



ERASMUS PROGRAMME – KEY ACTION 1
BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMME CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
The Rabbit: Livestock animal, Pet, and Experimental Model - A.A. 2024/2025

Application deadline: December 20, 2024 – 2:00 pm

1. BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMME

The Erasmus Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) is a new short-term intensive mobility option envisaged by the new Erasmus+ 2021-2027 programme. Using innovative teaching and learning approaches, it offers an international experience that combines short-term physical mobility with a mandatory virtual component.

2. DESCRIPTION

Blended Intensive programme - Title	The Rabbit: Livestock animal, Pet, and Experimental Model
Academic Tutors	Prof. Gabriele Brecchia
Department	Department of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Sciences
Corsi di Studio coinvolti	Animal Husbandry Sciences and Technologies
Number of participants	Min 1 - Max 5 from Università degli Studi di Milano
Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UNIVERSITY OF AGRONOMIC SCIENCES AND VETERINARY MEDICINE OF Bucharest (USAMV), Bucharest, Romania - Faculty of Animal Productions Engineering and Management• ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY-CERRAHPASA (IUC), Istanbul, Turkey - Faculty of Veterinary Medicine• UNIVERSITAT POLITECNICA DE VALÈNCIA (UPV), Valencia, Spain - School of Agricultural Engineering and Environment
Period	Online activities from 24.02.2025 to 09.06.2025 Summer school from 29.06 to 10.07.2025
Length of virtual mobility period	Online activities from 24.02.2025 to 09.06.2025
Length of in-person activities	Summer school from 29.06 to 10.07.2025
Location	Summer school in Valencia, Spain
No. of credits awarded	9
Description	The course aims to provide students with adequate knowledge of the physiology of the rabbit in particular that of the digestive and reproductive system, the behaviour and welfare, the genetic of the animals, the different kind of feeds used in the rabbit farm, the common infectious and parasitic diseases of the rabbits, and finally, the medical and surgical approach to the most prevalent that affect the rabbits. In addition, the course aims to develop the student's ability to



highlight the link between structure and function for the acquisition of a general vision of the physiological, nutritional and immunological processes that lead to the production of meat.

The Blended Intensive Programme will be held on-line in February-June and in presence in the form of a summer school in July.

During the February (24) - June (09) term, synchronous and virtual classes will be held twice per week (3 and 2 teaching hours each week, tot 5) for 12 weeks, for a total of 56 teaching hours.

The on-line courses will be delivered according to a teaching calendar set by the partners.

The Programme, set for AY 2024-2025, each partner will deliver the following courses:

UNIMI: Behaviour and welfare, Physiology of the rabbit with particular reference to the physiology of reproduction and digestive system;

USAMV: Infectious and parasitic diseases, Sanitary management in rabbit farm;

UPV: Rabbit nutrition, housing and breeding, biotechnological tools in rabbits' nutrition, and genetics;

UCI: Common medical and surgical pathologies of rabbit.

The July Summer School will account for 32 hours of teaching, 4 hours per day, for a total of 12 days. It will start the 29th of June and will finish the 10th of July 2025.

In AY 2024-2025 the Summer School will be held in Valencia (subsequently the organization of the summer school will be carried out by the other partner universities) with the following programme:

Sunday: arrival and accommodation

Monday: Handling, blood collection and catheter insertion

Tuesday: Semen sampling and semen evaluation (analysis)

Wednesday: visit a rabbit farm

Thursday: BCS evaluation, perirenal fat evaluation, evaluation of the body composition using bioimpedance equipment, receptivity and AI

Friday: Clinical examination, urine collection

Saturday: free

Sunday: free

Monday: Sacrifice and organs collection

Tuesday: embryos collection and brain collection (hypothalamus and pituitary)

Wednesday: visit a rabbit farm

Thursday: Departure

The Summer School programme will also be annotated in the course catalogue of the four partner Universities.

There are 3 exam sessions: one in June, one in July and the last in September.



3. WHO CAN APPLY

Application requirements are listed below:

1. Being regularly enrolled at the University of Milan for the 2024/2025 academic year, in the degree course of Animal Husbandry Sciences and Technologies;
2. To have acquired at least 6 ECTS;
3. Being current with tuition and fee payments
4. Not being a recipient of any other EU grant for stays abroad that overlap, even partially, with the BIP Erasmus+ period.

4. APPLICATION

To apply, register on the elixForms platform by **2 pm on December 20th, 2024**.

https://elixforms.unimi.it/rwe2/module_preview.jsp?MODULE_TAG=studenti_domanda_erasmus_BIP_20242025

The following documentation is required:

- 1) Signed CV and copy of ID (PDF/A file; max 5 MB);
- 2) Self-certified transcript of records (to be printed from Unimia as a PDF/A file; max 5 MB);
- 3) An official English and/or Spanish language certification (minimum B2) recognised by the University and obtained no more than three years before the time of application (the list of recognized certifications is available at <https://www.unimi.it/en/study/language-proficiency/other-foreign-languages-tests-and-courses>) or a language proficiency statement obtained through the University Language Centre, obtained no more than four years before the time of application. If the level of the language needed for the application expressly appears on the Unimia career, it is possible to submit a screenshot of it in pdf-format;
- 4) A paragraph explaining the reasons for the application in relation to the BIP's learning objectives.

5. SELECTION PROCESS

A Rector-appointed board will select up to 5 students on the following criteria:

- a) Academic career and CV (up to 15 points);
- b) Language skills (up to 5 points);
- c) Candidate's motivation (up to 10 points).

The selection outcome will be posted to <https://www.unimi.it/en/international/study-abroad/international-opportunities> by January 10, 2025.

6. SCHOLARSHIPS

Selected students will be granted an individual BIP mobility grant of €79 per day. Students with fewer opportunities may receive an additional contribution of € 100/day (for a 5-14-day period of physical mobility). All admitted students who will complete the physical and virtual mobility programme will be eligible to these grants.



7. PERSONAL DATA PROCESSING

Pursuant to EU Regulation 2016/679 ("General Data Protection Regulation - GDPR") and Legislative Decree no. 196/2003, as amended and supplemented, the University undertakes to keep the information provided by the applicant confidential. All data will be processed only for the purposes of participation in the programme. Information on the enforcement of the GDPR is available on the University website at <http://www.unimi.it/ateneo/73613.htm> - pathway: www.unimi.it > University > Privacy.

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