymore.

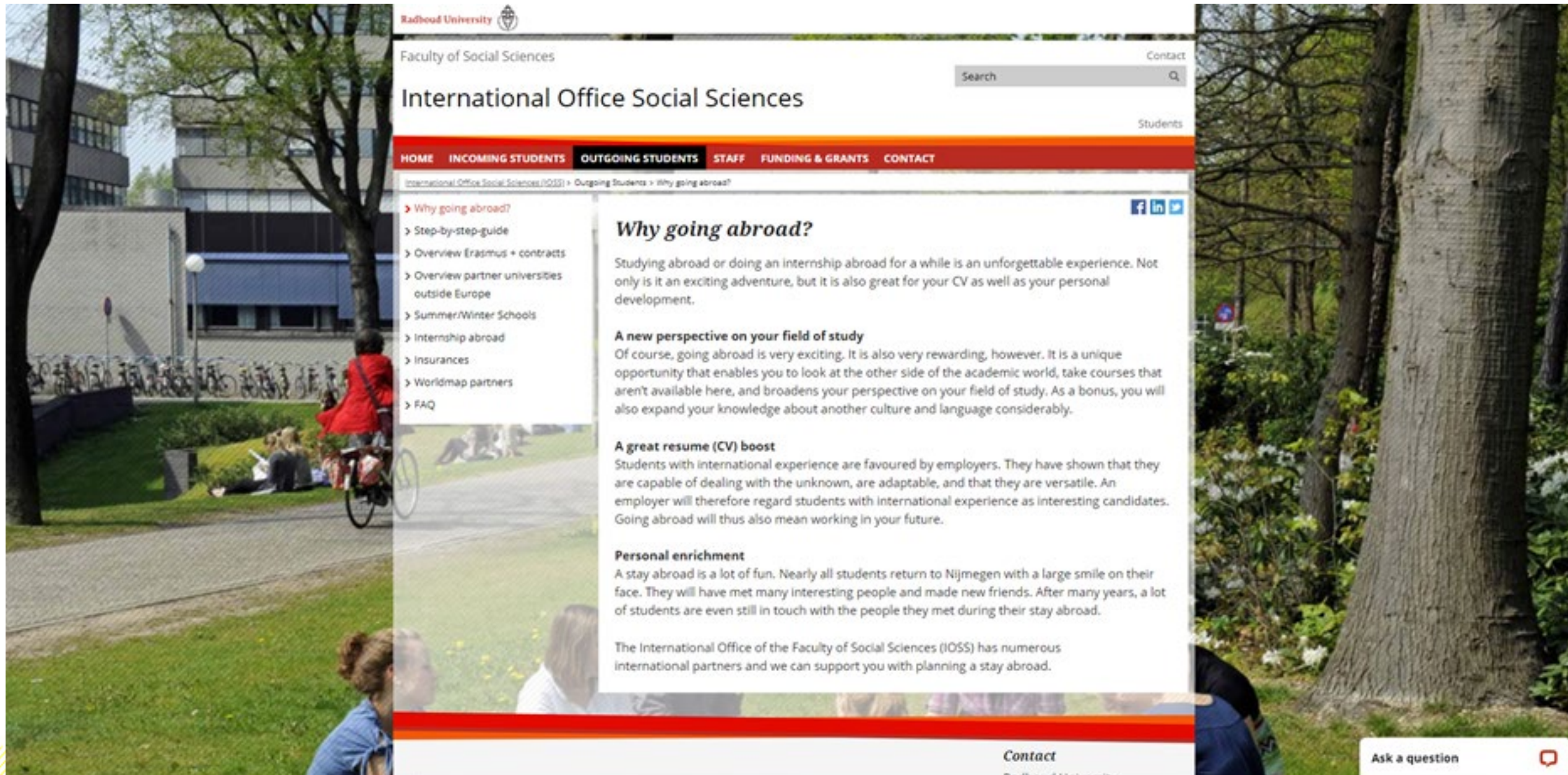
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### **Can I postpone my exchange if my semester gets be cancelled?**

1. If your exchange is in the first semester, the host universities *generally* accept that you switch to the second semester.
2. If your exchange is in the second semester you cannot postpone. You will have to re-register for an exchange in 2023-2024

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Additional info can be found on [www.ru.nl/ioss](http://www.ru.nl/ioss) tab: Outgoing Students



The screenshot displays the website for the International Office Social Sciences (IOSS) at Radboud University. The page is titled "International Office Social Sciences" and features a navigation menu with options: HOME, INCOMING STUDENTS, OUTGOING STUDENTS (highlighted), STAFF, FUNDING & GRANTS, and CONTACT. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main content area is titled "Why going abroad?" and includes a list of links on the left: Why going abroad?, Step-by-step-guide, Overview Erasmus + contracts, Overview partner universities outside Europe, Summer/Winter Schools, Internship abroad, Insurances, Worldmap partners, and FAQ. The main text describes the benefits of studying abroad, such as gaining a new perspective, a CV boost, and personal enrichment. A "Contact" button is visible at the bottom right of the page.

**Why going abroad?**

Studying abroad or doing an internship abroad for a while is an unforgettable experience. Not only is it an exciting adventure, but it is also great for your CV as well as your personal development.

**A new perspective on your field of study**

Of course, going abroad is very exciting. It is also very rewarding, however. It is a unique opportunity that enables you to look at the other side of the academic world, take courses that aren't available here, and broadens your perspective on your field of study. As a bonus, you will also expand your knowledge about another culture and language considerably.

**A great resume (CV) boost**

Students with international experience are favoured by employers. They have shown that they are capable of dealing with the unknown, are adaptable, and that they are versatile. An employer will therefore regard students with international experience as interesting candidates. Going abroad will thus also mean working in your future.

**Personal enrichment**

A stay abroad is a lot of fun. Nearly all students return to Nijmegen with a large smile on their face. They will have met many interesting people and made new friends. After many years, a lot of students are even still in touch with the people they met during their stay abroad.

The International Office of the Faculty of Social Sciences (IOSS) has numerous international partners and we can support you with planning a stay abroad.

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## Questions?

Good luck finding a great destination and with writing your motivation letter.