
Academic Mobility Regulations for the Master of Medicine

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The Faculty of Biomedical Sciences of the Università della Svizzera italiana (USI), in view of the Statute of the USI, adopts the following regulations with regards to the academic mobility programmes for students of the Master of Medicine.

1. Generalities

Art. 1 Scope of Application

USI allows students to spend a period of study at another university or academic institution, preferably in a different linguistic area, with the aim of fostering and widening cultural, scientific and linguistic horizon and, of course, deepening the student's personal knowledge.

Art. 2 Mobility for the Master of Medicine

For outgoing mobility programmes, stays are limited to the duration of one semester during the 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 6th semester.

Incoming mobility stays have a maximal duration of 2 semesters and must take place during the first 4 semesters of the Master in Medicine.

Relevant provisions are defined as follows.

2. Typologies of mobility programmes

Art. 3 Swiss Mobility

1. Students have the possibility to spend a period of study at another Swiss university.
2. A framework agreement signed by all Swiss universities guarantees full mutual recognition of study semesters and curricula, as well as validation of credits obtained from related course assessment work and examinations.
3. Cantonal government-funded study grants or studentships allocated by the university of origin are still deposited.
4. The list of partner universities for Swiss mobility is available on USI's International Relations and Study Abroad Service webpage under:
<https://www.usi.ch/it/universita/info/relint/mobilita/universita-partner>

Art. 4 Swiss-European Mobility Programme (SEMP)

Within the framework of the Swiss-European Mobility Programme (SEMP), it is possible to temporary study in one of the European partner universities.¹ SEMP do not include any requests of mobility in which the destination is the student's country of residence at the time of the studies at USI.

Art. 5 Partner universities

The list of partner universities for SEMP is available on USI's International Relations and Study Abroad Service webpage under:

<https://www.desk.usi.ch/en/originalnode/529>

Art. 6 SEMP Scholarship

1. The student participating to a SEMP stay is entitled to receive a bursary if the following conditions are met:
 - Not being entitled to receive another grant from the European Union for an international student exchange programme
 - being regularly enrolled at USI
 - not living in the destination country of the mobility request
2. Scholarships are not expected to cover the entire costs incurred during the stay abroad period, but these may contribute towards travel expenses and some of the living costs. The monthly amounts of the grants are available under:
<https://www.desk.usi.ch/en/usi-students-mobility-programs-type-mobility>
3. The grant will be credited directly to the student's bank or postal account: two-thirds will be delivered at the departure, while the remaining third will be transferred only at the end of the exchange (the exact amount will be either confirmed or reduced on the base of the effective study abroad period).

Art. 7 Other programmes

Due to the complex Master of Medicine study plan structure, international mobility programmes outside Europe, as well as any other study abroad programmes, are not applicable.

Art. 8 Dossier Evaluation

1. The selection of candidates for mobility programmes are a responsibility of the The Representative of the Commission of international relations, on behalf of the Faculty of Biomedical Sciences. The selection will be based on Candidates' motivation, on their academic background and on the quality of the submitted dossier. The complete promotion in study year prior to the mobility stay is a mandatory requirement, a partial promotion will not be considered as sufficient.
2. The final attribution of study destinations is a duty of the Representative. Not all available places are necessarily assigned.

¹ For additional information please refer to the SEMP Programme informative webpage of the National Agency for Exchange and Mobility programma SEMP: <https://www.movetia.ch/en/>

3. Rules of Application

Art. 9 Outgoing mobility: Duration and languages

1. For outgoing mobility programmes, stays can be implemented for the 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 6th semester of the Master of Medicine.
2. For the 6th semester, students must take at USI the final exams of the Master of Medicine, which are mandatory for obtaining the final diploma. These are taking place current June of the 6th semester.
3. The Master thesis has to be handed in to USI according to the study programme and within the defined deadlines (end of May of the 6th Semester, as per Art. 26, para. 7 of the Study Regulations).
4. The duration of outgoing mobility stays is one semester.
5. It is suggested a language proficiency level of C1 or at least B2 in the teaching language of the study programme at the visiting university.

Art. 10 Outgoing mobility: Application

1. The application must be submitted to USI's International Relations and Study Abroad Service within the deadline listed on their webpage. Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered.
2. In case of positive selection, a learning agreement is countersigned by the two counterparts.

Art. 11 Outgoing mobility: Dossier

The Candidate has to submit the following documentation to the USI's International Relations and Study Abroad Service:

- Application form duly filled in
- Curriculum vitae
- Latest *transcript of records*
- Copy of the language certificates (teaching language of the study programme)
- Signed study plan (1st and 2nd choice). All modifications that would possibly be applied to the document have to be approved by the USI Representative and by the Director of the studies at the visiting university and be submitted to the International Relations and Study Abroad Service in order to guarantee the recognition of the exams taken at the visiting University.
- Motivation letter addressed to the visiting university (1st and 2nd choice) in teaching language of the study programmes.

Art. 12 Outgoing mobility: ECTS

1. Should the mobility programme be implemented during the 2nd, 3rd or 4th semester, the Student has to guarantee the achievement of 30 ECTS during the semester of mobility.
2. Should the mobility programme be implemented during the 6th semester, the Student has to guarantee the achievement of 15 ECTS during the semester of mobility.

Art. 13 Incoming Mobility: Duration and languages

1. For incoming mobility programmes, stays can be implemented for the first 4 semesters of the Master of Medicine
2. The duration of incoming mobility stays is 1-2 semesters.
3. It is suggested a language proficiency level of at least B2 in English and Italian
4. Shall there be any free study places for the Master of Medicine, the Faculty can allocate these to mobility programmes students.

5. The students will obtain the credits that are guaranteed by the succesful completion of the exams. For the equivalence of the credits obtained at USI, please refer to the Student's institute of affiliation of their home University.

Art. 14 Final provision and entry into force

These regualtions have been approved by the Board of Professors on 10.02.2020 and shall take effect immediately.