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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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- Mobility coordinators per programme
- Reasons to go abroad
- Possible destinations and things to take into account
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For programme-related questions like:

- How can I study abroad for a semester and still graduate in 3 years?
- Are these courses suitable as a minor?
- Can I use these courses as electives?
- What universities have courses in the field of xxx?
- Is this a good replacement course?

you can contact the mobility coordinator of your programme
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Programme mobility coordinators

- Artificial Intelligence: Remy van Rijswijk
- Communication Science: Carlo Hagemann
- Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology: Francien van Driel
- Psychology Julia Pick
- Pedagogical and Educational Sciences: Susanne van Helden
- Sociology: Ellen Verbakel
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Go Global!

• You will get a new view on the world and appreciate your home country better
• It looks good on your CV
• You will make international friends for life.
• 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
• You will get financial support to go abroad
• You don’t have to pay tuition fees abroad, so studying as an exchange student is relatively inexpensive.
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**List of universities outside Europe**
www.ru.nl/ioss → studying abroad → possibilities → overview partner universities outside Europe

**List of European universities**
(EU + Norway, Switzerland and Turkey)
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*South America: University wide agreement (U) and Faculty agreement (S)*

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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.

• South American universities do not offer courses in English. You need a good command of Spanish or Portuguese to study there.

• Australia and USA are expensive destinations. You will spent at least twice as much there as here in NL. Canada is more affordable, but still not cheap. Working is possible in Australia, but generally not in the USA. Working illegally, especially in the USA, is a very bad idea.

• 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.

• If you want to go to the USA, you will have to choose between ISEP and our bilateral contracts. You cannot register for both. Deadline for ISEP is 17 January 16.00h. More info on ISEP in Dutch and English. For ISEP you don’t register in Osiris but through the ISEP-webpage.
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**Faculty of Social Sciences**

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Europe

Types of Erasmus contracts:

**Radboud University:**
New university-wide contracts with 3 UK-universities. You can study at any a faculty of those universities and all Social Science students have equal chance to be selected.

**Faculty of Social Sciences:**
Contracts with faculties of other universities. 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.

**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 Anthropology courses on a Psychology based exchange.
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Europe

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<td>B1 EN/A2 IT</td>
<td>You don't have to speak both languages; one 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.</td>
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<td>Master's courses</td>
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<td>Spain / France</td>
<td>These countries hardly offer courses in English. You need a good command of Spanish/French to study here.</td>
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For inspiration and more info on universities abroad check [the experiences from other RU-students](#).

Try searching on Faculty, this will have the most relevant hits. Searching on Country doesn’t show all the experiences.
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## Last year’s popular destinations

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Deadlines registration

Deadline registration **destinations outside Europe**
(including Russia)
31 January 2018

Deadline registration **Erasmus destinations**
(EU + Norway, Switzerland and Turkey)
28 February 2018

Around 22 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
On this page you can apply for studying abroad. Please make sure you have contacted the International Office of your faculty or your internationalisation coordinator before you submit a new request for a stay abroad.

On the website of the International Office you can find all information you need to know about the procedures and available options.

By clicking on 'new request' you will start your application procedure. Below you will find an overview of your requests for a stay abroad and it’s status. By clicking on ‘details’ you can find specific information about your request. Under progress you can find the status of your application.

Please make sure your personal details you have provided in Osiris are up to date.
STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

Please select the type of international mobility you would like to apply for:

- **Study abroad:** If you want to study at one of our **partner universities** for at least three months

You can only apply for universities that your faculty has a contract with. You can find these universities on the [partnermap](#) if you apply for a university that does not have a contract for your faculty, this application will be rejected.

Please select only your **Current Degree Programme**.

Please note that start date and end date apply to the duration of your stay at the institution. These dates will be used if you apply for a grant for your stay abroad. You will only get a grant for the time you stay at the institution.

If you do not know the exact dates yet, please use the dates of our semester’s:

- **Semester 1 2017-2018:** September 1 – January 31
- **Semester 2 2017-2018:** February 1 – June 30

If you cannot find the city of your university of choice, please select ‘make a selection’ under ‘city’

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Continue >>
1. When do you want to go abroad?
   - Semester 2

2. Did you talk to the coordinator of your programme or to Patrick Beckers from the International Office Social Sciences about your application? If yes, with whom?

3. Which relevant languages do you speak and what is your CEFR level? Click for more info on CEFR levels. If you are still learning a language please state the expected level at the time of your exchange. (Only if relevant for the exchange).

4. What is your current year of study?
   - B1
   - B2
   - B3
   - M1
   - M2

5. How many credits do you intend to earn during your stay abroad?

6. Would you like to sublet your room during your stay abroad via the International Office?
   - Yes
   - No

Please upload the following documents:

   1. In Dutch, German or English. It is best to use your native language.
   3. This motivation letter is for internal use; it won’t be sent abroad.
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• You can see all the contracts of the whole Radboud University but you are only allowed to choose contracts from the previously shown lists.

• 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.

• **Never select** B AP-programmes. I cannot see your request if you do and you won’t get selected.

• You have to choose 2 or 3 destinations. If you only select 1 you won’t be able to proceed.

• **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

1. Give us reasons to choose you for this university if there are more candidates that places. We would like to read that you have deepened your first choice and that you have a good idea of the university.

2. For example by answering the following question:
   - Why do you want to go to this university? What appeals to you? What do you think to learn there? How does this fit in with your education, thesis or future career? Which courses have you seen on the website of the host university and would you like to follow, if possible?

3. Try to avoid clichés like:
   - I want to step out of my comfort zone.
   - I have always known that I wanted to study abroad.
   - I want to go to an English speaking country to improve my English / because I only speak English.

4. Your motivation primarily has to be academic, but give it a personal twist.

5. Keep it short, max 350 words.
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• This motivation letter is for internal use only. Only the Mobility Coordinator of your programme and I 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.

• Take care of correct spelling and grammar. A letter with mistakes doesn’t make a good first impression.
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Important points

• You can only register for universities mentioned on the previously shown IOSS-pages.

• **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 ≤ 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 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

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Studiefinanciering **uitwonend** / Bafög / Study grant from your home country

Restitution for OV-studentenkaart
About 100 euro a month.

Subletting your room. The Housing-department of the central International Office can help you with this.
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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 *collegegeld* during you stay abroad.

• 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 Norway and the UK semesters often 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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Questions?

Thanks for paying attention.

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