



Erasmus Mundus Student Contract

Self-funded student's name:

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The University of Calabria, Italy; the University of Gävle, Sweden; and the University of Education, Schwäbisch Gmünd, Oberbettringerstr. 200, 73525 Schwäbisch Gmünd, Germany, coordinating university of the Erasmus Mundus Master's Course in Education, Migration, and Diversity (EDU_MIG), and represented by Prof. Dr. Daniel Rellstab, EDU_MIG Head of Program

and

Full Name:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

hereafter referred to as "the student", have agreed to the following terms and conditions:

PREAMBLE

The EDU_MIG Consortium of the Joint Erasmus Mundus Master Program "Education, Migration, and Diversity" is formed by the following universities:

- The University of Education Schwäbisch Gmünd, Germany
- The University of Gävle, Sweden
- The University of Calabria, Italy

The University of Education Schwäbisch Gmünd functions as the EDU_MIG coordinating institution. The EDU_MIG coordinating institution exercises the functions specified in this student agreement. The EDU_MIG student agreement shall serve as the foundation upon which the Consortium and the student can build a positive and cooperative relationship to create an excellent learning environment and achieve outstanding academic outcomes.

At the EDU_MIG coordinating institution, the Head of Program and a general coordinator will oversee the successful implementation of the student agreement. Regarding the Consortium, a Steering Committee is formed in accordance with the Consortium Agreement 10118007, which comprises at least one member from each university.

§1 EDU_MIG CURRICULUM

1.1 Study plan

The student commits themselves to a 2-year study period (120 ECTS) during the academic years 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 at the EDU_MIG partner universities according to their individual study plan and mobility track, which will be approved by the Head of Program and the EDU_MIG Consortium Committee. The study plan will be designed to enable students to obtain at least 60 ECTS credits per academic year, which is a prerequisite for continuing into the second academic term.

Suppose a student does not obtain 60 ECTS credits during one academic year due to failing an exam or exams. In that case, they can repeat the exam according to the "Study and Examination Regulations" of the respective university.

They must complete all the requirements of the study program by September 30, 2027, at the latest. In return, the relevant diploma documents will be issued by December 15, 2027.

1.2 Enrollment

The student will be enrolled in the University of Education Schwäbisch Gmünd during the two-year master's program. At the University of Gävle, the University of Calabria, the Université d'Abomey-Calavi, Benin, and the University of Muğla in Türkiye, students will be enrolled as exchange students regardless of their nationality (European or non-European).

1.3 Degree

Upon successful completion of the program, the student receives multiple master's degrees from each of the three partner universities:

- University of Education Schwäbisch Gmünd: *Education, Migration, and Diversity*
- University of Calabria: *Scienze pedagogiche* (Pedagogical Sciences)
- University of Gävle: *Utbildningsvetenskap med inriktning verksamhetsutveckling* (Educational Science with a specialization in Organizing Educational Practice)

The degree diplomas are accompanied by a joint certificate of achievement (without legal value) and a joint diploma supplement, which presents the details of the participant's academic program and academic achievement.

1.4 Milestones

Key elements and milestones of the 1st EDU_MIG edition are as follows:

Term	Period	Content / Event	Location
1st Term	06.–10. October 2025	Orientation Week	University of Education Schwäbisch Gmünd
1st Term	24. December 2025 – 06. January 2026	Winter Break	
2nd Term	18.–22. May 2026	EDU_MIG Workshop	University of Gävle
3rd Term	September 2026 – January 2027 (depending on country and placement)	Project-based Internship	Any of the partner institutions
3rd Term	16.–20. November 2026	Winter School	University of Calabria
4th Term	—	Master's thesis research and writing	Any of the partner institutions
4th Term	April – June 2027	Colloquium (including presentation of master's thesis)	Online (with all partner universities)
4th Term	30. July 2027 (depending on local conditions)		The latest date to submit the master's thesis, any of the partner institutions

1.5 Mobility path

Every student studying in the framework of the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's program must complete at least one semester in two countries that are different from the country in which they resided at the time of application.

The mobility path is as follows: The student studies at the University of Education Schwäbisch Gmünd in Germany for the first semester. The first week begins with an orientation week. The second semester takes place at the University of Gävle in Sweden and includes the EDU_MIG workshop. Students spend their third semester either at one of the consortium's three partner universities or at one of the following associate partner universities under the supervision of the University of Education Schwäbisch Gmünd: Université d'Abomey-Calavi (Benin) or University of Muğla (Türkiye).

In the third semester, all students are obliged to attend the Winter School organized by the University of Calabria. The student will complete their internship in the third semester, as outlined in the curriculum of the respective partner university (see also 1.6).

The Consortium will communicate the decision on where the students will complete their third term and thus their internships by **January 31st, 2026**. The student must indicate their preferred partner university and three possible internship locations in the respective country, ranked in order of preference, by **December 15th, 2025**, and provide explanations for their choices.

Upon evaluation, the EDU_MIG team will decide the mobility path of each student. Mobility phases may be modified at a later stage if the partners of the participating universities agree to the change.

The fourth semester can take place at one of the three consortium partner universities. The curriculum concludes with a master's thesis and a colloquium in English, featuring a 20-minute presentation (accompanied by a 5-minute summary in Italian). For the master's thesis, the student will choose two supervisors from at least two of the three partner universities.

In agreement with the EDU_MIG Head of Program, other mobility schemes may be permitted.

1.6 Internship

The third-semester project-based internship will be conducted at an institution outside the university. The respective partner university supervises the duration and structure. The Consortium will offer internship placements in the countries of EDU_MIG's partner universities. Each student must apply for an internship placement before **December 15, 2025**, as explained in Section 1.5.

Students can organize internship placements themselves, provided that the placement is in one of the countries of EDU_MIG partner universities. In this case, the placement must be agreed upon by the Consortium before **December 15, 2025**. The student is responsible for selecting a suitable internship and ensuring its successful completion. Internship placements outside of the countries of the partner universities are not accepted.

1.7 Language of instruction

The modules of the first year are taught in English. In the second year, the student can choose their language of instruction depending on the partner university at which they are studying. English will be available as an optional language of instruction at least at one partner university.

Extracurricular language classes in German, Swedish, Italian, French, Turkish, and Arabic will be offered during the program, provided there are a minimum of five interested students for each respective language course/level.

1.8 Assessment of performance

The student agrees to the assessment of their performance in EDU_MIG based on assignments and examinations as outlined in the Examination and Study Regulations of the relevant master's programs at the consortium partner universities. The specifications of each assignment are provided in the module descriptions and syllabi and explained by the designated lecturer during the first session of the module.

1.9 Credits and grades

Each university of the Consortium is committed to recognizing the credits obtained from the other universities. The basis for the grades will be the 0/30 cum laude scale, as outlined in the Lisbon Recognition Convention and its subsidiary documents; local grades will be converted accordingly. The credits obtained at the University of Abomey-Calavi and the University of Muğla will also be transferred by local regulation, according to existing exchange agreements between the University of Education Schwäbisch Gmünd, the University of Calabria, and the University of Gävle.

§2 CODE OF CONDUCT

2.1 Personal attendance and participation

The student is required to actively participate in the courses and events taught in EDU_MIG, as outlined in their study plan. Where required, they must complete assignments and participate in examinations. Regular attendance requires presence in at least 80% of the scheduled classes; active participation involves previously announced mandatory readings and preparing other required materials. Justified "force majeure" cases, such as acute illness, can be considered and approved by the local EDU_MIG Course Directors of the respective universities, provided the student informs them of such an event without delay. Attendance and active participation will be assessed by the course instructor as specified in the syllabus.

2.2 Cheating

The EDU_MIG Consortium has a zero-tolerance policy on cheating. If a student attempts to influence the result of their examination by cheating or by using unauthorized materials or tools, or by any other kind of infringement of the exam regulations, their performance in the examination concerned will be rated as "failed." In this case, the lecturer/professor must notify the relevant Course Director. In the event of a dispute, the student will be given a hearing by the Course Director.

The Steering Committee must be notified of the issue and will make a decision. The Committee may exclude the student. The rules and regulations of the university where cheating is uncovered will also be applied. In some countries, this may lead to additional measures beyond those mentioned above. If a student fails an assignment due to any of the above reasons for a second time in the course of study, the student will be automatically

expelled from the program. In this event, the MA degree is conclusively failed. The student expressly agrees to comply with this policy.

2.3 Update

It is the student's responsibility to keep the central coordinator updated regarding their contact information and bank details.

2.4 Complaint

Suppose a student raises a complaint either before, during, or after their study period. In that case, they agree to follow the step-by-step procedures outlined in the Study and Exam Regulations of the respective partner university.

2.5 Program surveys and evaluations

The student agrees to participate in regular program surveys and evaluations conducted by the Consortium and/or the Commission/Agency. They acknowledge that they have been informed about the role and significance of the Erasmus Mundus Student and Alumni Association (EMA, see <http://www.em-a.eu>) and that they have been advised to join EMA.

2.6 Interruption of program

In the case of pregnancy, the student is entitled to maternity leave. The length of maternity leave, as well as the rearrangements concerning the study curriculum, must always be negotiated with the local EDU_MIG Course Director and are subject to approval by the Head of Program and the EDU_MIG Consortium Committee. Other requests for an interruption of the program can also be made to the Program Head. If a leave of absence from EDU_MIG is granted, it is, for organizational reasons, usually effective for a full academic year.

2.7 Discontinuation of studies

If the student discontinues their studies, they must provide written notice to the EDU_MIG Consortium Committee/Head of Program without delay.

§3 HEALTH INSURANCE, FEES, REGISTRATION

3.1 Student and tuition fees

As a self-funded student, the student is responsible for paying all administrative costs, including student service fees and tuition fees (if applicable for non-EU students). The student must therefore commit to the deadlines set by the coordinating institution.

3.2 Health insurance

The student is responsible for registering for health insurance. They choose their own health insurance company. EDU_MIG covers those health insurance costs in accordance with the EACEA minimum requirements for student insurance. The terms of this insurance have been made available and communicated by the central coordinator.

3.3 Possibility of ERASMUS+ mobility funding

The student is informed that there exists the possibility of receiving Erasmus+ mobility funding for study periods abroad. Such funding may be granted for a maximum duration of two semesters, provided that all requirements of the Erasmus+ Program and the host and home institutions are fulfilled. The allocation of funds is subject to availability of resources, compliance with the applicable regulations, and approval by the responsible authorities.

3.4 Language courses

EDU_MIG covers the costs of language courses (see 1.7).

3.5 Travel and accommodation costs for the Winter School

The student is responsible for covering their own travel and accommodation costs for the Winter School at the University of Calabria in the third semester.

§4 SERVICES

4.1 Orientation Week

The University of Education Schwäbisch Gmünd organizes a special *International Students' Orientation Week*, covering all relevant aspects of the institution, its facilities, the town, extracurricular activities, and daily life.

4.2 Student support

Each partner institution provides the student with all the necessary support to prepare and implement their mobility path, as agreed upon with the Head of Program, specifically concerning visa and housing support, as well as administrative support. The partner universities of the Consortium will assist students in finding available rooms in the student dormitories. Once the student accepts, they are obligated to pay the monthly rent according to the respective agreement.

4.3 Up-to-date information

Up-to-date information regarding the program can be found on the online platform, Microsoft Teams, as well as on the program website at <https://www.edumig.org/>

§5 EXCLUSION FROM EDU_MIG

5.1 Exclusion

The student understands that they will be excluded from EDU_MIG:

- in the case of repeated failure of a module according to the local study and exam regulations of the Consortium partner universities, which the student cannot justify with medical certificates or other reasons accepted by the respective university, professor, or lecturer in charge,
- if the student fails to validate a term,
- if the student is the subject of disciplinary measures leading to their exclusion from one of the EDU_MIG partner universities,
- if the student is the subject of legal prosecutions that prevent them from attending the EDU_MIG program.

5.2 Rent costs after exclusion

Upon exclusion, the student shall, on time and before their departure, pay for the rent of their accommodation until the end of the contract.

§6 DISPUTE SETTLEMENTS

6.1 Dispute

Attempts will be made to solve any disputes arising under the terms of this agreement in a conciliatory manner by the student, the EDU_MIG Head of Program, and the Consortium Committee.

6.2 Rights of appeal

If no agreement can be reached, the student accepts that their rights of appeal shall be in accordance with the regulations of the coordinating university of the Consortium, and that university will deal with any appeal.

Signatures:

The student:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Place: _____

Prof. Dr. Daniel Rellstab, EDU_MIG Head of Program:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Place: _____

The Student Agreement shall be signed by students in the Orientation Week in October 2025 in Schwäbisch Gmünd. Three copies of this contract should be signed: one for the student, another for the EDU_MIG coordinating office, and a third for the local university officials.

Relevant information and contact details of the EDU_MIG program:

<https://www.edumig.org/>

General information about Erasmus+:

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node_en

Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association (EMA):

<http://www.em-a.eu>

Electronic Bulletin Board (ElBulbo) – Platform for EMECS students, alumni, and staff:

<https://bordeaux.eit.uni-kl.de/elbulbo/login.php>
