

Erasmus Mundus Program and Guidelines

The Erasmus Mundus Program is a Master's program comprised of a consortium of seven European Union universities (including those in Germany, Belgium, France, and the Czech Republic) and three "third-country" partners from non-EU countries. The Department of Philosophy at the University of Memphis is one of those "third-country" partners. The program provides students and scholars from EU participating universities the opportunity to study philosophy at the University of Memphis. The program also provides our graduate students and faculty the opportunity to travel as visiting scholars to Departments of Philosophy within the consortium.

Guidelines for application to study abroad through the Erasmus Program

The Erasmus Mundus Fellowship is administered by the EU. All the information about the program and application can be found here: <http://www.europhilosophie.eu/mundus/?lang=en>

Only students meeting the following criteria will be recommended by the department to apply for study abroad in a consortium school:

1. All PhD exams (including qualifying and comprehensive exams) must be taken and passed prior to the student's departure. Failure to pass exams according to the appropriate schedule and guidelines results in removal from the program and so the student would no longer be part of the consortium and therefore would be ineligible to accept an Erasmus fellowship.
2. It is strongly recommended that students complete their required core courses and distribution requirements prior to their departure. If a student goes abroad without fulfilling these requirements, they will be required to fulfill them upon their return unless their course work abroad is accepted as fulfilling core course or distribution requirements.
3. Students who study abroad prior to teaching their own class must agree to return and teach for the department for at least one year (two consecutive semesters). The department recommends that students gain two years of teaching experience prior to going on the job market.
4. The Erasmus Mundus program is a two year program. Students will be required to continue to enroll in at least one credit hour at the University of Memphis while they are away. An Erasmus Mundus Scholarship will be established to cover the cost of one credit hour out of state tuition for successful fellowship candidates. This fellowship is, however, contingent upon funding. If funding for this scholarship becomes unavailable students will be responsible for paying this tuition.
5. According to the Department of Philosophy graduate studies guidebook, students may be granted up to 18 hours credit for graduate work in philosophy at an institution other than The University of Memphis. These hours **may** be counted toward satisfaction of the core requirements. But they do not automatically do so. The acceptance of course work, for distribution or core requirements or just credit hours, will be determined on a case by case basis and the student must submit a petition to the Graduate Coordinator which includes course descriptions, syllabi, and sample course work. In addition, there may be a fee students will have to pay in order to have European course work transferred into U.S. credit hours. If funding permits, this fee will be paid for by the department of Philosophy. If, however, funding is not available, the cost will be incurred by the student.