

Letter for the Erasmus incoming students

Dear student,

First of all, we wish to thank you for your interest in our Academy.

If you are interested in making an Erasmus stay here, after the nomination made by your Institution, you can send, by e-mail, a scanned version of the forms which will send you. **These forms must be filled in all their parts and signed by the applying student and by their home Institution Erasmus Responsible.** A portfolio will also be appreciated (only in electronic version). The deadline for the applications is May 31st for the fall term and for the whole academic year and November 30th for the second term (the spring one).

You must know that our academic organization, following the European system, is articulated in two levels of study: the first one consists of 3 years courses and the second one consists of 2 years specialization courses (3+2 didactic system). We also have a five years course of Restoration (one cycle). You will find our complete didactic offer on the following web page:

<https://uri.abaq.it/relazioni-internazionali-extra-erasmus/institute-courses-catalogue/>

Once you have defined the courses you would like to attend here, please fill in the provided part of the Learning Agreement “before the Mobility”, by OLA or by paper if your Institution has not yet enrolled on dashboard platform. Obviously it can only be a preliminary description, as the official and final Learning Agreement can be arranged soon after your arrival here. The preliminary sending of the Learning Agreement will help us to understand the fields of study in which you are interested in and if we can accept your didactic proposal. In any case, the final Learning Agreement, in the part “During the mobility” will be approved within the first month of your Erasmus stay here, soon after the official choice of the courses you want to attend.

Our Academic year usually starts in October, but every year the exact date is defined by the Academic Council, so it's opportune to look at the updated academic calendar during the summer preceding your stay: <https://uri.abaq.it/relazioni-internazionali-extra-erasmus/academic-calendar/> . Anyway, the updated calendar will be sent you by the Erasmus office of the Academy.

The Academy usually organize free courses of Italian language, of different levels, to help the incoming students to improve their language competences. The attendance of these language courses is strongly recommended since the academic courses are given in Italian. Anyway, the incoming students are asked to communicate their interest in enrolling themselves and in attending the course.

Please also consider that our didactic activities are articulated in two semesters: the first one usually ends in the end of February, soon after the second term starts. The lessons usually end in the middle of June, when our summer session of exams starts too. Anyway, **since our courses are mostly spread out on the whole academic year, it is strongly suggested to have an Erasmus stay here for this whole period. As concerns the course of Restoration, due to the organization of the practical lessons, only applications for the whole academic year can be accepted.**

We wish to inform you that it is strongly recommended to come here with a sufficient knowledge of Italian (a B1 level is suggested), which can allow you to attend the lessons without problems.

Please take also into consideration that our Academy has an Agreement with the local Erasmus Student Network, an Association, called **AQUILASMUS**, which helps the incoming students to find an accommodation and to solve practical problems during the first period of the mobility; the students can reach it at the following e-mail addresses: housing@esnlaquila.it , info@esnlaquila.it , and on the web site www.esnlaquila.it

Hoping that this will be enough for you, we wish to send you our warmest regards.

The Erasmus staff