



Online information meeting for students applying for an **EDUC Gap semester** during the **2026-2027 Fall semester**

Thursday, 19th February, 15:00 to 16:00



Do not forget to turn your microphone off, you can ask your questions in the chat!



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AGENDA OF THE MEETING

- Introduction to the EDUC Gap semester
- Presentation of the universities
 - Paris Nanterre University
 - University of Rennes
 - Masaryk University
 - University of Cagliari
 - University of Pécs
 - University Jaume I
 - University of Potsdam
 - University of South-Eastern Norway
- Useful links / contact information
- Questions and answers session

WHAT IS EDUC ?

European Digital UniverCity:

- An Alliance of 8 European universities
- Labeled « European University » and funded by the European Commission
- Cross-disciplinary
- Based on pedagogical and digital innovations
- Dedicated to foster student mobility



THE EDUC GAP SEMESTER: PRINCIPLES



What is it ?

- A new mobility of 1 semester in order to study other subjects than your initial training.
- An interruption in your studies at your home university. You will be treated as an exchange student at the receiving university. But this mobility, unlike an Erasmus+ mobility, does not count towards your degree (*except for specific partner universities). It is an additional semester.
- Some specific rules might apply at your university.
- Open to all EDUC students at Bachelor or Master level.
- Students must select and attend a number of courses **equivalent** to 30 ECTS credits for one semester.



THE EDUC GAP SEMESTER: PRINCIPLES



What is the added value?

- Disciplinary openness: possibility to study one or several disciplines, different from your diploma
- The opportunity to customize your profile and differentiate yourself to recruiters
- A linguistic immersion: to learn and improve your skills in French, German, Italian, Hungarian, Czech, Norwegian, Spanish but also in other languages
- A cultural openness to discover another country in Europe
- The possibility to develop new "soft skills" to differentiate yourself on the job market
- Make friends all over Europe ... !



THE EDUC GAP SEMESTER: APPLICATION



- **EDUC Gap semester: When and how to apply?**

The application campaign is now open to do a mobility during the Fall semester 2026-2027. You apply at your home university.

- **Deadline for application at your home university** is different for each university:

At **University of Paris Nanterre**: 15/03/2026

At **University of Rennes**: 15/03/2026

At **University of Pécs**: 13/03/2026

At **University of Cagliari**: 15/03/2026

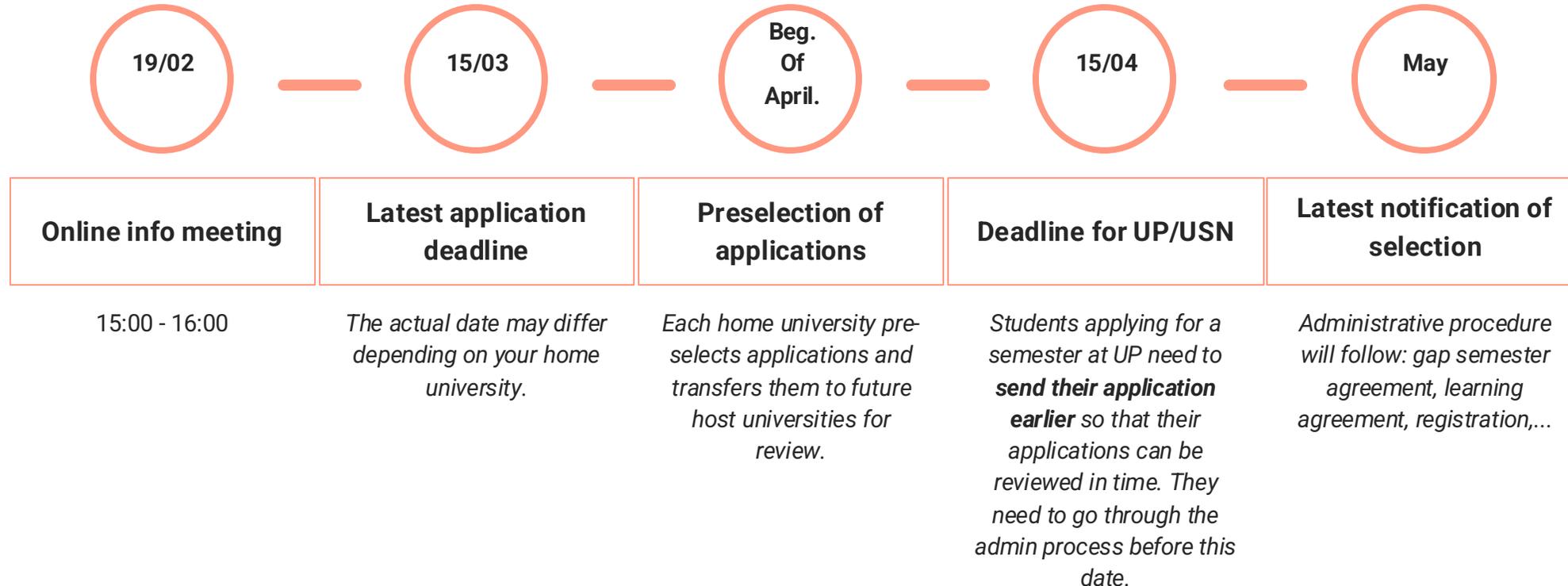
At **Masaryk University**: 15/03/2026

- **Documents for the application:**

1. A completed application form (please check with your home university / home university's website)
2. A cover letter written in English
3. A proof of language skills in the teaching language (B2 level)

EDUC GAP SEMESTER: SELECTION AND SCHOLARSHIP

The selection process - departure from September 2025 on:



The mobility scholarship



⇔ Fixed amount per month depending on your home university/destination (pro rata of the actual presence over the study period) + travel grant : fixed amount depending on your home university

HOW TO SELECT COURSES

Conditions for the selection of courses:

- Bachelor level courses are recommended (first to third year)
- Courses must be an equivalent of 30 ECTS credits per semester
- Courses must be outside of your field of studies: a complementary course or a different discipline
- Courses must be indicated in the application form in the learning agreement section

⇔ If you need inspiration, a list of courses taken by former Gap semester students can be provided by your local EDUC team.

PRESENTATION OF THE 8 UNIVERSITIES TAKING PART IN THIS CALL FOR APPLICATIONS :





Université Paris Nanterre





34000
Students

Including around **5590**
international students

10 
faculties



1st semester

September-January

2nd semester

January-May



Welcome
Desk

To provide you with orientation support (registration, administrative formalities, accommodation). **For help** with accommodation a request has to be made by **31.05.26**.



4 Domains
of studies

Human and social sciences ,
Sciences, Technology,
Health/Art, Humanities,
Languages / Law, Economics,
Business and Management



One **32**
Hectare Main Campus

Including various **sports installations**
and **2** additional sites in the western
part of Paris

Questions?

Contact

[contact.educ@
parisnanterre.fr](mailto:contact.educ@parisnanterre.fr)

for more information!



Check out our course
catalogue to find our
courses offer!

University of Rennes

Rennes : Capital city of Brittany Region - 225 000 inhabitants

35 000 students (10% of international students)

Biology, environment and life chemistry, Law, political science and public administration, Economics and management, Computer science, digital science and technology, Mathematics and applications, Physics, chemistry, earth sciences and mechanics, Health professions, Social sciences and philosophy, Technology and industrial science.

Courses in English: mainly at the School of Management. French courses: 4 hours/week offered (6ECTS)

Fall semester dates : 01 September - 18 December 2026



Vibrant Rennes city centre, Place Sainte-Anne



Rennes city centre, the river "Vilaine" and its houseboats



City of Saint-Malo: 1h from Rennes by train

MASARYK UNIVERSITY

Brno, Czech Republic

<https://www.muni.cz/en>



MUNI

- ***1919** (100+ years of tradition)
- 34 000+ students - 22 % international
- **80+ English-taught programmes**
 - [MU course catalogue](#)
- **facilities:** 15 libraries, Radio and TV studio, SPORT Lab, 24/7 PC center
- ESN MUNI - Orientation Week
- [International Student Guide](#)



BRNO

- Popular **student city**
 - living costs: **700 EUR / month**
- Located in the **center of Europe**
- Rich **cultural and social life**



**MASARYK
UNIVERSITY**



University of Cagliari, Italy



**UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI
DI CAGLIARI**

THE CITY

Cagliari is located on the southern coast of Sardinia. It is the **political, administrative, economic** and **cultural** centre of Sardinia with over 150,000 inhabitants. The city is the most populous urban centre of the island. It is an ancient city with many remarkable historic and archaeological sites, surrounded by areas of exceptional environmental interest including **Poetto beach, Molentargius Park** and **Santa Gilla Lagoon** home to the beautiful pink flamingo. In Cagliari you will find a **Mediterranean climate** with mild weather that makes it a perfect place to live and visit all year round. Cagliari is also home to ancient cultural and food traditions, which make it a perfect destination for food lovers that appreciate local dishes and wines.

THE UNIVERSITY

Established in **1620** with campuses in *Cagliari, Monserrato* and *Oristano*. It's a multidisciplinary University with 6 **Faculties**: *Biology and Pharmacy, Engineering and Architecture, Medicine and Surgery, Sciences, Economics, Law and Political Sciences* and *Humanities*. The University of Cagliari also has a **sports centre**. There are 4 **districts/campuses** and 15 **department libraries**.

University Numbers:

- **25000+** students and **1900+** Teaching and Administrative Staff
- **42** 1st cycle programmes (Bachelor), **38** 2nd cycle programmes (Master) and **6** Single cycle programmes
- **38** Specialization schools
- **980** Bilateral Agreement Erasmus+
- **120** extra-EU International agreement (Globus)
- **1200+** Outgoing students and **400+** Incoming students
- **100+** courses taught in English



www.unica.it | www.unica.it/internationalmobility





University of Pécs
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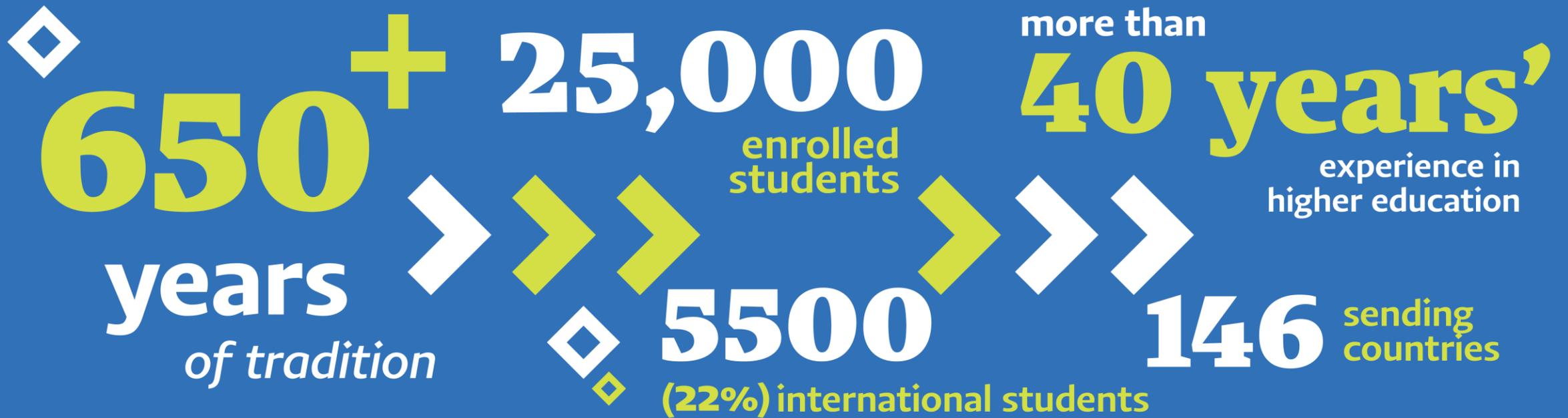
Shaping Futures, Building Partnerships



Judit Németh

Head of Office | Mobility Office
University of Pécs







Study in Pécs

- **Pécs:** Capital City of Baranya region: 146.000 inhabitants
- 25.000 students (22 % international students)
- **Language requirements:** english B2, Faculty of Business and Economics C1
- **Courses in english:** political science, Economics and management, psychology, geography, english and french literature, social work,
- <https://international.pte.hu/mobility-programs/erasmus/study-guide>
- **Services:** Personal Mentors , Student counselling , Campus Legal Aid Clinic , Student Union, ESN, Sport facilities
- **Fall semester dates :** 01 September - 18 December 2026



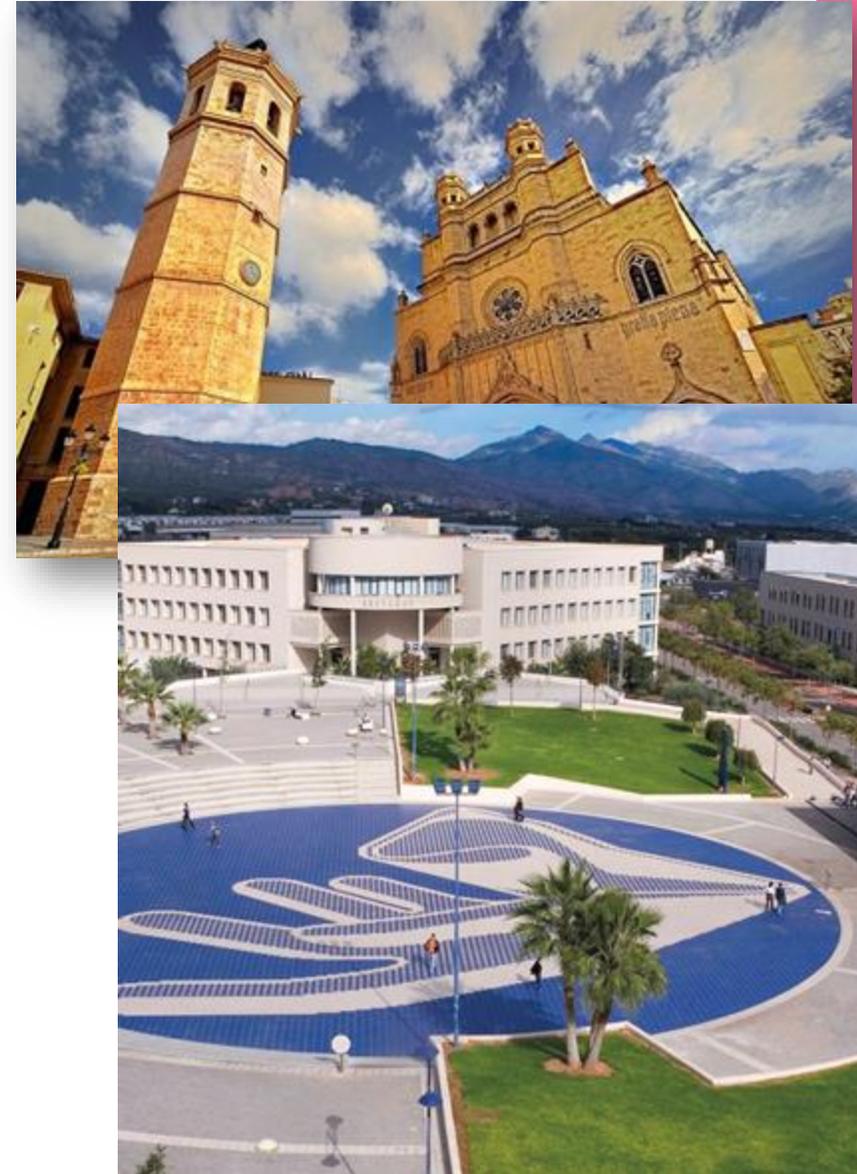




**UNIVERSITAT
JAUME I**

UNIVERSITAT JAUME I

- **Castellón** (medium-sized city 180,000 inhabitants)
- East coast of Spain, between Barcelona and Valencia
- **Young** (1991) and **medium-sized** (14,000 students)
- **Single campus**: academic activities, library, green spaces, sports area, auditorium.
- **Faculties**:
 - Law and Economics
 - Humanities and Social Sciences
 - School of Technology and Experimental Sciences
 - Health Sciences
- **Calendar** dates (fall semester):
 - September 7 - January 22 (includes exam period)
 - Second exam period: June 16 – July 9
- **Accommodation**: flat sharing, private residence
- **Contact** info: study@uji.es (Welcome Desk)
- [Course catalogue](#) (mainly in Spanish)
- [Courses in English](#)





WHAT TO STUDY AT POTSDAM?

Contact: wiebke.giese@uni-potsdam.de

Courses:

- You may only pick courses from either the **Faculty of Arts** or the **Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences**
- The **course catalogue changes each semester**, so you can base your preliminary choice on the previous year's course catalogue: <https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/studying/coursecatalogs>
- Information on ECTS, teaching language, etc.: <https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/international/incoming/international-students/exchange/international-course-offer>
- The new course catalogue is published twice a year:
 - **15th September** for the winter semester (starts in October)
 - **15th March** for the summer semester (starts in April)

Language skills:

- Our **bachelor's** degree programs are mainly conducted in **German**
- **Language prerequisite: German B1**
- To improve your German, you can attend a [2-week intensive course](#) or [language courses during the semester](#)



Academic calendar:

<https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/studium/dates-and-deadlines/important-dates-and-deadlines-during-your-studies>



**University of
South-Eastern Norway**



**Student testimony:
Samantha Beaugrand, EDUC Ambassador, USN (Norway)**

DISCOVERING NEW CITIES



Student testimony:
Samantha Beaugrand, EDUC Ambassador, USN (Norway)

DISCOVERING NEW LANDSCAPES



Student testimony:
Samantha Beaugrand, EDUC Ambassador, USN (Norway)

MAKING NEW FRIENDS



Student testimony:
Samantha Beaugrand, EDUC Ambassador, USN (Norway)

DISCOVERING AN OTHER CULTURE



Student testimony:
Samantha Beaugrand, EDUC Ambassador, USN (Norway)

DISCOVERING AN OTHER HISTORY



Student testimony:
Samantha Beaugrand, EDUC Ambassador, USN (Norway)

DISCOVERING NEW WAYS TO HAVE CLASSES



Student testimony:
Samantha Beaugrand, EDUC Ambassador, USN (Norway)

GETTING A CHANCE TO TRAVEL



Student testimony:
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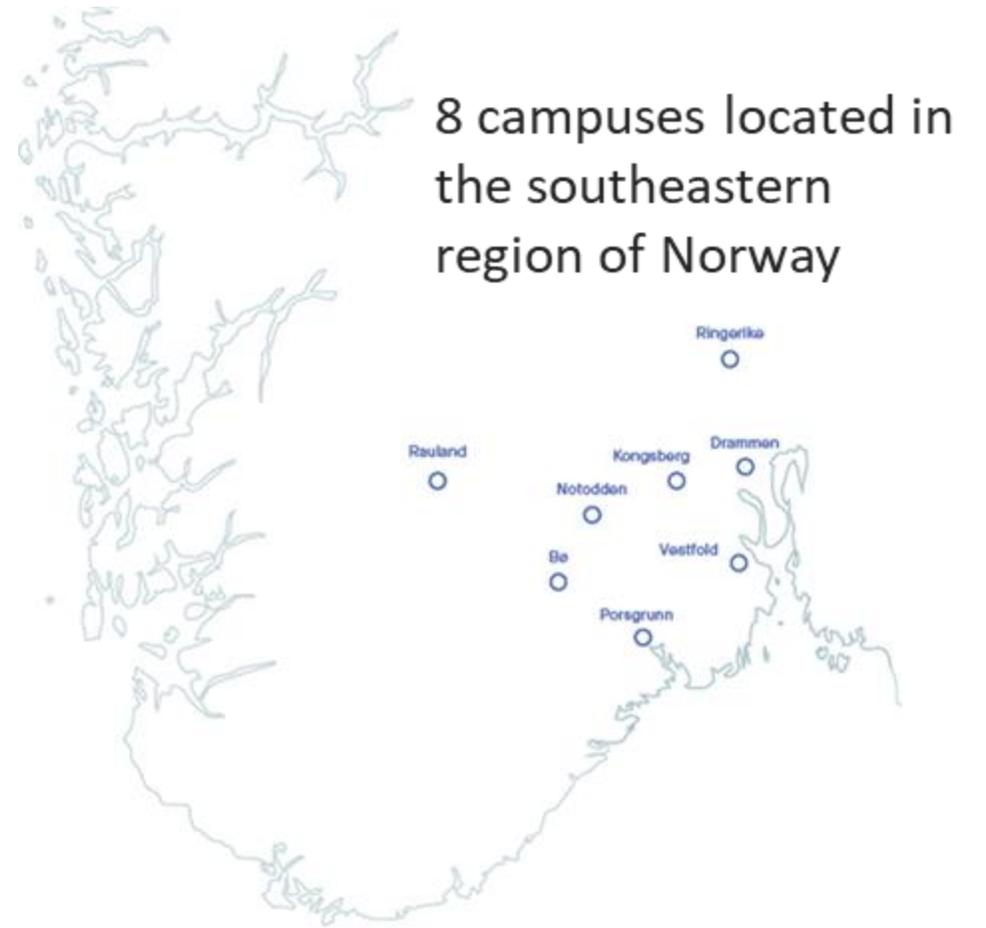
NETWORKING, DISCOVERING, LEARNING



4 Faculties:

- School of Business (5 000 students)
- Faculty of Humanities, Sports and Education Science (6 000 students)
- Faculty of Technology, Natural Sciences and Maritime Sciences (2 500 students)
- Faculty of Health and Social Sciences (3 500 students)

Combine high-quality academic studies with breathtaking scenery, explore the great outdoors and enjoy the Norwegian way of life!



Contact us at incomingexchange@usn.no or educ@usn.no



Courses available for EDUC GAP year-students 2026/27:

Viking History and Old Norse Literature

When you study Viking Age and Old Norse in Vestfold, you will be able to visit the places mentioned in the sagas and skaldic poetry, and to look over the shoulder of the archaeologists who uncover the mysteries of the Vikings.

The programme is offered in the **fall semester** in our campus Vestfold and gives 30 ECTS.



Scandinavian studies

Scandinavian Studies in Telemark seeks to provide for international students a semester or year of academic study and social opportunity to explore dimensions of the Norwegian way of life, specifically Telemark county. Fall and spring semester offer a broad range of academic themes, in addition to promoting intercultural competence and environmental insights while utilizing the diversity of Telemark's geography, culture, and business community.

The programme is offered in our campus Bø and gives 30 + 30 ECTS. You may stay for the **fall or the spring semester – or the full academic year.**

HOW TO SELECT COURSES

Useful links at the receiving universities

Paris Nanterre University	https://formations.parisnanterre.fr/fr/formations-2026-2027.html	contact@educ.parisnanterre.fr
University of Rennes	Study catalogue (in French): https://formations.univ-rennes.fr/ List of courses in English: http://bit.ly/3F6Mftp	educ@univ-rennes.fr
Masaryk University	https://czs.muni.cz/en/student-from-abroad/international-student-guide/course-catalogue	educ@muni.cz
University of Pécs	https://international.pte.hu/mobility-programs/erasmus/study-guide	educ@pte.hu
University of Cagliari	Courses of each faculty: https://unica.coursecatalogue.cineca.it/ Courses in English: https://web.unica.it/unica/protected/425962/0/def/ref/GNC93166/	educ@unica.it
University Jaume Primer	Courses in Spanish (B2 required): https://ujiapps.uji.es/sia/rest/publicacion/2025 Courses in English: https://ujiapps.uji.es/ade/rest/storage/J5IUVRUDH5MZM4PZVKHWGDCDMOWSCDX	study@uji.es
University of South-Eastern Norway	Detailed information in slides about the University of South-Eastern Norway	educ@usn.no
University of Potsdam	Detailed information in slides about the University of Potsdam in this presentation	wiebke.giese@uni-potsdam.de

MOBILITY PERIODS

Mobility periods differ from one university to another, here is the academic calendar of the EDUC partners:

	Fall / 1st semester	Spring / 2nd semester
Paris Nanterre University	September → January	January → May
University of Rennes	September → December	January → May
Masaryk University	Mid-September → Mid-February	Mid-February → End of June
University of Pécs	01 September → 30 January	01 February → 20 June
University of Cagliari	End of September/Beginning of October → End of February	End of February → July
University Jaume Primer	Beginning of September → End of January	End of January → June
University of South-Eastern Norway	Mid-August → Mid-December	Early January → mid-June
University of Potsdam	October → February	April → July

USEFUL LINKS AT YOUR HOME UNIVERSITY

- [Information for students from University of Rennes](#)
- [Information for students from University of Pécs](#)
- [Information for students from University of Cagliari](#)
- [Information for students from University Paris Nanterre](#)
- [Information for students from Masaryk University](#)

EDUC CONTACT AT YOUR HOME UNIVERSITY

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University of Cagliari: educ@unica.it

University Paris Nanterre: contact@educ.parisnanterre.fr

Masaryk University: strnadova@czs.muni.cz



WHERE TO FIND US

Our Website: <https://educalliance.eu/student/whatwedo/gapyear>



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**Thank you for your
attention!**

**Do you have any
questions?**

