

INSTITUTE INFORMATION SHEET

INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION	
Name of the Institution	Accademia di Belle Arti di L'Aquila - Academy of Fine Arts of L'Aquila
Country	Italy
Erasmus Code	I L-AQUIL03
Eche	EPLUS2020-ACR-101012772
PIC	949575875
OID	E10102369
Website	www.abaq.it
Head of the Institution	Prof. Marco BRANDIZZI (Director)

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE INFORMATION	
Erasmus Institutional Coordinator	Prof. Barbara DRUDI, b.drudi@abaq.it
Front office staff	Patrizia DI MARCO GASBARRE, Responsible, uri@abaq.it Nadia PEZZETTA, Erasmus Students Referent, segreteria@abaq.it
Erasmus/International Relations office (opening)	The Office is open to the students every Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 11:00 to 13:00
Address	Accademia di Belle Arti – Academy of Fine Arts - Erasmus Office Via Leonardo da Vinci, n. 6/B – 67100 L'Aquila – Italy
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Website	https://uri.abaq.it/
E-mail	uri@abaq.it ; erasmus@abaq.it

INFORMATION FOR ERASMUS STUDENTS AND EXCHANGE APPLICATIONS	
Nomination period	From April 1 st to May 15 th for the first semester and the whole academic year From October 1 st to November 15 th for the spring semester
Application deadlines	May 31 st for the first semester or for the full academic year November 30 th for the second semester
Application Form	Please require to uri@abaq.it
Learning Agreement	Please refer to the home Institution for the OLA version
Portfolio	Required (digital portfolio)
Letter of motivation	Required
Sending	by e-mail to uri@abaq.it ; segreteria@abaq.it
Admission criteria:	Applicants will be selected on the basis of : the complete application documents, the chosen study programme, the portfolio and the balance between incoming /outgoing students (reciprocity of exchanges).
Acceptance	Each student will receive individual acceptance documents, by e-mail, within two weeks or, at the latest, within a month after the deadline. Since the courses are mostly articulated 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 particular organization of the practical lessons, only applications for the whole academic year can be accepted. Please take into consideration that for the students who apply for the Restoration courses, a rigorous selection is foreseen, due to the limited number of available places. It's strongly recommended a very high knowledge of the Italian language (B1 at least). Besides, the applicants are requested to send a Curriculum Vitae containing the works made during the previous study period and the competences acquired on practical activities of Restoration. In our Academy the students work on Archeological goods, protected by the Cultural and Archeological State Authorities, so incoming students can practically work on these goods only if they can demonstrate preceding specific competences, which will be examined by the Coordinator of the course or by the Director .
Letter for the incoming students	Will be sent by the Erasmus Office after the acceptance of the application.
Attention!	All courses are in Italian; we do NOT offer courses in English, so an adequate knowledge of the Italian language is necessary (B1) . However, the academic staff is prepared to provide individual tutoring and evaluate students in English when necessary. For this reason, it is necessary to demonstrate an adequate language level in English too. The Academy normally organizes free courses of Italian language, in order to let the incoming students to deepen their competences in this language. In order to obtain the final evaluations is necessary to attend regularly all the lessons, since the attendance of all the courses is strongly compulsory. The student can change the plane of study proposed in the Learning Agreement filled in before the mobility within one month starting from his/her registration in the Academy as an Erasmus student.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION	
General Courses Catalogue	DOWNLOAD https://uri.abaq.it/relazioni-internazionali-extra-erasmus/institute-courses-catalogue/
Academic Calendar	DOWNLOAD https://uri.abaq.it/relazioni-internazionali-extra-erasmus/academic-calendar/
Courses/lessons schedule	DOWNLOAD https://www.abaq.it/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Orario-provisorio-ABAQ-2025-26-Ver-20251030_14.pdf
ECTS and Grading System	DOWNLOAD https://uri.abaq.it/news/grading-system-erasmus-incoming-students-ects-grades/
Recommended language skills	Students mobility : it's strongly recommended a level B1, both for Italian and for English languages Staff mobility: it's strongly recommended a level B2, for English or for Italian language
Additional requirements	Exchange students are invited to attend free Italian classes in L'Aquila , organized by the Academy itself, in order to improve their linguistic competences
FURTHER INFORMATION	
The Italian University and Academic system is based on 3 + 2 years courses (first level and second one): 1st cycle/level = 3 years (Triennio = undergraduate, BA) 2nd cycle /level = 2 years (Biennio = postgraduate, MA) 2nd cycle one level course in Restoration (quinquennio = postgraduate, MA) The Academy of Fine Arts of L'Aquila offers the following Main courses: - DECORATION (1st and 2nd level) - DIDACTICS AND COMMUNICATION OF ART (1st level) - GRAPHICS - COMICS (1st level) - GRAPHICS – ILLUSTRATION (1st and 2nd level) - GRAPHICS – MULTIMEDIA (1st and 2nd level) - FASHION AND COSTUME (1st level) - PAINTING (1st and 2nd level) - PAINTING – VISUAL ART (2nd level) - PHOTOGRAPHY (1st and 2nd level) - SCENOGRAPHY (1st and 2nd level) - SCULPTURE (1st and 2nd level) - RESTORATION (one five course level) Please take into consideration that the Erasmus students can choose classes in different main courses of the same level degree, in order to arrange their optimal planes of study and to update their Learning Agreement, in the section “During the mobility”, within the first month of their Erasmus stay. Normally, the students who have attended a three years course (at least) at their own University can be admitted to attend the second level courses in our Academy, too.	

HOUSING AND OTHER SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

In order to find an accommodation, the incoming students are invited to keep in touch with the local Erasmus Students network (ESN L'Aquila), at the following address: housing@esnlaquila.it.

On the base of a specific Agreement with this Association, ESN L'Aquila – AQUILASMUS, which is the local Association of ESN (Erasmus Student Network) ITALIA, helps the incoming Erasmus students to find a provisional and/or a final accommodation and, besides, to solve other practical problems involving logistics and to fit themselves into Academy and town contexts. Info : info@esnlaquila.it . Internet: www.esnlaquila.it ;

ATTENDANCE

The attendance of the courses is mandatory. The Erasmus students, once decided the courses which they want to put in their Learning Agreements, **must** attend all the lessons concerning the chosen courses, in order to obtain the needed and agreed number of credits and, consequently, to have the opportunity to be admitted to the exams. In our Academy the prevailing part of the courses spreads out for the whole academic year; **that means the ideal time to spend for an Erasmus experience is that period.** The students who choose to spend only one semester (with the exception of the Restoration courses students) have to consider the half of the annual number of credits on their preliminary Learning Agreements; once arrived in our Institution, they can agree with each professor on the possibility to obtain , with an intensification of the didactic work, the whole amount of credits and the consequent opportunity to give the related exams.

For the Erasmus student of Restoration, only applications for the whole academic year can be accepted. Those students are invited to take into consideration that summer restoration working sites can be organized, in order to complete the didactic experience.

INCLUSION

The Academy ensures the implementation of a strategy aimed at maximizing student inclusion; it therefore guarantees equal opportunities to participants with limited means, disabilities, or economic or geographic constraints, eliminating any obstacles and facilitating their mobility.

To this end, it offers a dedicated service to students with disabilities and learning disabilities to ensure their right to education, inclusion, and educational flexibility. The Institute also offers a support service for those with physical or mental/psychological difficulties. Assistance is provided by a professor designated as the contact for issues related to disabilities or Specific Learning Disabilities. This teacher coordinates and implements personalized support plans and the resulting relationships with the professors. Interested students can schedule introductory meetings to discuss the exemptions and compensatory measures required by law by writing an email to servizio.ddsa@abag.it. Reports and administrative procedures, as well as the related investigations, are managed by the Erasmus Office: uri@abag.it and by the Institution's student secretariat: segreteria.studenti@abag.it. Reports and administrative procedures, as well as the related investigations, are managed by the Erasmus Office: uri@abag.it and by the Institution's student secretariat: segreteria.studenti@abag.it .

Dedicated tutoring is also provided, which provides learning support services, including mentoring by senior students. Students can also access the C.I.A.O. Help Desk: an active information point for information on teaching, calls for applications, and financial aid. The services as described are guaranteed to both outgoing and incoming students.