

School of Modern Languages
Erasmus Study Guide
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For Erasmus students from Italy

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Welcome to Bristol!

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“I definitely had the best time of my life so far in Bristol. I met so many people from all around the world and shared so many unforgettable moments”

Erasmus Student 2015-16



You will find that the Department of Italian is an environment where you will have every opportunity to meet our students and to become involved in all the activities that we organise. As a rule our class sizes are small with no more than 20 students in each class and students are encouraged to participate in all lessons. You will experience a very different classroom dynamic with greater greater interaction and personal contact than in most Italian universities – we hope you enjoy and benefit from this experience!

We would like to encourage students to participate fully in social events and extra curricular activities organised by the department and its student-run “Club Italia”
<http://www.bris.ac.uk/italian/clubitalia/italia.html>

Introduction

- **Your contacts during your Erasmus Study at Bristol**

You will be connected to two different organisations within the university during your time in Bristol. Both co-ordinate your study programme in different ways:

1) **The Global Opportunities team**, (email global-opportunities@bris.ac.uk). They help you to arrange the practical side of your stay, finance, insurance etc. For more information, visit their web page: <http://www.bris.ac.uk/international/study-at-bristol/>

2) **The School of Modern Languages** will be your “academic home” while you are here. You should refer to this **Study Guide** to select your courses as you plan your time in Bristol.

The **Erasmus Programme Co-ordinator** in the Italian Department is **Dr Vera Castiglione**. She will meet you to finalise your course choices after you arrive in Bristol. You can email her with queries about your course before you arrive: v.castiglione@bristol.ac.uk. If you have any general queries, contact **Ms Lindsey Drage, School of Modern Languages’ Erasmus Administrator**, email: l.drage@bris.ac.uk

- **Teaching Weeks**

The teaching year in Bristol is divided in two 12-week Teaching Blocks (TB). TB1 lasts from the end of September till the end of December (with a three -week Christmas break); TB2 lasts from January till May (with a three-week Easter break).

<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/university/dates/>

Photograph – “Sunrise over the Waterfront” (The Watershed, Bristol) by Carina Mangelsen, Erasmus Student

- **Credit Points**

All incoming Erasmus students can study for a **MAXIMUM of 60 credits** (30 ECTS) each **teaching block (semester)** here at Bristol. Of the 60 credits, a **MINIMUM of 20 credits** (10 ECTS) should be made up of courses offered within the School of Modern Languages. Any English language courses you take must be included in the total number of credit points.

- **How to register for study when you arrive in Bristol**

There are 3 stages to register for study:

1. On arrival in Bristol, you will need to register with the ***Global Opportunities team***.

2. You then meet the Erasmus Co-ordinator in the Italian Department – **Dr Vera Castiglione** in order to have your programme of study approved.

3. Once your programme has been approved, you must also register with the School of Modern Languages Office. **N.B. Please note that, unlike in many continental European universities, students are not permitted to attend courses (or sit in on classes, etc.) which are not included in their study programme.**

- **Assessment**

It is your responsibility to ensure you will be available for the assessment period for each course. Please study the documentation of each course carefully to ensure that you will be able to complete the assessment within your period of study as the University does not make alternative arrangements for courses assessed by examination.



Bristol Cathedral in the snow by Chloe Le Cann, Erasmus student

Cultural courses available within the School of Modern Languages

- You may take cultural courses run by the School of Modern Languages provided specifically for incoming Erasmus students of English.

Semester 2

MODL10010 Classics of European Cinema
MODL30007 British Cinema

For more information about these courses go to this link: <https://www.bris.ac.uk/unit-programme-catalogue/AllUnits.jsa?selectedCatalogue=UNIT&ayrCode=18%2F19>

- Subject to experience and course numbers, you can also choose courses available in the Italian Department:

Year 2

ITALIAN – Semester 2

ITAL20016 Italian Memories of the 2nd World War
ITAL29007 Italian Cinema: Genre and Social Change

Year 4

ITALIAN – Semester 2

ITAL30049 Dante: Purgatorio and Paradiso
ITAL30060 The Politics of Sacrifice: Remembering Italy's Modern Martyrs
ITAL30061 Italy's Questione della Lingua

For more information about Italian Department Year 2 courses:

<https://www.bris.ac.uk/unit-programme-catalogue/UnitsForDept.jsa?ayrCode=18%2F19&unitLevelCode=I&orgCode=ITAL>

For more information about Italian Department Year 4 courses:

<https://www.bris.ac.uk/unit-programme-catalogue/UnitsForDept.jsa?ayrCode=18%2F19&unitLevelCode=H&orgCode=ITAL>

Subject to experience and availability of places, you may also choose the following School of Modern Languages courses:

Year 2

Semester 2

MODL10011 Introduction to the Study of Cultures
MODL23017 Women and Nation

Year 4

Semester 2

MODL30006 Liaison Interpreting French and Spanish

For more information, consult the University Open Unit Catalogue:

<https://www.bris.ac.uk/unit-programme-catalogue/AllOpenUnits.jsa?selectedCatalogue=UNIT&ayrCode=18%2F19>

Subject to language level, experience and availability of places, you may also take cultural courses run by other departments within the School of Modern Languages: **French, German, Spanish and Portuguese, Russian & Czech.**

More information can be found at the University Unit Catalogue – <https://www.bris.ac.uk/unit-programme-catalogue/AllOpenUnits.isa?selectedCatalogue=UNIT&ayrCode=18%2F19>



Bristol Docks - Photograph by French Erasmus student Chloe Le Cann.

Language courses

**Please note that Erasmus students are not allowed to take language courses in their native language.*

- **English as a Foreign Language (EFL) :**
Erasmus students can register for any of the following English as a Foreign Language classes, although it may not be possible to take all 4 courses because of the limited number of places available. Every effort is made to accommodate students' first preferences. All the courses listed below are credit bearing and you must ensure that you do not exceed your credit allocation when registering for them:

Advanced English Language Studies (LANG14011). A 20 credit course for Post Intermediate level students who wish to develop their competence in the analysis and communicative use of English.

Academic Reading and Writing (LANG10008)

Academic Listening and Speaking (LANG10007) Two 10 credit courses for students who wish to develop their English language and skills for academic study.

Introduction to Teaching English as a Foreign Language (LANG10120) 20 credits.

For more information about English as a Foreign Language courses, follow the link:

<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/english-language/efl/in-sessional/erasmus/>

There is also a Self Access Centre open to all students for independent language study.

Full details of all the programmes and facilities are available on the website:

<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/english-language/facilities/>

- **Language courses that are part of the School of Modern Languages degree programmes:**

Subject to available places and your language level, Erasmus students studying at the University of Bristol for **one semester only** are able to register for a Year 1, Year 2 or Final Year language course (except ab initio level) for 10 credits, (5 ECTS). The following languages are available:

Czech, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish.

Translation

Subject to availability of course places and language level, Erasmus students are able to take translation components of Final Year translation classes in their native language in the following languages: **Czech, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish.**

Students on placement for one semester only receive 10 credits for attending these classes. Students attending the classes for the full year, receive 20 credits, (10 ECTS)



Photo – Student Common Room, School of Modern Languages.

Other cultural course options outside the School of Modern Languages

For Erasmus students wishing to take 40 credits (20 ECTS) per teaching block, outside the School of Modern Languages, (e.g. students taking English Literature), we have an established arrangement with the School of Humanities.

Remember that all courses you attend must be registered with and approved by the School of Modern Languages.

- **Department of English (in the School of Humanities)**
The English Department accepts Erasmus students onto the following course **ONLY** subject to places being available:

Approaches to Poetry ENGL10026 (Teaching Block 2) (20 credits = 10 ECTS)

For further details for Approaches to Poetry: <https://www.bris.ac.uk/unit-programme-catalogue/UnitDetails.jsa?ayrCode=17%2F18&unitCode=ENGL10026>

Other course options

Erasmus students may also be permitted to take courses in other departments elsewhere in the Arts Faculty and in the University, (Philosophy, Sociology, History of Art, Politics, etc)

You will need to arrange these courses directly with the departments yourself. As there are no pre-existing arrangements.

For more information consult the individual departmental web pages and the unit catalogue: <https://www.bris.ac.uk/unit-programme-catalogue/AllOpenUnits.jsa?selectedCatalogue=UNIT&ayrCode=18%2F19>

MA courses

Suitably qualified Erasmus students are welcome to apply to take a maximum of **ONE** course from the School's MA in Modern Languages. "Suitably qualified" usually means that you are nearing the end of your undergraduate studies in your own country, that you have a particular interest in the MA course you have chosen, and that you have an excellent standard of English.

Please consult your Erasmus Co-ordinator, **Dr Vera Castiglione** in the first instance. Please note that the final decision as to whether you are accepted onto any MA course rests with the course director.

Semester 2

MODLM0002 Cultural Encounters

MODLM0015 Global Cultures of the Book

MODLM0017 Language and Society in the Present and Past

MODLM0023 The Cultural Imagination of Gender

MODLM2034 Tradition and Experimentation in the Twentieth Century European Fiction

For further details and unit descriptions:

<https://www.bris.ac.uk/unit-programme-catalogue/UnitsForDept.jsa?ayrCode=18%2F19&unitLevelCode=M&orgCode=MODL>

An independent study unit, equivalent to 20 credits, (30 ECTS) is available for some Post Graduate students, subject to agreement with Erasmus Co-ordinator, **Dr Vera Castiglione**.

"I don't know where to start to say that it has been a really amazing experience for me. I think this kind of experience gives a lot for the rest of the life"



Photograph – “Coloured Houses” Bristol Docks by Julien Boutant,, Erasmus Student 2015-16.