

Students from our partner universities interested in exchange studies for a semester or an academic year at the University of the Basque Country/EHU must be nominated by the International Office of their home university to initiate the admission procedure.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Name of Institution	FACULTY OF FINE ARTS. UNIVERSITY OF BASQUE COUNTRY/EHU
Erasmus Code	E BILBAO01 320 - FACULTY OF FINE ARTS [NO FACULTY OF ARTS, that's for Philology, Translation or History]
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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

SEMESTER 1	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan / EXAMS
SEMESTER 2	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun / EXAMS

STUDY PROGRAMS

4 - year [Bachelor Programs](#)

BA in Fine Arts
 BA in Design and Creative Technologies
 BA in Conservation and Restauration of Cultural Heritage

[Master Programs](#)

Note: At this moment we do not have any exchange possibility in our MA Programs. These programs have limited enrollment, so we are currently unable to accept exchange students. Classes are taught exclusively in Spanish, so a high level of proficiency is recommended. The only option we can currently offer international exchange MA students is to enroll in 4th-year BA courses.

CREDIT SYSTEM

1 full academic year - 60 credits
 1 semester - 30 credits

UNIVERSITY OF BASQUE COUNTRY GRADING SYSTEM

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APPLICATION PERIODS AND DEADLINES

	SEMESTER 1 (Sept-Jan) FULL ACADEMIC YEAR	SEMESTER 2 (Feb -Jul)
NOMINATION	1 March - 15 April	1 Oct - 15 Oct
APPLICATION	15 April - 31 May	15 Oct - 15 Nov

NOMINATION

A prior nomination from the home institution via email is required. Send an email to:

Erasmus: estudiantes-internacional.bellasartes@ehu.eus

Latin America / Other Destinations: incoming.international@ehu.eus

Needed information: student's full name and email address; passport number; date of birth;

Latin America / Other Destinations also send the completed Application form that is available at this [link](#)

ONLINE APPLICATION

1. After you are officially nominated, you will get an invitation to fill out the online application. To continue, please email the required information and a copy of your passport (JPEG or PDF) to estudiantes-internacional.bellasartes@ehu.eus

2. Submit your application through the GAUR online platform (see [guide](#) for instructions). Before accessing GAUR, ensure you have prepared the following documents:

- Learning Agreement (Erasmus students should use OLA/EWP)
- A copy of your passport (JPEG or PDF). Your passport should be valid for the duration of your stay.
- A dossier or portfolio in PDF format (not needed for conservation students). Please do not send web links or other media formats.
- Language certificate(s): English upper B2. Spanish upper B1 is highly recommended.

ACCEPTANCE

Once you receive an Acceptance Letter, send a copy of the **UNLIMITED HEALTH INSURANCE** covering **ACCIDENTS** and **REPATRIATION** to: estudiantes-internacional.bellasartes@ehu.eus

This kind of insurance is mandatory even for visitors travelling with an EU health card.

If you do not have an accident and repatriation insurance, you must complete the one offered by the University of Basque Country/EHU ([Seguro Ibilii](#)).

VISA FOR NON EU-EFTA/EEA STUDENTS

We highly recommend starting the [visa application](#) process as soon as you receive your Acceptance Letter. Following the recommendations of SEPIE (Spanish Service for the Internationalization of Education), we would appreciate it if you would send a message to incoming.international@ehu.eus when requesting your visa appointment (only for procedures outside of Spain).

LANGUAGES OF INSTRUCTION

Most courses are in Spanish or Basque. Some are offered in English, and some Spanish-taught courses are English-friendly because the professors speak fluent English. Even though knowing some Spanish gives you more options: without Spanish, your course choices will be more limited.

The University of the Basque Country/EHU offers intensive language courses to learn **Spanish and Basque** for international students (both are free of charge). You can find more information [here](#)

TIPS TO SELECT YOUR COURSES

Students do not have their own permanent studio spaces or a workshop dedicated just to individual work. Instead, you will choose your classes based on subjects. Each subject is taught in groups of 15 to 50 students. This means there are limited spots in each subject, both for exchange and regular students, and the course program is well-structured. Sometimes, the subject you want may already be full when you arrive. Don't worry—we will do our best to help you find subjects that match your interests. You can also use the workshops (such as metal and woodwork or photo set) with a teacher's permission. This is how things work here.

As a student, you are required to attend all classes. On the first day, your teachers will explain the course program, which may include lectures, in-class assignments, homework, or exams.

You can find the full course guide on each [Bachelor's program website](#). At the start of the semester, you will confirm your course and timetable choices. More information about course registration will be sent to you before you arrive.

Review the degree structure and course content. Check that your pre-selected courses are offered in the correct semester, either the first or second. It is a good idea to have backup options in case your first choices are unavailable or there are timetable conflicts. We offer many courses, so there is no need to worry. The academic agreement you signed before arriving is provisional. When you get here, feel free to ask us any questions about your courses. You can add or change courses if both your home university coordinator and the EHU coordinator approve during the first two weeks of your stay (they need to be approved by mail by home institution).

ORIENTATION SESSIONS

At the beginning of each semester, a general orientation meeting or Welcome Day for all new exchange students. You can find more information [here](#)

Additionally, our Faculty of Fine Arts schedule a specific orientation session for their new incoming students. We will inform you of the day and place via email. We ask to come to these sessions, as we will explain the dynamics of our center, as well as the course review selection procedure, campus structure, student card and registration.

GET READY YOUR STAY

Besides the International Relations Office at the Faculty of Fine Arts, you can also reach out to the [International Welcome Office or Help Center](#). They can help you with accommodation, city transport, language courses, campus services, and other non-academic questions. [Google Maps](#)
Contact email for inquiries: info.welcomecentre@ehu.eus
All the information about Support Units for students with special needs [here](#)

HOUSING OPTIONS

University of Basque Country/EHU does not provide accommodation, but it is usually easy to find housing in private apartments. There are quite enough websites and companies specialize in short-term accommodation for students and international visitors. You will find more information [here](#)
For housing in student dorms, we recommend you book well in advance.

MENTOR (BUDDY) PROGRAM

Buddy partners from our Faculty of Fine Arts/EHU can help with daily life questions, as well as with administrative and academic issues during the stay. Interested students can request a Buddy [here](#) (please verify that your contact details and arrival date are correct before submitting your request).
When you receive our email with your partner's contact information, don't forget to write to them. If your trip has been cancelled, please notify us as soon as possible so your partner can help someone else.



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