



**UNIVERSITÄT
BAYREUTH**

**Development Studies
Double Degree for Specialization
“International Economics”**

**A short guide for students of the University of Bayreuth
going abroad to the University of Bordeaux**

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What to do before your mobility

Erasmus

You can apply for Erasmus funding at the International Office. Check out their website or write them an email. The application process is done through an electronic platform.

Please apply shortly after your first master's semester has started. Everything takes time. A few months after your application, they will send you the Grant Agreement which you have to sign and bring to the International Office. If you don't hear from them after a few months, please remind them. Sometimes, they seem to forget about the double degree applications.

If you have questions regarding the Erasmus funding or the application process, you can contact Anna Lehning. She is responsible for outgoing students in Bayreuth: outgoing-erasmus@uni-bayreuth.de

Looking for an apartment

Mr Pierre Marzat manages many student apartments and shared flats in Bordeaux. Simply write him an email at marzatp@yahoo.fr. His flats are not in the best condition and the amenities vary heavily from apartment to apartment, but the locations are usually central. The cheapest option is 350€ (without electricity and wifi) for 9 sqm. He charges a 150€ service fee after signing a contract with him.

Tip: To get a room or an apartment, contact him early and answer his emails quickly.

Crous (French student union) is another option. They have student housing all over the city and next to the campus in Pessac. The international office of the Université de Bordeaux will contact you with all the information needed for an application for the student dorms.

It is possible to apply for **CAF** (Caisse d'allocations familiales), a French housing aid, that pays about a third of your rent. It is required to have a French bank account before applying.

For the apartment or student dorm you need:

- An insurance e.g., <https://studyassur.com/fr/assurance-logement-etudiant-108.html>
- A "visale", which replaces paying a deposit: <https://fo.visale.fr/#!/login>
- Electricity e.g., EDF (they have an English hotline +33(0)969366383), very easy to set up.
- Wifi e.g., Free. They offer sim cards (10€/month for unlimited data) and wifi (freebox, 30€/month) there. The wifi costs 50€ to set up.

For your time in Bordeaux

The Master's in Development Economics in Bordeaux is thematically divided into two years. In the second year, the French students can choose between five different focuses. You will be enrolled in the focus "Conception et conduit des projets de développement et d'urgence" (CCPD). During your time in Bordeaux, you will enhance your operational competencies and techniques regarding planning, direction and evaluation of development projects. You can find more information about the contents of this specific focus on their website: <https://economie.u-bordeaux.fr/formations/masters/eco-dev/m2-ccpd>.

Your Contacts at Université de Bordeaux

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For questions regarding the CCPD courses:

Claire Gondard: claire.gondard-

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In order to be automatically enrolled at the Université de Bordeaux, all of last semester's courses in Germany have to be already graded. However, it is not a large problem, if that is not the case. You can ask to be enrolled manually, just contact Anna Lyszczyk.

Université de Bordeaux offers intensive French courses, which usually start at the end of August, two weeks before the beginning of the semester. They take place in three-hour sessions, four times a week. After the semester has started, the French courses resume with a weekly two-hour lesson. It is recommended to take part in them, but not mandatory.

It might take a few days to get the student card. Your student card is also your payment method for the Crous cafeteria or printing services on campus. You have to create an IZLY account to be able to load money onto your student card and use it as a payment method. It is a very easy process but if you have any difficulties, you can contact the international office.

Academic year

The semester usually begins in the second week of September and ends in the week leading up to Christmas. The courses end after the first week of December, followed by a week of examination preparation without classes which leads to a week of exams. The semester is divided into two parts by a week of holidays around Halloween.

Two weeks before the start of the semester, the intensive language courses take place. It is recommended to take part in them.

Generally, courses can have two types of examination types: “contrôle continu” (CC) and “contrôle terminal” (CM). CC, means that you will be graded throughout the semester through e.g., a presentation or a test. CM means that there will be an exam at the end of the semester, in the week before Christmas. During exams, you are allowed to use a dictionary.

There is a system of blocks with a certain number of courses in place. It is necessary to pass each block, but not necessary to pass each of the courses in one block. That means that it is possible to balance the score of one course with that of another. For example, if you scored 8/20 in one exam, but scored 12/20 in another one in the same block, you will still pass the block because on average, you achieved the passing grade of 10/20 points.

Only the courses for the D3 model will influence your grade in Bayreuth. All other courses are for the E modules, which only have to be passed.

Leisure

Carte Jeune: <https://cartejeune.bordeaux-metropole.fr/> for discounts in certain shops or for activities.

Erasmus Student Network (ESN): If you want to be part of the ESN do not forget a passport picture for your ESN card.

A few recommended spots in the city:

- **Darwin Eco-système** (a creative space with bars, a brewery, a skate park, shops and concerts)
- **École du Vin de Bordeaux** (city-subsidized wine-tasting bar with cheap prices but good quality)
- **Cinéma Utopia** (alternative movie theatre in an old church)
- **Michel MaBelle** (vegan patisserie)
- **Books & Coffee** (cozy café)
- **Mora Mora Coffee** at Marché des Capucins

Helpful services

Espace Santé (<https://www.sante-etudiants-bdx.fr/>)

You need a doctor's note when you can't make it to class, and it is possible to get one at Espace Santé. They have nurses and primary care physicians, but also dentists and gynaecologists as well as other services such as seeing a dietitian.

Get a free bicycle from the city of Bordeaux. You only need to pay a

guarantee, but it is also possible to buy an (affordable) insurance instead of paying the deposit.

https://portail.cykleo.fr/levelopartbm/presentation?t=le_velo_c

A monthly **public transportation** pass for students is 35€ (you can also use the ferry boat across the Garonne with it).

<https://boutique.infotbm.com/products/22>