

# Erasmus Mundus Program

The LMU experience

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# Facts & figures

LMU Munich - a real “universitas” with several campus all over the city



1472



Founded in 1472

Today one of the leading research university in Europe

Since 2006 successful in the German initiative “Universities of Excellence”

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LMU's 18 faculties offer a comprehensive and diverse spectrum across all areas of knowledge:

- Law, economics and social sciences
- Humanities and cultural studies
- Medicine
- Natural sciences

54.082



students from 140 countries

20% come from abroad

More than 950 incoming exchange students and 1300 outgoing students per academic year



327



degree programs  
(incl. teacher training degrees)

30 English taught Master programs

As of Winter Semester 2023/24

550



LMU cooperates in student exchange  
with nearly 550 partner institutions  
worldwide.

Partner in different networks  
(i.e. EUGLOH, LERU)

Strategic partnerships / networks all over  
the world

As of Winter Semester 2023/24

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Double Degree and Erasmus Mundus  
Master programs in the fields of

Law, Business Administration, Political  
Sciences, Communication Sciences,  
Geomaterial Sciences, Financial  
Mathematics and Biology

As of Winter Semester 2023/24



# Erasmus Mundus Programs at LMU

LMU is partner in:

- MaMaSELF: Material Sciences
- MEME: Evolutionay Biology
- EMMA : Journalism



## MaMaSELF – Master for Material Science powered by Large Scale Facilities

→ It is an interdisciplinary course in Materials science.

→ Established in 2007.

→ **Consortium:**

- France: University of Rennes (Coordinator) and University of Montpellier,
- Germany: Technical University Munich (TUM) and Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München(LMU)
- Italy: University of Turin
- Poland: Adam Mickiewicz University

→ **Associated partners** in Japan, India, Brazil, USA. Switzerland, Finland

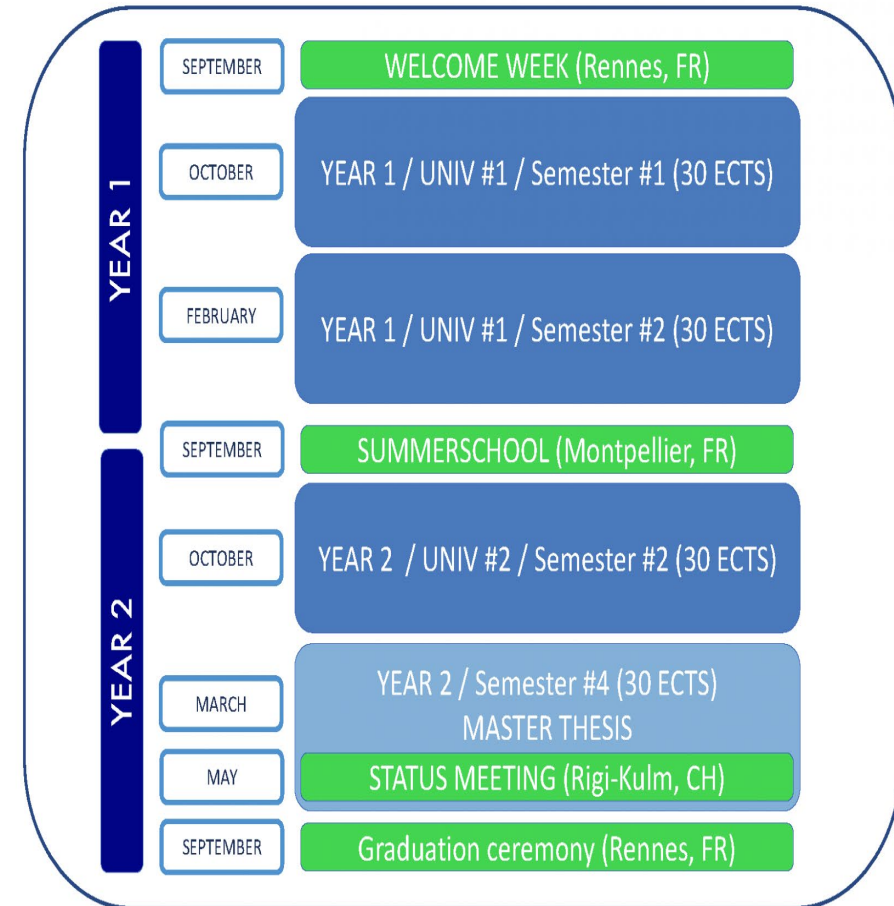
→ **Large Scale Facilities** such as PSI (Villigen, CH), the FRM-II (Munich, D), at DESY (Hamburg, D), the ILL or ESRF (Grenoble, F), Synchrotron Soleil (Paris, F), the LLB (CEA-Saclay, F), Elettra (IT), Alba (ES), Solaris (PL), Diamond (GB) etc



## MaMaSELF Study program

- 2 year program
- Open to students with background in material science, physics, chemistry, geosciences
- Close cooperation with external institutions, large scale facilities for research
- Individual mobility schemes
- Strong focus on networking opportunities for students.

### STUDENT MOBILITY PATH





## MEME – Erasmus Mundus Master Program in Evolutionary Biology

→ Established in 2010.

→ **Consortium:**

- University of Groningen, Netherlands (Coordinator)
- Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Germany
- Uppsala University, Sweden
- University of Montpellier, France

→ **Associated partners:**

- University of Lausanne, Switzerland
- Harvard University, USA

→ Open to students with a BSc in Biology of related fields and sufficient background in evolutionary biology or neighboring disciplines (e.g. ecology, systematics, bioinformatics)



# MEME Study Program

- 2 year program
- Individual Mobilty scheme, but with start only in 2 institutions
- Every August a summer school takes place for all MEME students



	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4
Groningen	MEME core courses (30 ECTS)		Thesis (30 ECTS)	Thesis 2 (30 ECTS)
Uppsala				Research Project (30 ECTS)
Munich		MEME specialization courses (15 ECTS) Research training project(s) (15 ECTS)		Thesis 2 (30 ECTS)
Montpellier				



## EMMA: Mundus Journalism

→ LMU joined in 2021, with the first students at LMU in winter 2023/24

→ Program was established in 2005

→ Consortium:

- Aarhus University (Coordinator)
- University of Amsterdam
- Charles University in Prague
- City, University of London
- Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

→ Associated partners:

Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile; University of Technology Sydney; Fudan University in Shanghai, University of Cape Town, Lebanese American University, University of Hamburg



## EMMA: Study program

- 2 year program
- open to students with a background in Art/Humanties or related subject areas and
- Journalistic experience is prerequisite for application
- “group” mobility
- LMU: developed a separate degree program for this Mundus program

Year 1			
Semester 1: Aarhus University Semester 2: Aarhus University or mobility to associated partner for selected students			
Year 2			
University of Amsterdam	Charles University Prague	City, University of London	LMU Munich
<u>Politics &amp; Communication</u>	<u>Totalitarianism &amp; Transition</u>	<u>Cultures &amp; Contexts</u>	<u>Cultures &amp; Contexts</u>

# LMU – best practice examples from an administrative point of view

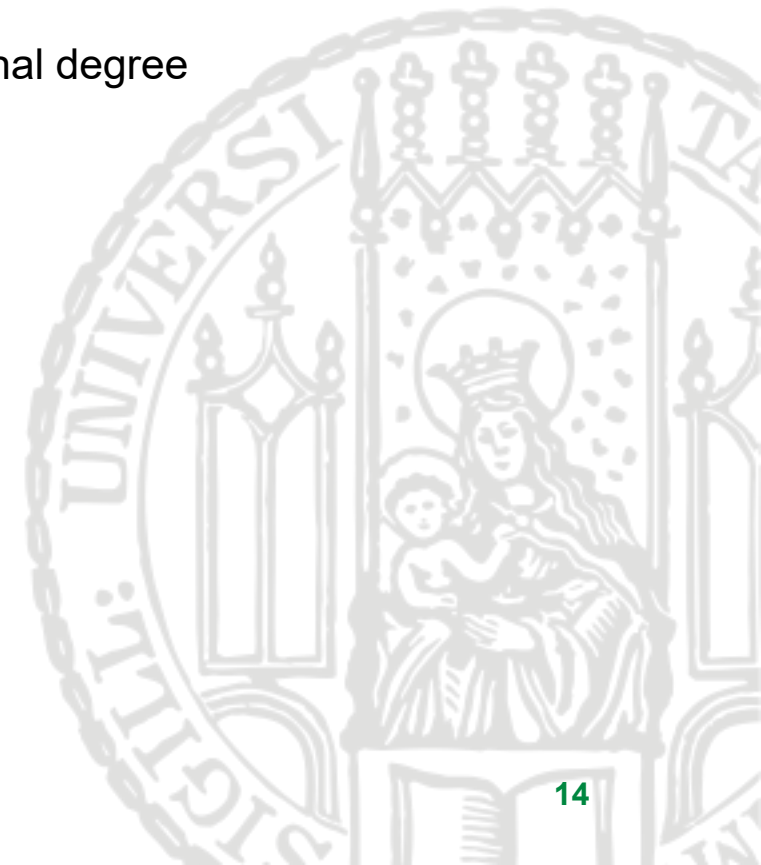


## Best practice : More flexibility in the admission process

Erasmus Mundus projects cannot be handled as exchange programs.

Erasmus Mundus students have to meet formally all admission requirements for international degree seeking students at LMU.

- Prolonged deadline for application
- More flexibility with required documents
- Close cooperation between IO and the administrative coordinator



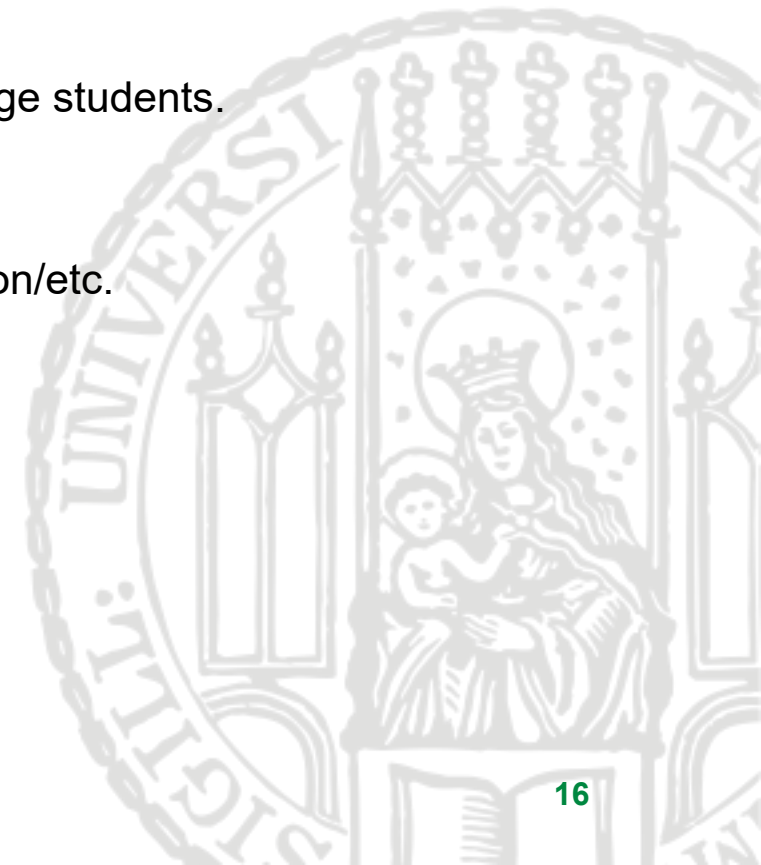


## Best practice: Mundus administrative coordinator on faculty level

- ➔ Key link between consortium partners, academic coordinator and LMU internal institutions
- ➔ “Single point of contact“ for the students
- ➔ Responsible for the application at LMU
  - Collecting all necessary documents
  - Finding solutions for problems together with the IO
  - Initiating the recognition process for previous studies (prerequisite for enrolment at LMU)
- ➔ Assisting with course registration
- ➔ Preparing preliminary transcript of records for partner institutions, close contact to examination board
- ➔ Assisting with housing, general administration or any other social issues

## Role of the IO:

- Link between program (academic/administrative) coordinator, legal department and university board (signatures for consortium agreements or EU mandates)
- Providing some places in dorms from the small quota, which LMU receives for exchange students.
- Erasmus Inter-Institutional Agreements for student and teaching staff mobility
- Special website for Double degree / Erasmus Mundus students for application/admission/etc.
- Promoting the programs (website, fairs, etc.)



## Summary:

### To run Erasmus Mundus programs successfully at LMU....

- flexibility on all levels
- close cooperation between central and faculty administration
- Very strong commitment on faculty level

**Quote from a Mundus student.....“Erasmus Mundus is a great adventure”**







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