



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Information brochure for incoming Erasmus+ students

Dear Student,

Our website is in French as French is the teaching language at our Faculty and we expect foreign students to have at least a B1 level in French (B2 strongly recommended).

However, in order to make it easier for you to get answers and to find your way for your stay, here is some information in English.

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What kind of stays do you offer?

At the Faculty of Medicine of Strasbourg, we offer **only an Erasmus+ Study** (lectures+internships) stay.

We do not participate in Erasmus+ Traineeship program.

Do you accept students from all semesters?

We do not accept 6th-year medical students.

Only students from 3rd, 4th and 5th year of their curriculum are accepted at our Faculty.

How can I apply as an Erasmus+ exchange student?

As long as your University has a formal agreement with the University of Strasbourg you can apply as an exchange student. Please check the application procedures [here](#).

Before applying you must check your own institutions Erasmus eligibility procedures.

When will I receive the acceptance letter?

Starting at the end of June, as soon as application forms and learning agreements are processed, the International Relations Office will send the incoming students an acceptance letter via email.

How is the academic year organized?

The academic year consists of 2 semesters:

- 1st semester (winter semester): from October, 1st until January, 31st
- 2nd semester (summer semester): from February, 1st until May, 31st

A student can extend his stay until June, 30 for one more month of clinical practice.

There are no formal holiday periods during the semester. There are however short breaks over Christmas and Easter.

How does Erasmus+ Study work at your Faculty?

Erasmus+ students follow the **same courses and take the same exams** as French students (as stipulated in the Erasmus+ Charter).

Every two months, courses and internships at the Faculty of Medicine of Strasbourg **alternate**. This means that, for example, a student starts with 2 months of internship (October-November) followed by 2 months of lectures (December-January). Or vice versa.

All 4th-year students (DFASM1) or 5th-year students (DFASM2) **should organize their stay respecting this alternation**. Exams are to be taken at the end of every 2-month period.

Third-year students only follow lectures (during the entire semester, with exams at the end of each semester).

Where can I learn about your courses?

On our [website](#) you will find **2 summary documents**:

- Récapitulatif des enseignements et des stages + points ECTS (all courses and internships we propose + corresponding ECTS credits)
- Organisation des enseignements par semestre (a summary table of courses for each semester)

Please bear in mind that some courses can be taken all year long but **most of them are restricted to one semester only**.

Courses indicated as “intégré au stage” are included in corresponding internships and are supposed to be taken during these internships.

Some of our optional courses (“modules à option”) are taught every two years so they may not be available for every incoming student.

Do I have to choose courses only from my study year?

No. We are proud to offer **a flexible and customizable learning program**. Every exchange student can pick courses from several years and build his own personal schedule for each semester (provided he can find equivalence to courses he would be studying at his home faculty).

Most of the time, students are organized into multiple groups so it is quite easy to avoid overlapping courses by choosing different groups.

Can I extend or shorten my Erasmus+ stay?

The modification of the duration of your stay is possible **subject to the consent** of your university and the consent of our Faculty.

What is the duration of an internship? Can I do only two weeks of clinical practice?

Internships must be taken for the duration of **one whole month minimum, full time**. We do not allow internships shorter than one whole month.

When can I contact the International Relations Office?

Office hours:

Monday through Friday, morning from 08:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and afternoon from 01:00 P.M. to 04:00 P.M.

In August, the Office is closed on afternoons.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions.

See you soon in Strasbourg!