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SCUOLA
DEL DESIGN

International Mobility

To study abroad in 2026-2027

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Welcome

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Studying Abroad

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WHY study abroad?



Compare your ideas with **international visions**

3 out of 4 Erasmus students say they have a **better understanding** of their future career goals after returning from abroad.

Source: [Erasmus+ | Home \(Europa.eu\)](https://www.europa.eu)



Increase your **job opportunities**

Figures show that graduates with international experience find employment **faster and more easily** than their peers.

Source: [The Erasmus Impact Study](#)

WHERE study abroad?



211

partner Universities
in EU & non-EU countries*

*Scholarships for stays in UE and
non UE partner universities



506

available places
To do an International Mobility

WHEN to apply?



1st Call

from **18th November 2025**
to **9th January 2026 by midday**



2nd Call

April 2026
Exact dates still to be defined

WHO can apply? · Bachelor level

YEAR OF APPLICATION	EXCHANGE TYPE	EXCHANGE PERIOD	DESTINATION
1 st year	Mobility for study	2 nd year Bachelor 1 st and/or 2 nd semester	EU or non-EU countries
2 nd year	Mobility for study	3 rd year BSc 2 nd semester only	EU or non-EU countries
	MEDes program	3 rd year BSc & 1 st year MSc	One of the 6 partner universities of the MEDes network
	Double Degree program	3 rd year BSc 2 nd semester only	AzUAC
3 rd year	Short term mobility	1 st year MSc 2 nd semester only*	EU or non-EU countries

* Only for students attending a MSc course in direct continuity with the BSc program with exception of Communication Design

WHO can apply? · Master level

YEAR OF APPLICATION	EXCHANGE TYPE	MASTER PROGRAM	EXCHANGE PERIOD 2 nd year
1 st year	Mobility for study	Integrated Product Design	2 nd semester
		Communication Design	
		Design for the Fashion System	
		Product Service System Design	
		Design & Engineering	1 st and/or 2 nd semester
		Interior and Spacial Design	
		Digital and Interaction Design	
1 st year	Double Degree	All the Master Programs	1 st * or 2 nd semester

* Only for the Double Degree with Tsinghua University

WHO can apply? · Master level

YEAR OF APPLICATION	EXCHANGE TYPE	EXCHANGE PERIOD	DESTINATION
2 nd year	Erasmus+ Traineeship Call in April*	2 nd year - 2 nd semester or even after the graduation	EU countries
	Scholarship "Tesi all'estero" Calls: in October and March**	2 nd year – 2 nd semester Master and after 2 nd semester or even after	EU or non-EU countries

*For more details about the call fo Erasmus+ Traineeship: [International internships - polimi](#)

**For more details about the scholarship Tesi all'estero: [Scholarships "Tesi all'estero" - polimi](#)

WHAT can be validated? · Bachelor level

COURSES

- Credits and grades **are recognized**
- Courses from the **first year bachelor can't be validated**

THESIS

- **Cannot be validated**
- However, you may work on your thesis in parallel with the exchange, in coordination with your supervisor at Politecnico.

WHAT can be validated? · Master Level

COURSES & INTERNSHIP

- Credits and grades **are recognized**
- The internship **can be validated** with project-based courses, but you need to **keep at least one curricular course** to be validated in addition to the internship

THESIS CO-TUTORED

- With a supervisor from Politecnico and from the partner University
- Credits are recognized **outside the exchange** by the thesis supervisor from Politecnico

Special Programs

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The MEDES Program

MASTER OF EUROPEAN DESIGN

- A partnership of **7 top European universities**, focused on selecting and training highly skilled design students through a multidisciplinary curriculum and experiences across diverse professional, cultural, and social contexts.

MEDes · Master of European Design

2 years of mobility

in two partner Universities of the network:

3rd year BSc + 1st year MSc

Application at 2nd year BSc



MEDes · Master of European Design

- applying at **2nd year bachelor**
- selected students will stay **2 years abroad**

AVAILABLE PLACES	EXCHANGE PERIOD	YEAR OF APPLICATION	SELECTION REQUIREMENTS
<p>6</p> <p>Product Design Interior Design Communication Design Interaction Design</p>	<p>First exchange: 3rd year BSc</p> <hr/> <p>Second exchange: 1st year MSc</p> <p>Integrated Product Design Interior and Spatial Design Communication Design Digital and Interaction Design Product Service System Design</p>	<p>2nd year Bachelor</p>	<p>Minimum grade average of 28</p> <p>Selection interview with high-quality portfolio</p> <p>Interview with Prof. James Postell</p>

Program Presentation: 21st November 13:15-14:15 on [Virtual classroom - James Postell](#)

More Information at [MEDes website](#)

FIT · Fashion Institute of Technology · New York

- applying at **3rd year Bachelor** or **1st year Master**
- selected students will stay **1 semester abroad**

AVAILABLE PLACES	EXCHANGE PERIOD	YEAR OF APPLICATION	SELECTION REQUIREMENTS
<p>5 Fashion Design</p>	<p>1st year MSc 2nd semester or 2nd year MSc 2nd semester</p>	<p>3rd year BSc or 1st year MSc</p>	<p>Selection interview with high-quality portfolio</p> <p>Interview with Prof. Chiara Colombi</p>

More information: chiara.colombi@polimi.it

fitnyc.edu · FIT in Milan

Double Degrees

Two Degrees
valid in both countries



Italian Degree
at Politecnico di Milano

Foreign Degree
at Partner University

- Double Degree programs require more commitment but offer a competitive advantage for those who intend to **work internationally**.

International Double Degree



The Double Degree Master Program is designed to enable students with **specialized interests** to pursue **advanced** studies through course work and **independent** study in the **focus areas**.

The Double Degree Master Program
is a **cross-cultural experience** where
you will not only learn about a “profession”
but also broaden your horizons...

Double Degree · Azerbaijan University of Architecture and Construction · AzUAC

- applying at **2nd year bachelor**
- selected students will stay **2 semesters abroad**

EXCHANGE REFERENT	BSc PROGRAM	AVAILABLE PLACES	MOBILITY SCHEME
Prof. Mauro Ceconello	Design del Prodotto	3	5 semesters at Polimi + 2 semesters at AzUAC
	Design degli Interni		

More information: mauro.ceconello@polimi.it

Double Degree • Tsinghua University

- applying at **1st year MSc**
- selected students will stay **2 semesters abroad**

EXCHANGE REFERENT	MSc PROGRAM	AVAILABLE PLACES	MOBILITY SCHEME
Prof. Luca Guerrini	Integrated Product Design	4	2 semesters at Polimi + 2 semesters at Tsinghua + 1 semester at Polimi
	Interior and Spatial Design	4	
	Design for the Fashion System	4	
	Communication Design	3	
	Digital and Interaction	2	

More information: luca.guerrini@polimi.it

Double Degree • Tongji University

- applying at **1st year MSc**
- selected students will stay **2 semesters abroad**

EXCHANGE REFERENT	MSc PROGRAM	AVAILABLE PLACES	MOBILITY SCHEME
Prof. Marco Ajovalasit	Product Service System Design	2	3 semesters at Polimi + 2 semesters at Tongji + 1 semester at Polimi
	Interior and Spatial Design	2	
	Communication Design	2	
	Integrated Product Design	2	
	Digital and Interaction	2	
	Design & Engineering	2	

More information: marco.ajovalasit@polimi.it

Double Degree • Universidade de Sao Paolo e Universidade Unisinos

- applying at **1st year MSc**
- selected students will stay **3 semesters abroad**

PARTNER UNIVERSITY	EXCHANGE REFERENT	MSc PROGRAM	AVAILABLE PLACES	SCHEME
Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile	Prof. Elena Caratti	Integrated Product Design	3	3 semesters at Polimi + 3 semesters in the Host Institute
		Communication Design		
Universidade de Sao Paulo	Prof. Mario Bisson	Integrated Product Design	3	
		Communication Design		
Universidade Unisinos	Prof. Giovanni Conti	Integrated Product Design	2	
		Design for the Fashion System		

More information: elena.caratti@polimi.it - mario.bisson@polimi.it - giovanni.conti@polimi.it

Double Degree • for Design & Engineering students

- applying at **1st year MSc**
- selected students will stay **3 semesters abroad**

PARTNER UNIVERSITY	EXCHANGE REFERENT	MSc PROGRAM	AVAILABLE PLACES	SCHEME
École Centrale de Lyon	Prof. Barbara Del Curto	Design & Engineering	2	3 semesters at Polimi + 3 semesters in the Host Institute
École Centrale Nantes			2	
Universidade de Sao Paolo	Prof. Matteo Ingaramo		2	

More information: barbara.delcurto@polimi.it - matteo.ingaramo@polimi.it

The Process to do an International Mobility

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International Mobility · steps to follow



 Your responsibilities as a student

1. Search for the partner University · what to consider

Partner University

- Language
- Academic calendar
- University approach and academic offer
- Extra fees for specialised courses or services

Exchange Country

- Travel costs
- Costs of living
- Costs/availability of accommodation
- Cultural specifics (e.g. religion, local customs)

1. Search for the partner University · where to find more information

Identify the Partner Universities*

- [Partner Universities Map](#)
- [Partner Universities Design 2026](#)

Get More Information

- [Padlet Exchange your Experience](#) with outgoing students reports and digital material
- Partner Universities website – exchange area
- Ask for personal consulting at [Ask@Rele](#) who can provide advisory to select the partner universities.



*Use your **degree program** for the **next academic year** as your search primary indicator

1. Search for the partner University · hints & tips

- **Don't overlook lesser-known universities or less common locations**
They often provide excellent support and have advanced facilities.

- **Keep in mind that it can be harder to secure a spot at highly requested schools**
Consider your choice carefully, taking into account your academic average and portfolio quality; otherwise, you risk missing the opportunity to be accepted.

2. Application · get ready to apply

1st call

- From **18th November 2025** to **9th January 2026** by midday
- To go abroad in the **1st and/or 2nd semester**

2nd call*

*only for places unassigned in the 1st call and where partner universities' nomination deadlines are still open

- **April 2026*** (dates to be defined)
- To go abroad **only in the 2nd semester**
- **Double Degree Programs are not be available** in this call

2. Application · get ready to apply



Mobility for Study

You can list in **order of priority** up to **6** preferences **within EU** and/or **outside EU**



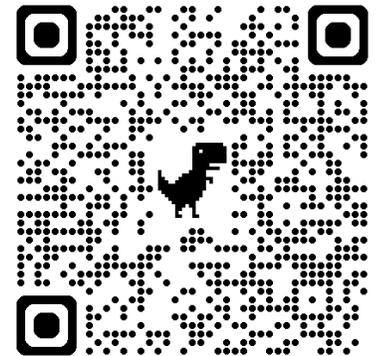
Double Degree program

You can list in **order of priority** up to **3** preferences **within EU** and/or **outside EU**

2. Application · get ready to apply

Read carefully
the **International Mobility Call**

This is the main document that defines the application process



3. Selections



Mobility for Study

Selection based on the grade calculated by the University, which takes into account the weighted average and the consistency of the academic progress*

*MEDes Program and FIT Program require an interview and portfolio with the Exchange Coordinator.

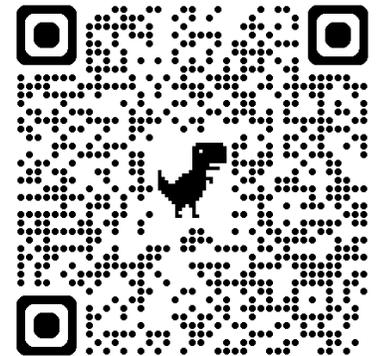


Double Degree program

Selection based on the grade calculated by the University, which takes into account the weighted average and the consistency of the academic progress, **combined with an interview with the Promoter of the double degree program**

4. Acceptance of Polimi selection

- Selections outcomes will be visible in the “**International Mobility for Study**” application according to the schedule indicated in the [call](#).
- You will need to proceed with the **confirmation of the allocation** in the host institution through Online Services, **within the deadlines indicated in the call**.



5-6. Nomination & Application to the partner institution



Nomination

Done **by Exchange-Bovisa (IMU unit)**, communicating to the partner university the students selected to go in exchange

Each partner institution has **specific deadlines**, also considering the semester in which you will go on exchange.

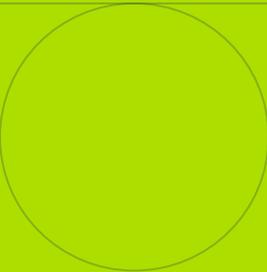


Application

Done **by the student**, submitting the **documents** required by the partner institution and indicating the **program you wish to apply for** in the partner University.

Check the applications deadlines to prepare the documents required by the Partner University.

Remember that **to be selected at Politecnico does not mean to be accepted by the partner Institution!**



Useful Contacts

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Contacts · Who does what

IMU - International Mobility Unit

- Is the main interface between students and partner institutions.
- Manages **administrative procedures related to the mobility**: call, nomination, and application to the host university.
- Provides **support for document submission** to the partner University and general guidance.
- [Contact](#)

Relé Office

- Oversees the internationalization of the School of Design and interfaces with the partner institutions.
- Offers **planning advisory** to the students in the **choice of the partner universities** to apply for
- Provides information on the **academic rules** to do in international mobility.
- [Contact](#)

Exchange Referent

Each study program has a dedicated Internationalization Committee composed of exchange referents.

Do not handle administrative matters.
Provide **support only on academic aspects** related to the international mobility, such as:

- **Portfolio refinement** after the selection to be sent in the partner university
- **Courses selection** in the partner university
- **Courses validation** after your return.
- [Contact](#)

Save the date!

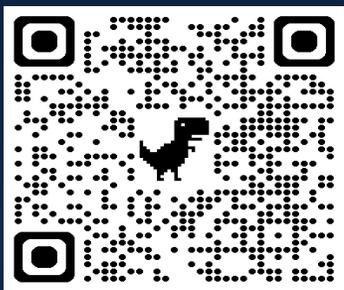
Don't miss any appointment to have more information about the International Mobility

17th November	Info session general information in Italian for Bachelor students	13:15 – 14:15	Online
19th November	Info session general information in English for Master students	13:15 – 14:15	Online
17,19,24,26 November 1,4,11 December	Exchange your mind on Campus	12:00 – 15:00	Building B2 1 st floor (Next to ESN)
28th November	Info session about the call – in Italian	13:15 – 14.15	Online
4th December	Info session about the call – in English	17:15 – 18:15	Online
By appointment	Ask@Rele – Help choosing your mobility destination	Reserve here: Ask@Rele	Building B1 or Online



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Thank you!

This presentation is available online

For more information: [Studenti outgoing - Design](#)