Why

Different | Experiences
Studies
Connections | Friends
Culture | Language
Perspective | Cultural understanding
Travel | Self-esteem
Life and career skills
Fun
ARTS application rounds for AY 23-24

10 - 31 (23.59) January 2023
for fall term 2023 & spring 2024

All destinations open

September 2023
for spring term 2024

Fewer destinations open
COVID

Business as usual until further notice
Cancellations are possible
Might affect course offer
No grant for remote studies completed outside host country
Who can apply

- Full time registered degree students
- BA/MA/Pdh level students
- Programme/major specific rules, recommendation & requirements! (E.g. timing & duration)
- Exchange must be approved by your degree programme

- You must have room in your degree (UG: 30 ECTS, MA: at least 24/ECTS per semester)
- You must fulfill host institution’s language & other requirements
Destinations
Destinations

• Into > Studies > Exchange Studies

• You can apply to ARTS destination’s open for your own degree programme/major & level

• List is subject to changes!

• Updated by the beginning of the application round
10 most popular destinations

Design department / 2022

[Bar chart showing the popularity of various design institutions with Emily Carr University of Art + Design leading significantly]
How to plan your exchange
Where & when do you want to go?
What studies would you like to take?
Take into consideration your;
   Health situation
   Family situation
   Financial situation
   Ability to adapt
   Ability to handle stress
Check from ARTS student exchange database

Your degree programme’s destinations
Course offer & the level (BA, MA, PhD)
Language of studies
Language & other possible requirements
Costs
Semester dates
Past exchange students’ reports
Discuss with your professor/teachers about suitable destinations
Funding
Grants

1 semester: min. of 1500 €
2 semesters: min. of 2500 €

Erasmus green travel support
Erasmus family support
Erasmus accessibility support

Not available for remote/virtual studies completed outside host country!

Into > Studies > Exchange Studies > Funding
Other sources

Normally other grants from ARTS are not available

KELA Student Aid
(housing subsidy, study grant and a study loan)

AYY
Costs

- No tuition fees to ARTS partner institutions
- Check other possible costs before applying and budget!
- Language tests (E.g. IELTS, TOEFL)
- Vaccinations
- Visa & residence permit (US: certificate of finances needed!)
- Insurance
- Travel costs
- Rent (check what it includes!)
- Course material
- Students are responsible for all possible costs
How to apply
Choose 1-3 destinations.
More than 1 strongly recommended!

Make a study plan for your all destinations you choose

Arrange a PSP meeting to get an approval for your exchange & study plan

Update your personal study plan also in Sisu
Application attachments

Approved ARTS Student Exchange
Study Plan (=study plan) to all destinations
Transcript (order from Sisu)
Language certificate(s), IF required by your destination(s)
  See Into (*Planning the Exchange*) for more info on different options to prove language skills
Late/incomplete applications are not processed
Exchange study plan

BA students must complete 30 ECTS, MA at least 24 / semester. PhD: agreed separately

Courses from your own level (BA/MA/PhD)

Courses suitable for your personal study plan

Studies will be included in your degree at ARTS when approved

The plan is preliminary since up-to-date/specific course information is not necessarily available (e.g. Japan)
Selection process

Two phase selection process:
  First pre-selection by ARTS
  Final selection made by host institution

If there are more applicants than places the selection at ARTS is made on the basis of study index:
  Credits divided by attendance semesters and multiplied by weighted average of grades /
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What then

ARTS informs your host institution of the selection (=nomination)

Application is binding!
   But if you have to cancel for some reason do it immediately, so that someone else can possibly use your place.

Start preparing your application to your exchange destination

Check the application instructions & deadline from the host institutions website and ARTS destination database right away
Final selection

Done by the host institution
Acceptance is normally sent by email to you
Final approval takes two weeks - 2 months, so please be patient!
Most students get chosen
Reason for rejection: too many applicants, portfolio, etc.
If you are not chosen by your host institution, contact ARTS for other possible destinations still open OR apply in the next application round, if possible
Free mover exchange
Host institution has to be a university level institution
Student is responsible for the application process, practical arrangements, possible tuition fees and other costs.

Study plan & exchange MUST be approved IN ADVANCE by your degree programme

Do NOT apply without approval; studies are not necessarily included in your degree at ARTS!

Check if the host institution accepts free mover students, available courses, possible tuition & other fees, language & other eligibility requirements.

Suitable for students who want to go to a university with which ARTS doesn’t have an agreement.

Free mover grant available
Other internationalization options
Short term exchange
  Summer schools
  Intensive courses
You can apply for ARTS Short Term Grant
https://into.aalto.fi/display/enopisk/ARTS+Grant+for+Short+Term+Exchanges

Internship abroad
Erasmus+ or Bilateral Internship Grant
Into > Studies > Internship
More info

Into > Studies > Exchange studies

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Appointments through My Studies
Good luck with your application!

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