



**Indications on international mobility programmes  
of the Universitat de València for the academic year 2020-21**

**Information update of 1 June 2020  
(This information may vary depending on the circumstances)**

As a consequence of the exceptional moment in which we find ourselves due to the coronavirus crisis and the declaration of the state of alarm in Spain, from the Office of the Vice-Principal for International Cooperation and the International Relations and Cooperation Service we want to inform of the current situation of the international mobility programmes planned for the 2020-21 academic year.

The content of this document includes the current outlook and may be modified by the instructions approved by the competent international, state or autonomous organizations.

The European Commission and the "Spanish Service for the Internationalization of Education" (SEPIE), which manages the Erasmus programme in Spain, have confirmed that the Erasmus programme has not been suspended for the academic year 2020-21 and that measures will be adopted to adapt Erasmus exchanges to the new reality derived from the coronavirus crisis.

The Universitat de València is working in a continuity scenario regarding its mobility programmes for the 2020-21 academic year.

This document contains information related to:

- A) Outgoing student mobility (outgoing)**
- B) Incoming student mobility (incoming)**
- C) Erasmus staff mobility (PAS and PDI)**

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## A) OUTGOING STUDENT MOBILITY

Students at the Universitat de València intending to go on a mobility stay during the 2020-21 academic year.

### 1. General indications for all outgoing students (outgoing):

The general recommendation for mobility students is to continue with their mobility plans for the academic year 2020-21.

The Universitat de València is in permanent contact with all partner universities (around 500) in order to have up-to-date information about the conditions for students during their mobility stay (modes of instruction, possible cancellations, etc.). We are working in a scenario of maximum flexibility to adapt mobility programmes to the indications received.

Appointments, nominations and other administrative procedures of both the Erasmus Studies and the International Program mobility programmes are being carried out within the deadlines set by the Universitat de València. Bear in mind that the lists of stays granted in both programmes had been published before the state of alarm was decreed.

However, due to uncertainty about the evolution of the health emergency around the world, some international universities have reported changes that may affect the execution of mobility and that can be summarised in:

- Changes in deadlines or management processes.
- Changes in the modes of instruction.
- Cancellations of mobility in the first semester of the academic year 2020-21.

As the Universitat de València receives this information through official channels, we will communicate it to persons concerned.

In accordance with the above, we make **the following general recommendations to outgoing mobility students:**

- I. Unless it has already been done, contact the Mobility Coordinator or coordinator of the Universitat de València to prepare your Learning Agreement. The contract must be signed before automatic enrolment in the Universitat de València for the 2020-21 academic year. (Self-enrolment will start on 20 July).



- II. Pay special attention to the communications you may receive both from the Universitat de València and from the host university.
- III. If it is an Erasmus stay, consult this [Sepie website](#) that periodically publishes updated information on the situation in each European country. In the case of an International Programme stay, you can consult the [travel recommendations published on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Spain](#), as well as information from the different consulates (their social networks are a good source of information). Check the health and mobility conditions in the country of destination before your stay. For the International Programme, there may be more mobility restrictions during the first semester, so it is recommended to do the stays during the second semester.
- IV. Check information about accommodation at your destination. But it is important to avoid booking accommodation if you have to advance money and it is not refundable.
- V. Do not buy transport tickets at this time and as long as there is no greater certainty about the start dates at the host university.
- VI. If you finally decide to withdraw from your mobility stay, please make an express request. In the 'useful documents tab' of each mobility programme on the web [www.uv.es/relint](http://www.uv.es/relint) you will find information on how to make the resignation. There will be no penalty and it will be possible to apply for the same mobility programme in another course. The withdrawal should preferably be made before 30 June 2020

## 2. Specific indications for outgoing students of the Erasmus Studies programme.

The European Commission and the "Spanish Service for the Internationalization of Education" (SEPIE) have declared that Erasmus mobility should go ahead for the academic year 2020-21 to the extent possible, although they assume that physical attendance of Erasmus students at the host universities will be complicated in some cases, especially during the first semester.

According to the latest news received, the European Commission has confirmed that students will be able to do the Erasmus mobility stays in a distant mode, although they have not clarified whether they will do so and what the funding will be during the time that there is no physical attendance at the host university. Details will be released when more information becomes available.

In view of this information:

- I. **In the event the host university cancels the mobility for the first semester of the 2020-21 academic year**, attempts will be made to relocate the mobility in the second semester at the same university. If this is not possible, mobility alternatives will be



sought in other universities for the second semester. This applies to both first semester stays and full-course stays.

- II. **If the host university cancels in-person mobility for the first semester of the 2020-21 academic year, but offers online teaching**, students will be able to continue their stay in a distant mode until physical attendance at the host university is allowed. This would mean a mixed mobility (in-person and distant). This applies to both first semester stays and full-course stays.
- III. **In the Erasmus Studies programme, students who finally withdraw from the Erasmus stay in the 2020-21 academic year** are entitled to either a destination reservation is nor that they have a higher priority in choosing the destination for the 2021-22 academic year.

### 3. Specific indications for outgoing students of the Erasmus Placements programme.

The "Spanish Service for the Internationalization of Education" (SEPIE) is pending the publication of the assignment of the number of Erasmus Placements scholarships that correspond to the University of Valencia for the 2020-21 academic year. This publication has been affected by the suspension of the administrative deadlines decreed by the declaration of the state of alarm. Once the Universitat de València knows the number of scholarships assigned by SEPIE, it will publish the call for the 2020-21 academic year. The publication is expected to be published from September 2020 so that mobility would take place throughout the second semester.

### 4. Specific indications for outgoing students of the Erasmus Master programme.

The publication of the 2020-21 call is expected to be published as usual in previous editions. That is from September 2020 so that mobility would take place throughout the second semester.

### 5. Specific indications for outgoing students of the International Programme.

- I. **If the host university cancels the mobility for the first semester of the 2020-21 academic year**, attempts will be made to relocate the mobility in the second semester at the same university. If this is not possible, mobility alternatives will be sought in other



universities for the second semester. This applies to both first semester stays and full-course stays.

- II. **In the event the host university cancels in-person mobility for the first semester of the 2020-21 academic year, but offers online teaching**, students will be able to continue their stay in a distant mode until physical attendance at the host university is allowed. This would mean a mixed mobility (in-person and distant). This applies to both first semester stays and full-course stays.
- III. Whether there is funding during the period in which there is no physical attendance of the student at the host university will depend on budget availability of the Universitat de València.
- IV. Since this is a programme financed with the budget of the Universitat de València and is not subject to the budgetary regulations of the Erasmus programme, if the student finally withdraws from the stay in the academic year 2020-21, reservation of destination will be considered when choosing destination for the course 2021-22. The possibility of a combined stay between the 2020-21 and 2021-22 courses is not contemplated.

## 6. Specific indications for outgoing students of the SICUE programme

Students interested in participating in the SICUE call for the academic year 2020-21 had submitted their application until 13 March. The assignment of destinations was interrupted by the declaration of the state of alarm, which suspended all administrative deadlines. The resolution with the assigned destinations was published on 1 June on the website [www.uv.es/relint](http://www.uv.es/relint). Students who have been assigned a SICUE mobility scholarship will be informed by email.

## 7. Specific indications for free mobility outgoing students

The approval of the free mobility call for outgoing students of the Universitat de València for the academic year 2020-21 has not been considered.





## B) INCOMING STUDENT MOBILITY:

Students from universities with a mobility agreement with the Universitat de València and plan to study at the Universitat de València during the academic year 2020-21 in the framework of the Erasmus Studies, International Programme or SICUE mobility programmes.

The recommendations for these incoming students are:

- 1) Pay special attention to the communications you may receive both from the Universitat de València and from your home university.
- 2) Consult information about accommodation at your destination. But it is important to avoid booking accommodation if you have to advance money and it is not refundable.
- 3) Do not buy transport tickets at this time and as long as there is no greater certainty about the start dates at the host university.
- 4) The mode of instruction during the first semester is subject to the guidelines indicated by the competent authorities. It is very likely that the 2020-2021 academic year will start or completely done with blended teaching.
- 5) You can participate as an Incoming student in a mobility programme at the University of Valencia in person or in a distant mode, as it has been considered for the rest of the students of the corresponding subjects.

## C) ERASMUS STAFF MOBILITY (PAS I PDI)

Once the Universitat de València knows the number of scholarships assigned by the "Spanish Service for the Internationalization of Education" (SEPIE), the call for the 2020-21 academic year will be published. The publication is expected to be made from September 2020 so that mobility would take place throughout the second semester.

