

The "G. d'Annunzio" University initially participated in Erasmus Programs via the so-called "PIC". From 1997 to 2002 it participated in Erasmus Programs via Institutional Contracts, and from 2003 to 2007 via Erasmus University Charter. Over this period of time the number of incoming students and staff has increased considerably. Given that our University is constantly growing and increasing in student number (we now have over 30,000 students currently enrolled and we now have 13 different faculties as compared with five in 1997) we envisage that the Erasmus activity will continue to grow. We also envisage that Erasmus exchanges will increase in view of the university reform (courses organized into semesters, the credit system and the introduction of the 3+2+3 course system) in compliance with the Bologna Process. The University shall also continue to participate in Grundtvig Programs as an on-going member of E.U.C.E.N. (European Universities Continuing Education Network) and the National Continuing Education Network, as well as via the Leonardo da Vinci On-line University; furthermore, the University will continue to be committed to the Equipe Plus Project coordinated by EUCEN up until 2008. The above initiatives will be supported by the Continuing Education Centre (C.Edu.C) which is located off campus in Torrevicchia Teatina. A further impetus will come from University funding of 51 bilateral agreements which we currently have with non-EU academic institutions.

Erasmus activity is promoted and publicised via the International Relations section of the University website, which is also translated into English, and via "The European Student's Day" which is an important event in our academic calendar. The Erasmus University Charter and EPS will be widely diffused via the various faculties and members of the Socrates-Erasmus University Panel, in conjunction with the Equal Opportunities Panel of our institution. The number of female students who have participated in exchanges has increased. The Regional Agency for the Right to Education provides grants to students wishing to partake in exchanges but have limited financial resources.

A University Panel ("Commissione Socrates- Erasmus") constituted by a delegate from each faculty overseas and monitors exchange candidates and students. The Office for International Relations provides the administrative support necessary for implement exchanges and programs. Learning Agreements are negotiated and approved at the faculty level. Out-going students are informed from their respective faculties of the academic requirements for exam and course credit accreditation; these requirements are established by the Faculty Board before they leave for their overseas posting. Some faculties provide tutors to support in-coming students. Course descriptions, timetables and academic calendars are available to in-coming students from the University website. Accommodation is organized by a co-operative of ex-Erasmus students, A.S.S.U. The University Language Centre (C.L.A.) provides language tuition in Italian to incoming students and in English, French, German, Spanish and Portuguese to out-going students. Courses run over eight weeks and are held at the start of each semester.

The University does not provide accommodation on the Chieti or Pescara Campuses, however, it is possible to rent rooms or apartments at reasonable prices for students who come from abroad.. A.S.S.U., the above mentioned association provides support and guidance to incoming students requiring accommodation; furthermore it is possible to contact the association via email before arriving if a student has any queries. In-coming students who are assigned a tutor before arriving at the "d'Annunzio" receive further assistance in finding accommodation.