



## MOBILITY WINDOW

### University of Graz for Local Development students

A mobility window is a structured mobility path within a specific study program and therefore represents a specific period, indeed a "window," often a semester, during which students have the opportunity to study abroad at a partner university.

Mobility window agreements are designed for one or more specific study programs, with well-defined educational objectives. Mobility windows can include a pre-established study plan from the start, or a more flexible plan with the option to choose all or part of the educational activities to be pursued.

This specific mobility window with the University of Graz is targeted to students enrolled in the Master's Degree (*Laurea Magistrale*) in **Local Development**. The student exchange is carried out through the Arqus Open Mobility Agreement and through the Erasmus+ mobility program.

Therefore, the exchange is subject to the regulations of the mobility programme.

### Mobility Window details

The duration of the Mobility Window corresponds to **one semester**, which can be extended to maximum one year.

The language of instruction at both Partners will be **English**.

English proficiency at **B2 level** must be confirmed by a certificate and must be uploaded in the application, according to the University destination selection criteria:

[https://www.unipd.it/en/sites/en.unipd.it/files/Selection%20criteria\\_ENG\\_2025\\_0.pdf](https://www.unipd.it/en/sites/en.unipd.it/files/Selection%20criteria_ENG_2025_0.pdf)

The maximum number of students that the University of Graz can admit within the framework of the agreed Mobility Window is **two (2) students from Local Development Master's degree** per study year.

Students must take into account and fulfil all regulations, prerequisites, and requirements of the mobility programme at the University of Padova, according the call for application published here:

<https://www.unipd.it/en/erasmus-studies-out>



## 1 Descriptions of the Mobility Window Modules (incl. Learning Outcomes) at the University of Graz

Local Development students can choose as elective courses from the above- mentioned curricula<sup>1</sup>:

- Sustainability and Innovation Management (UNIGRAZ)
- Climate Change and Transformation Science (UNIGRAZ)

They are completed at the University of Graz as part of a stay abroad and contain courses according to the following overview:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Sustainability and Innovation Management</b>
<b>University offering the module</b>	<b>University of Graz</b>
<b>Short description</b>	The mobility window focuses on equipping students with the knowledge about sustainability challenges, as well as sustainability and innovation management. Theoretical insights are combined with practical applications in environmental systems, business innovation, and strategic decision-making. Students will explore sustainable development, eco-innovation, corporate social responsibility, and integrating sustainability considerations into organisational practices. Moreover, this mobility window fosters interdisciplinary collaboration.
<b>Learning Objectives</b>	<p>Within this module, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn to analyse and understand sustainability problems</li> <li>• Learn to apply selected methods and instruments of social science research</li> <li>• Learn about social acceptance of innovations and understand the role of psychological aspects in the perception climate change and sustainability problems</li> <li>• Describe and define the characteristics of Sustainable Business Models and evaluate their potentials and challenges</li> <li>• Learn about the potential of economics to contribute to solving international environmental problems</li> <li>• Acquire competences in team work</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Please note that minor changes in course availability may occur due to modifications in the host university's offerings. Any potential changes will be communicated in a timely manner.

<b>Courses</b>	<p><i>Mandatory courses</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research Project Sustainability and Innovation Management (6 ECTS)</li> <li>• Sustainable Business Models (4 ECTS)</li> <li>• Decision Making for Sustainable Development (4 ECTS)</li> <li>• Environmental and resource economics (6 ECTS)</li> </ul> <p><i>Elective courses</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic Sustainability Management (4 ECTS)</li> <li>• Change Management and Learning for Sustainability (4 ECTS)</li> <li>• Selected Topics – Low carbon mobility behavior and policy options (4 ECTS)</li> <li>• Sustainable Innovation (4 ECTS)</li> </ul>
<b>Teaching Methods</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lectures, discussions</li> <li>• Practical exercises</li> <li>• Individual assignments and group work</li> <li>• Student presentations</li> </ul>
<b>Modes of Assessment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written exams</li> <li>• Individual and group assignments</li> <li>• Papers and reports</li> <li>• Presentations</li> </ul>
<b>Presumed prior knowledge</b>	Students who choose this MW should possess a basic understanding of social science methods and/or approaches as well as methods and tools of business management.
<b>Offered in (winter/summer semester)</b>	Each winter semester

<b>Title</b>	<b>Climate change and transformation science</b>
<b>University offering the module</b>	<b>University of Graz</b>
<b>Short description</b>	The mobility window is designed to provide students with interdisciplinary insights into the challenges of climate change and sustainable transformations. Students will explore concepts of transition management, sustainability-induced change, and the role of economics in solving environmental problems. This module ensures a comprehensive understanding of climate risks, change management, and sustainability practices.
<b>Learning Objectives</b>	<p>Within this module, students will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get to know the concepts and theories of transition management</li> <li>• Get a toolset to master the challenges of sustainability induced change</li> <li>• Learn about the potential of economics to contribute to solving international environmental problems</li> <li>• Learn how to effectively communicate own research findings and results</li> </ul>

<b>Courses</b>	<p>List of courses (indicate if mandatory or electives)</p> <p><i>Mandatory courses:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VU Climate Risks (4 ECTS)</li> <li>• KS Change Management and Learning for Sustainability (4 ECTS)</li> <li>• Environmental and Resource Economics (6 ECTS)</li> <li>• Transition Management (4 ECTS)</li> </ul> <p><i>Elective courses:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VO Systems-Modelling and Systems-Analysis (3 ECTS)</li> <li>• KS Strategic Sustainability Management (4 ECTS)</li> <li>• KS Selected Topics – Low-carbon mobility behavior and policy options (4 ECTS)</li> <li>• Sustainable Innovation (4 ECTS)</li> <li>• Special Topics in Transformation Science: Climate and Energy Management (3 ECTS)</li> <li>• Decision Making for Sustainable development (4 ECTS)</li> <li>• Human Factors in Transitions (4 ECTS)</li> </ul>
<b>Teaching Methods</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Interactive) lectures</li> <li>• Practical training</li> <li>• Student presentations</li> <li>• Assignments</li> <li>• Group discussions</li> <li>• Analyses of case studies</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flipped classroom</li> <li>• Field trip</li> </ul>
<b>Modes of Assessment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written and oral exams</li> <li>• Individual and group assignments</li> <li>• Papers and reports</li> <li>• Presentations</li> </ul>
<b>Presumed prior knowledge</b>	<i>Introduction to social sciences; Basic knowledge of environmental economics; Introduction to the climate system or climate dynamics</i>
<b>Offered in (winter/summer semester)</b>	Each summer semester

## 2 Eligibility and selection criteria

The same eligibility criteria/requirements listed in the Erasmus+ for study call for application must be fulfilled by Local Development students while applying for the Mobility Window:

[https://www.unipd.it/en/sites/en.unipd.it/files/Erasmus%20202627\\_ENG\\_.pdf](https://www.unipd.it/en/sites/en.unipd.it/files/Erasmus%20202627_ENG_.pdf)

The selection of exchange students is based on University Destination Criteria:

[https://www.unipd.it/en/sites/en.unipd.it/files/Selection%20criteria\\_ENG\\_2025\\_0.pdf](https://www.unipd.it/en/sites/en.unipd.it/files/Selection%20criteria_ENG_2025_0.pdf)