



Applying for a minor Study Abroad

Everything you need to know when you apply for a minor Study Abroad



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Application

Once you have picked your top 3 partner universities, you can now proceed to apply for the Study Abroad. This is done in our online system: Mobility Online. You can find the link to that on the [registration page](#) on our website.

Applying for the minor Study Abroad can be done in February (for the Fall semester) and September (for the Spring semester). For the up-to-date deadlines please refer to the same page linked above.

Once you have applied you will have a Mobility Online account in which you submit your application and will be able to keep track of your progress prior to your time abroad, as well as during and after your stay abroad.

Your application in Mobility Online

All applications for a minor Study Abroad (Fontys wide partner, Fontys Cluster partner university and Freemover) have to be submitted through [Mobility Online](#). If you are applying to study abroad at a Fontys partner university, we recommend you to read our step-by-step guide that will help you through all steps of the application process in Mobility Online.

Please note:

- Before you login to Mobility Online you always need to be logged in with your **own** Fontys account on your pc or laptop. So don't work in Mobility Online with a fellow student on the same pc or laptop!
- Always select '**Study abroad at a Partner University**' as the exchange programme (so do not select 'Erasmus Study' or Non-Erasmus').

When you apply for a minor Study Abroad you will be asked for your motivations regarding your choices. It is important to give your answers some thought, as you will be selected based on your **motivation**. More information about the selection can be found in the next section.

Please make sure you only select partner universities you really want to study at and have access to. Once the selection has been done it is not possible to change the spot you have been offered.

Selection

After you have applied for the partner universities of your interest the selection procedure begins. The selection is done by Team Study Abroad (for Fontys-wide universities) and the coordinators Internationalisation (for Fontys Cluster partner universities).

Selections will be based on the motivation students wrote in their application in Mobility Online. Team Study Abroad has specific criteria to assess the motivations.

- **General questions:** The student shows that they have done proper research on the additional value of studying abroad. The student shows their motivation through substantiated arguments. The student also

takes the influences of the international environment into account that are related to their study area and future ambition and describes their intentions and goals clearly and with examples.

- **Specific motivation per university:** The student shows that they have done proper research into what the university of choice has to offer and comes up with some specific examples of added value to their study program or personal development. The student uses substantiated arguments for their motivation for this university. The student takes the influences of the international environment into account that are related to their development and their study area and describes their intentions and goals clearly and with examples.

Students receive a score based on their motivation. This grade will determine at which of your choices you will be placed. Students with the highest scores are placed first. This means that somebody can be placed for a partner university that was their third choice when this same partner university was your first choice.

Please note: Team Study Abroad bases the selection criteria for Fontys-wide partners solely on the motivational letters in Mobility Online. But when you apply for a Fontys Cluster partner every school has their own selection criteria and some might use a different selection system. For more information you can go to the [International coordinator](#) of your Fontys School.



Outcome selection

After the application deadline it will take approximately 10 working days before you will receive an answer about the selection. All students will receive an e-mail from Mobility Online about the outcome of the selection. There are two possible outcomes:



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Selected students will be notified about the partner university they have been selected for. This is a one-time offer. It is not possible to change your choice of university once you have been selected.

Fontys will send your nomination to the partner university you were nominated for. More information about this step can be found in the manual 'Preparing to go abroad'.



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If you have not been selected you will receive an invitation for the second application. In this second round you can re-apply for the spaces at partner universities that are still available. In this round it is sometimes possible to apply for Fontys Cluster partner universities of another Fontys School other than your own.



FAQ

Underneath are a number of questions asked by students applying for Study Abroad.

- **Q: How can we know what program we will study in the destination university?**
A: You get to decide that yourself once you have been accepted by a university. Please check the programs they offer before applying for one
- **Q: What about a backup plan if I have to cancel my minor abroad due to Covid or other matters?**
A: The backup plan normally means a minor at Fontys.
- **Q: How do I sign up for backup plan / minor in the Netherlands?**
A: You need to contact your CI (Coordinator Internationalization) of your own school and discuss the possibilities you have.
- **Q: Can you apply for both a minor abroad and a regular minor in case you don't get into the university of the minor abroad?**
A: You need to contact your CI (coordinator internationalization) first to check if this is a possibility at your school.
- **Q: Can you pick max 3 universities even as a Freemover? Or only with Fontys Partners?**
A: On Mobility Online you can only apply for a max of 3 universities. Freemover is a different process, and as a Freemover, you are fully responsible to organize everything.
- **Q: So it is fine if I don't get 60 credits in my second year?**
A: As long as you have your propedeuse, you're good to go.