

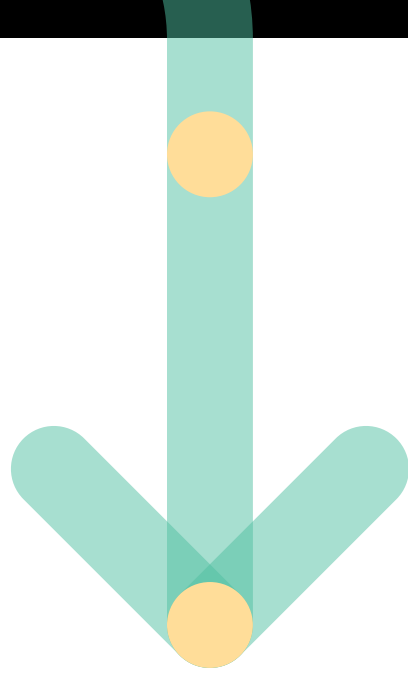
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International  
Relations  
and Study  
Abroad  
Service

# Expand your horizons, follow the paths of our exchange opportunities

Special  
edition





## 20 Years of “Service”: a look back at the past, a leap towards the future

For almost 20 years, I have been involved in student mobility. It was on 1 October 2005 when the International Relations and Study Abroad Service at USI officially began operating under my responsibility. In the following academic year (2006/2007), 49 USI students took advantage of the opportunity to spend a semester studying at another university, while 32 students from partner universities stayed in Lugano or Mendrisio. Today, the numbers have nearly tripled (considering only “traditional” study mobility), and the Service now carries out a far wider range of activities and projects. This is a sector where transformation is continuous, surprising and sometimes unpredictable. As can be clearly seen in the timeline at the centre of the publication, over the course of these twenty years we have experienced moments of strong momentum and others of slowdown.

We have decided to celebrate this journey and this first milestone with a new website [www.usi.ch/en/relint](http://www.usi.ch/en/relint), symbol of an identity in constant evolution, but also rooted in the past.

In fact, despite the challenges and changes – from digitalisation to new hybrid forms of mobility, from ecological issues to geopolitical tensions – the fundamental values of student mobility and international collaboration have remained unchanged: cultural and professional growth, the acquisition of intercultural skills, openness to new ways of living, and the building of personal and academic networks.

These values already inspired students in medieval Europe, who moved between universities as early as the 12th century, and still motivate the choices and dreams of students, researchers and professors today. In this spirit, USI's International Relations and Study Abroad Service will continue to offer opportunities, support and inspiration to future generations.



By  
**Arianna Imberti**

# News from the social media world: Telegram

## Mobility reaches you wherever you are (yes, even on the couch)

The new Telegram Channel, your guide to the world of study exchange (without having to search all over the place)

@usi\_relint\_  
exchangegram\_  
26-27

#exchange #mobilità  
#usi #relint #studyabrod  
#expandyourhorizons

Stay informed about the world of exchanges and the opportunities that USI offers you! In this channel we will share information on calls for applications, deadlines and application procedures, useful links, brief presentations on our partner universities, testimonials from exchange students and much more. There will also be live Q&A sessions to allow you to ask specific questions about mobility. Join the channel, stay tuned!

### Important information

You are all invited to follow us, but please keep in mind that this channel is designed for information relating to exchanges in the academic year 2026-2027, i.e. for USI students now starting the 2nd year of their Bachelor's degree and the 1st year of their Master's degree. The channel will remain active until 30.08.2027, i.e. until the end of mobility in the ay 2026-2027.



# Be a Buddy

## Help exchange students feel at home

This semester, USI's International Relations and Study Abroad Service, in collaboration with ESN Lugano, is launching a Buddy Programme for students from our partner universities who will be spending an exchange semester at USI. All USI students are invited to volunteer as a Buddy and provide their support.

As a buddy, you'll be paired with an incoming student, helping them settle into campus life and feel welcome from day one.

Whether it's giving a quick campus tour, grabbing coffee, or answering questions about student life, your support can make a real difference.

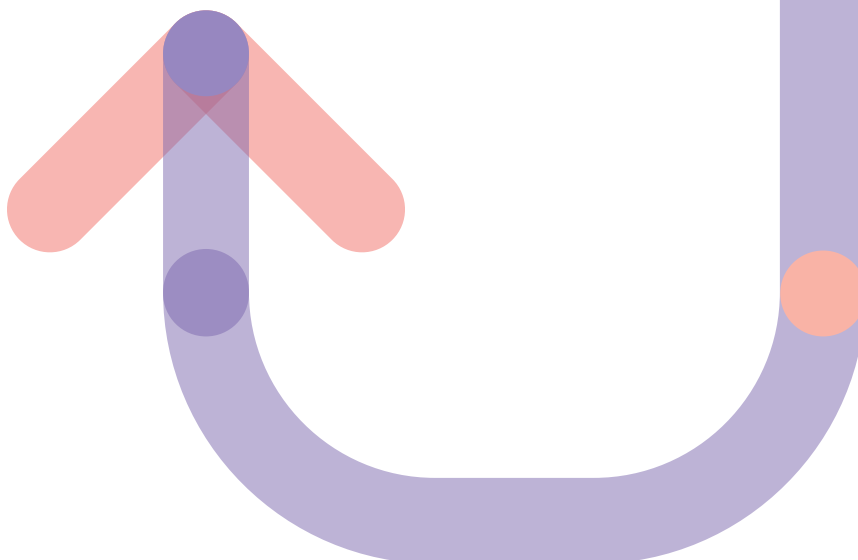
But it's not just about helping others. As a buddy, you'll build intercultural skills, boost your confidence, and expand your international network—great experience for your CV and future career.

"It's a simple way to meet new people and make our campus more inclusive," says incoming exchange student advisor Laura Guerra. If you're open, friendly, and want to make someone's start at USI a little easier, find out more about the Buddy Programme and sign up now. A moment of your time can mean the world to someone new!

## Questions?

Send an email to [relint@usi.ch](mailto:relint@usi.ch)

Interested?  
Sign up here:



# New website and new destinations

## Our new website

To mark its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, USI's International Relations and Study Abroad Service is revamping its digital home. The new structure is designed to help target audiences find information more easily, while providing a clearer picture of everything we do.

Come and visit us  
[www.usi.ch/en/relint](http://www.usi.ch/en/relint)

## New exchange opportunities

- Paris I Pantheon-Sorbonne (extension to the study areas "Economic and Social Administration" and "Economics")
- Bilkent University
- Tshingua University
- Kingston University
- Università Ca' Foscari

## Why are exchanges important

Source:  
Erasmus Job Competence  
Booklet

A study co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme and published by the Erasmus Student Network highlights the value of studying abroad. Below are the results at a glance.

**55**

European companies that participated in the study

**3346**

Students who participated in the study

**80%**

Employers who confirm that an international experience can make a difference

**Adaptability  
Teamwork  
Leadership  
Professional development**

Skills enhanced through a study abroad experience

**Open-mindedness  
Flexibility  
Problem-solving  
Time management  
Analytical skills**

Skills valued by employers

# From our foreign correspondents

The voice of those who went on exchange before you

Greta,  
Copenhagen Business  
School  
Denmark

**“It is about entering a new culture, a new country, new mindset; indeed, it is about broadening your horizons.”**

Chiara,  
Technische Universität  
München, Germany

**“I really recommend this experience because it offers a perfect blend of academic growth, cultural immersion, and personal development. It’s a great opportunity to explore a new city, meet people from all over the world, and gain valuable skills that will benefit both your studies and future career.”**

Filippo,  
Iuav Istituto Universitario  
di Architettura di Venezia,  
Italy

**“I recommend this exchange experience 100%. It was without a doubt one of the most beautiful and enriching experiences of my life. Living in another country as a student allows you to exponentially broaden your cultural, experience and life background. It is something that everyone should do.”**

Alessandro,  
Hanken School of  
Economics, Finland

**“In one sentence: Erasmus changes your life!”**



Nanyang Technological University, SG



Università Ca' Foscari Venezia, IT



Copenhagen Business School, DK

# Finance and Economy

## Opportunities for mobility: halving of university tuition fees and scholarships available for those who go abroad!

Students who choose to participate in exchange programmes can benefit from significant financial advantages. To promote student mobility, therefore allowing a larger number of young people to experience academic and cultural life in a different context, Università della Svizzera italiana grants a 50% tuition fee reduction for the entire duration of the exchange.

Additionally, the National Agency Movetia reaffirms the SEMP scholarships for those who choose a European or non-European destination. This financial support aims to cover part of the travel and living expenses.

These financial contributions are designed to make the opportunity to study abroad more accessible, fostering the acquisition of international skills and the building of a competitive professional profile, thus highlighting the importance of a globalized and inclusive education.

**movetia**

Austausch und Mobilität  
Echanges et mobilité  
Scambi e mobilità  
Exchange and mobility

The Swiss agency for exchanges and mobility promotes and supports activities and projects related to exchanges and mobility for education at both national and international levels. Movetia is also the organization that provides scholarships for European and non-European mobility. Want to learn more about the National Agency? Visit [www.movetia.ch](http://www.movetia.ch)

**\*ESN**

Erasmus Student Network

Join the Lugano Section of the Erasmus Student Network and get to know fellow exchange students in a vibrant and dynamic international community with a broad offer of cool events!  
<https://accounts.esn.org/section/ch-luga-esn>

## Agenda

**Information session  
Master COM + ECO**  
14 October, 12.35  
Auditorium  
Lugano, West Campus  
English

**Information session  
Academy of  
Architecture**  
15 October, 12.45  
Online  
Italian/English

**Information session  
Bachelor + Master INF**  
15 October, 12.35  
D1.13  
Lugano, East Campus  
English

**Information session  
Bachelor ECO + COM**  
16 October, 12.35  
Auditorium  
Lugano, West Campus  
Italian

**Call opens**  
15 December 2025

**Call closes**  
16 January 2026

# Interview



**Interview with Ilaria Juon and Stefano Bastianelli, in charge of USI's outgoing students for the Lugano and Mendrisio campuses.**

What is the main motivation that drives students to participate in an exchange programme?

**IJ:** "Several factors play an important role in the decision to spend an exchange period at another university. I think, for example, of the desire to engage with a different academic environment or to improve both language skills and those soft skills that are highly valued by employers. An exchange experience not only enriches the individual but also their resume!"

What advice would you give to a student who wishes to explore this opportunity?

**SB:** "Gather as much information as possible about partner universities, and make your choice based on your academic goals as well as your personal interests and passions."

Currently, USI is officially launching the promotion of exchange programmes. Concretely, where can information be found?

**IJ:** "There are several sources of information that I would recommend to anyone planning to undertake this project: Our Window to the World: the portal for partner universities. There, you can find all the important information about the universities (factsheets, accommodation information, academic calendar, etc.). Thanks to the study programme filter it is possible to view active agreements.

On the portal, you can also find reports written by USI students who have previously participated in mobility programmes. These reports are a valuable source of information, as they provide insights from those who have already experienced it firsthand.

I also believe it is essential to emphasize the importance of proper planning. To prepare for your stay effectively, it is crucial to follow the procedures correctly and meet the deadlines. To facilitate this process, we have a dedicated page for the organizational aspects of mobility.

Finally, I would like to point out that there will be the possibility to schedule an appointment with the International Relations and Study Abroad Service for personalized and individual meetings, an option that is always highly appreciated by both the team and the students themselves."

**SB:** "I also recommend participating in the information sessions, where we from the International Relations and Study Abroad Service will provide a wealth of firsthand information on the topic of study exchanges. The dates for the sessions can be found in the Agenda."

## Useful links



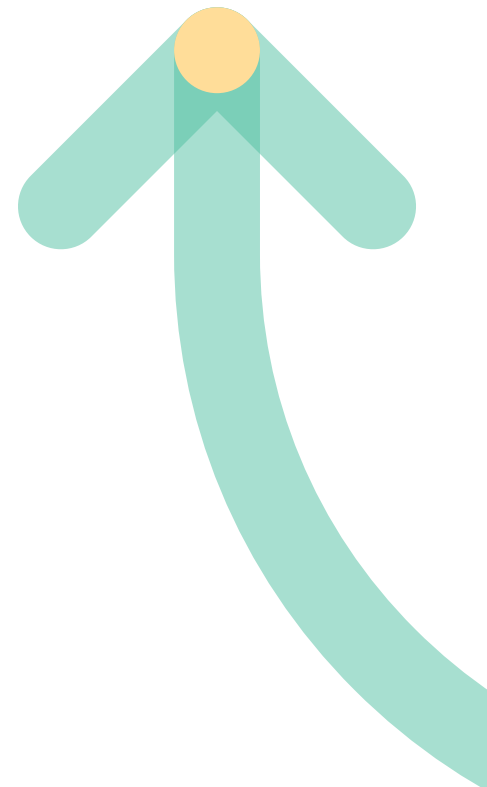
Responsive Portal



Organizational aspects



Personal meetings



# Your footprint in the world: sustainable travel

## Your exchange semester will leave a mark, but you should not leave your (carbon) footprint!

For several years now, sustainability has been a highly relevant topic. Governments, authorities, public bodies, businesses, and private citizens: no one is excluded from the discussion, and we are all called to do our part and propose solutions for the protection of the planet. Higher education institutions are no exception: it is a fact that CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the travel and flights of professors, staff, and students significantly contribute to environmental impact. We are therefore faced with the great challenge of reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions while also implementing internationalization strategies.

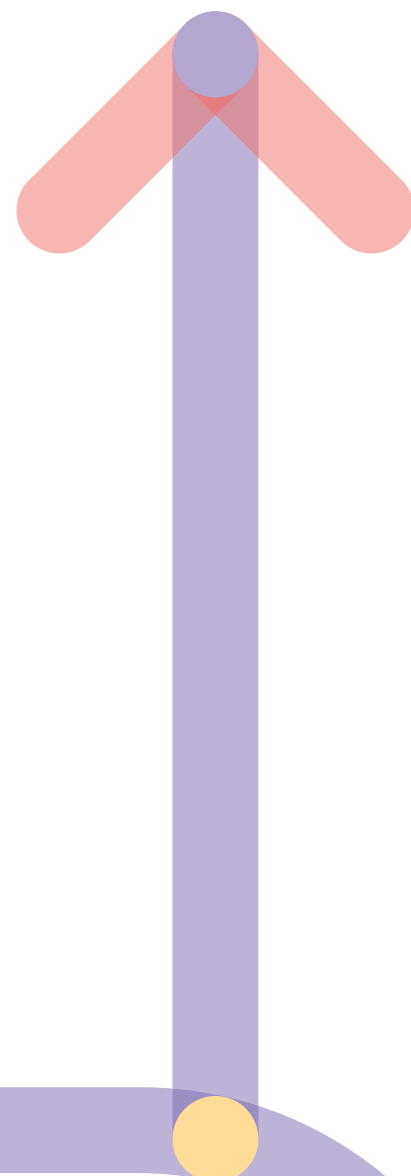
The International Relations and Study Abroad Service, in line with the recommendations of the National Agency Movetia and the principles of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education, therefore proposes a series of recommendations and provides a selection of tools to help reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. From travel to life on site, many small actions can be taken to minimize our impact.

Starting in 2026-2027, USI students participating in the Swiss European Mobility Programme (SEMP) will be able to take advantage of the Interrail Pass for Erasmus+, an excellent opportunity to travel sustainably throughout Europe.

The Interrail Pass for Erasmus+ offers four to six days of travel to be used within a six-month period – ideal for the outward and return journey and a few extra days to explore Europe.

And best of all: SEMP already covers half the cost of the pass thanks to the CHF 100 grant for eco-friendly travel.

Find out more about  
sustainability



# A journey through time



Arianna Imberti  
Head

**2005**

Founding of the International Relations and Study Abroad Service

**2007**

First edition of Eurocampus at USI.  
Start of management of the Swiss Confederation's Excellence Scholarship Programme (ESKAS) for the Italian-speaking region of Switzerland

**2006**

First participation in the EAIE conference in Krakow, marking the beginning of our establishment in the European network.  
Opening of the Casa dell'Accademia with accommodation for international students

**2008**

Opening of USIHOME, the residence that has contributed significantly to the accommodation of international students

**2011**

Renewed official participation of Switzerland in the Erasmus programme, following its withdrawal in 1996

**2013**

Launch of the Come&Go newsletter, with the aim of keeping readers up to date on the activities and events of the Service

**2014**

The vote on 9 February 2014: Switzerland's exclusion from the Erasmus programme.  
The Swiss government's transitional solution SEMP (Swiss-European Mobility Programme) ensures the continuity of exchanges.

**20**

In ten years, 767 students have benefited from the Service, with 876 incoming students.

2015

years, 1,643  
mobilities  
managed:  
outgoing and  
incoming.



Ilaria Juon  
Advisor, study  
exchanges Lugano  
Campus

2017

2016

The 10<sup>th</sup> EMA  
Assembly  
(Erasmus Mundus  
Association) is  
hosted at USI, with  
alumni from 170  
countries.  
Affiliation with the  
Scholars at Risk  
network for the  
protection of  
academic freedom.



Maurizia Ruinelli  
Advisor, InclUSlone,  
ESKAS, SAR

2018

Creation of the  
International  
Relations Commis-  
sion.  
Colleagues from  
partner universities  
participate in the USI  
Staff Days ahead of  
the EAIE in Geneva

2019

Appointment of Prof.  
Cesare Alippi of the  
Faculty of Informatics  
as first Pro-rector for  
Internationalization

2020

Spread of Covid:  
travels and activities  
slow down but the  
international spirit  
does not. Develop-  
ment of new forms  
of mobility

2021

Publication of the  
first Annual Report

2022

Process digitalization  
in line with the project  
Erasmus Without  
Papers



Stefano Bastianelli  
Advisor, exchanges  
Academy of  
Architecture,  
Mendrisio Campus

2023

Publication of the  
Report on Interna-  
tionalisation by  
Movetia: USI is one of  
the four Swiss  
universities with over  
20% of graduates  
having an exchange  
experience

2024

First edition of Il Mondo  
in USI: international  
week, which includes the  
event 'Mobility Day' in  
collaboration with  
Movetia. For one week,  
USI's international  
vocation is at the  
centre of the campuses.



Laura Guerra  
Advisor, study  
exchanges Lugano  
Campus

2025

Beginning of the  
InclUSlone project,  
which offers access  
to studies to  
deserving individuals  
from the asylum  
sector. For the 20th  
anniversary, redesign  
of website to reflect  
the expansion of the  
activities



Mariaelena Biliato  
Advisor, InclUSlone

# International Mobility, Global Vocation: The Story of Julien Stauffer

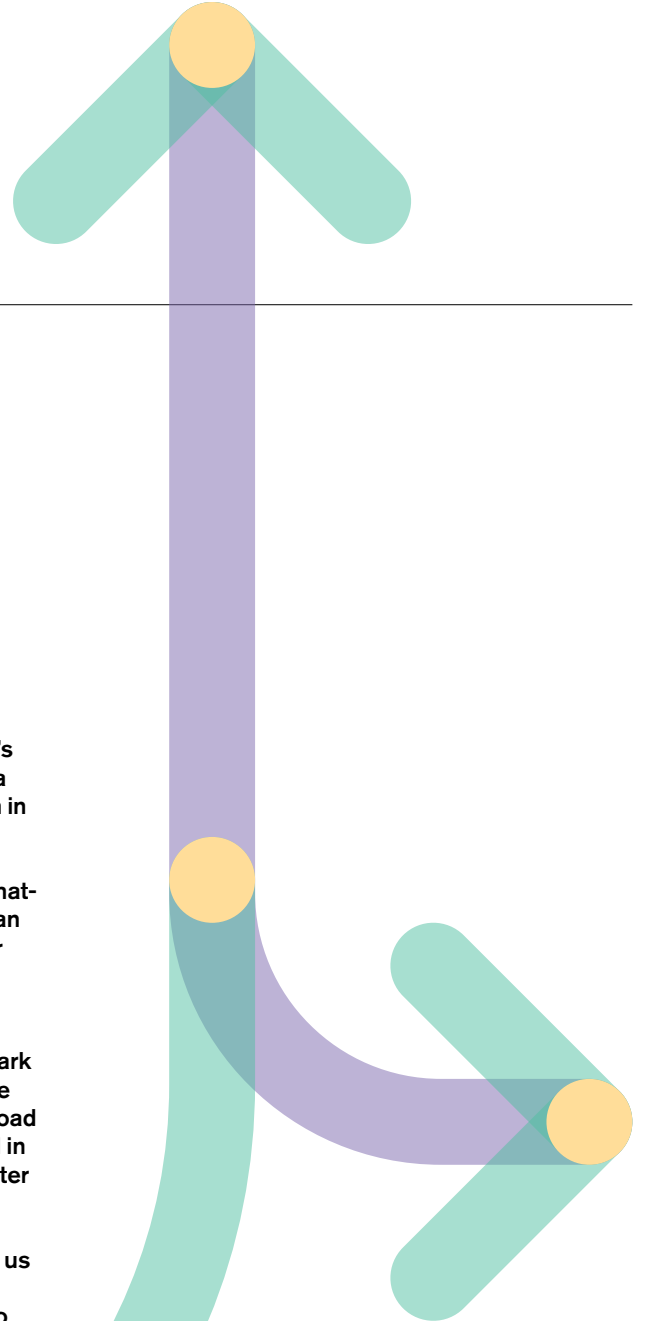


Julien Stauffer, born in 1979, earned a Bachelor's degree in Communication in 2006, followed by a Master's degree in Institutional Communication in 2008.

After gaining extensive experience in the diplomatic field in Serbia, Montenegro, and several African countries, he now serves as Head of Section for Economic, Scientific and Sectoral Affairs at the Embassy of Switzerland in Italy.

Julien was among the first USI students to embark on an international mobility experience, at a time when the International Relations and Study Abroad Service was just getting started (it was founded in 2005). In the autumn of 2006, he spent a semester at Virginia Tech in the United States.

Nearly twenty years later, we asked Julien to tell us how the mobility experience influenced his educational and professional path, leading up to his current diplomatic career.



Julien, we'd like to take you back in time to your years at USI. What were your dreams and ambitions back then?

"First of all, thank you for this dive into the past! At that time, I had a strong desire to learn and to explore perspectives and ways of thinking different from my own and from the world I had known up to that point. I dreamed of one day working in an environment that would allow me to travel, meet new people, and live exciting adventures."

What pushed you to spend a semester abroad? Was it something your peers were already talking about?

"At first, we were asked to decide between doing an internship and going on an exchange. The turning point came thanks to the Social Marketing course taught by Professor Brinberg, which included a mixed group of students from USI and Virginia Tech (VT). He was the one who told me about VT, and the idea of improving my English, getting to know the American culture, and studying in such a different academic system convinced me to apply for an exchange semester there."

How did the mobility experience influence your academic path? Did it change your perspective, interests, or ambitions?

"The experience in the United States had a decisive impact on my journey. On a personal level, it allowed me to build connections that later proved essential for starting my own company in Lugano and developing new ventures. It was also when I discovered the joy of talking about and explaining my country to people from different cultures - both in the courses I attended and with my new friends. This enhanced my desire to understand Switzerland even more deeply: it's when you're confronted with another culture that you truly start to grasp where you come from."

What did you learn during your time abroad that turned out to be useful in the years that followed?

"In terms of content, the courses in geopolitics and comparative journalism were especially stimulating. The learning approach was also quite different, with a strong focus on reading and writing weekly essays. And of course, my English improved significantly!"

Did your experience abroad play a role in your decision to pursue a diplomatic career?

"Let's say it strengthened my interest in this path - an interest that was first sparked during my time at USI, thanks to the inspiration of several professors."

Which aspects of the exchange experience do you feel best prepared you for the international dimension of diplomatic work?

"Life as a diplomat constantly pushes you to question yourself, to solidify your values, and to keep your knowledge up to date. Every 3 - 4 years, you change country, habits, and points of reference. You find yourself far from your family and friends, often in a linguistic and cultural context you know only superficially - if at all. After the initial excitement of the first few months, a phase of doubt and cultural shock almost inevitably follows. And yet, you have to be able to quickly build genuine connections, both personally and professionally, even in complex situations. Only then you truly start to feel at ease. Many of these emotions and challenges I experienced for the first time during my study stay in the United States: a major life lesson, and a valuable experience for the future."

Looking at your career today, what would you say to someone who is deciding whether to go on an international exchange?

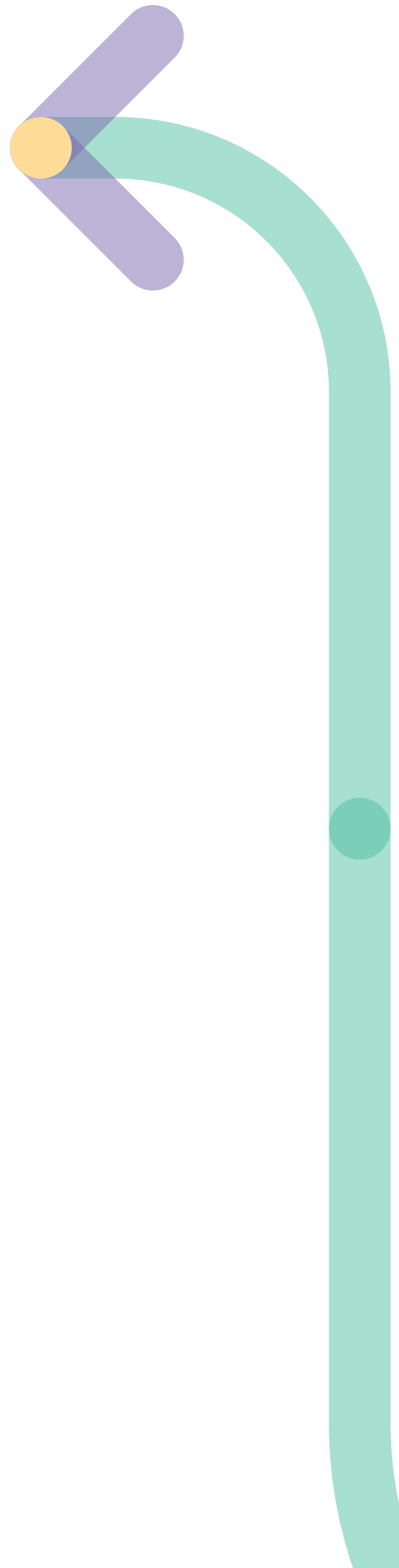
"I'd say: go! precisely because it scares you and seems complicated. That's exactly when you should do it. Stepping out of your comfort zone helps you discover strengths and resources you didn't know you had. It's in that space of uncertainty and novelty that the real growth begins."

Was there a particular episode or moment during your time abroad that still comes to mind today?

"There are many moments I remember, but I fondly recall how on Sunday evenings we'd gather in the dorm kitchen with a small group of Italians, Germans, Americans, and Swiss to eat spaghetti with tomato sauce. It was our family away from home. Oh, and the Italians were the ones cooking... ça va sans dire!"

What would you say to the student you were in 2006, with a backpack and a plane ticket ready?

"You can't even imagine how stimulating and meaningful this experience will be for your future. Stay open, nurture your curiosity, and never get discouraged."



# Leisure

|                  |               |
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| 10               | Experience    |
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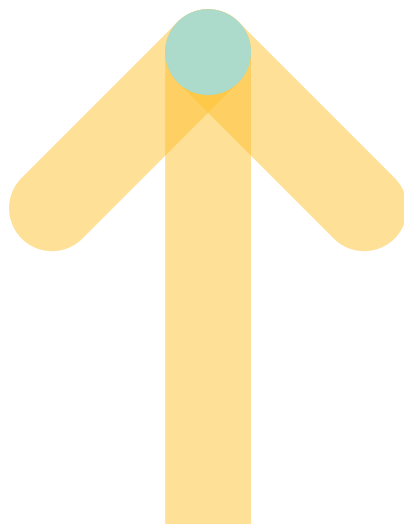
## Clues across

- 2 Every place has its own. You thought you mastered it, then spent two weeks figuring out how to greet people without offending them.
- 3 The final place of a trip. That city you couldn't pronounce when you applied, but now call home.
- 5 Becoming older and wiser.
- 7 Yes, we mean sustainability... but also that shared kitchen with seven people and one sponge.
- 8 What your degree becomes when you add plane tickets, WhatsApp groups and mild jet lag.

## Clues down

- 1 What do you do when you travel to another university... and end up calling it "the best decision I ever made."
- 4 It is what you build with someone you met at an orientation session and now share pasta, secrets, and stress with.
- 6 A test to prove something. You might call it "figuring out the local transport system."
- 9 The school gives it to you. It comes with credits, deadlines, and the occasional identity crisis in a foreign library.
- 10 It is a once in a lifetime...

This crossword has been created by Elena and Agata, two 3rd-year junior high-school students hosted at the International Relations and Study Abroad Service on 9 May 2025 in the framework of the Professional Practice Day: Exploring the World of Work



# Recipes from the world



## Ukraine Chicken Kyiv

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### Ingredients

2 cloves garlic, minced  
2 tablespoons chopped  
fresh flat-leaf parsley  
6 tablespoons unsalted  
butter  
4 skinless, boneless  
chicken  
breast halves  
1 cup flour  
2 eggs, beaten  
2 cups panko bread  
crumbs  
2 cups vegetable oil for  
frying,  
or as needed

### Preparation

Grind garlic and salt, then mix with parsley and combine with softened butter. Season chicken with salt and pepper. Place garlic butter mixture in the center of each chicken breast. Fold over to form a pocket. Coat chicken in flour, dip in eggs, and press into breadcrumbs. Fry the chicken for 1 minute in oil per side at 175 degrees and then bake at 200 degrees for 15-17 minutes in the oven until the butter inside the chicken boils and the internal temperature is 74°C. Let Chicken Kyiv rest briefly before serving.

## Payasam India

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### Ingredients

2 tablespoons of  
chickpeas  
250 ml of water  
130 ml of coconut cream  
250 ml of milk  
35 g of whole cane sugar  
½ tablespoon of ghee  
(or clarified butter)  
1 tablespoon of sultana  
raisins  
1 tablespoon of chopped  
cashews  
2 green cardamom pods

### Preparation

Wash the chickpeas and simmer them in water for about 20 minutes. Then, add the milk and continue cooking for another 20-25 minutes. Once the chickpeas are well-cooked, incorporate them into the coconut cream, also adding the cane sugar. Continue cooking, stirring frequently, for about 1 hour until the mixture becomes thick and creamy. In a skillet, heat the ghee and sauté the sultana raisins, chopped cashews, and crushed green cardamom pods until they become golden and fragrant. Then, add these ingredients to the chickpea cream. Serve it hot, or if you prefer, let it cool before serving.

## Lohikeitto Finland

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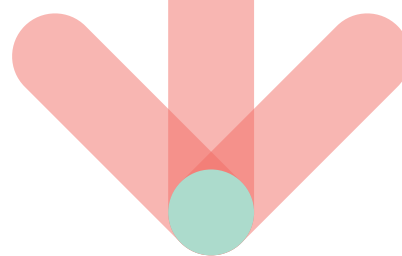
### Ingredients

500 g fresh salmon, cut into cubes  
1 large onion, finely chopped  
2 carrots, peeled and thinly sliced  
3 medium potatoes, peeled and cut into cubes  
1 leek, sliced thinly  
1 liter of fish stock or water  
250 ml cooking cream  
2 tablespoons of butter  
salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
fresh parsley, chopped, for garnish

### Preparation

In a large pot, melt the butter over medium heat. Add the finely chopped onion and sauté until translucent. Add the carrots, potatoes, and leek to the pot. Mix well and cook for a few minutes until the vegetables start to soften slightly. Pour the fish stock or water into the pot. Bring it to a boil, reduce the heat, and let it simmer until the vegetables are fully cooked, about 15-20 minutes. Add the cubed salmon into the pot and cook for another 5-7 minutes or until the salmon is cooked through.

Pour the cooking cream into the soup. Stir well and let it simmer on low heat for another 2-3 minutes. Taste the soup and adjust the seasoning with salt and pepper according to your preference. Remove the soup from heat and let it rest for a few minutes before serving. Garnish with freshly chopped parsley and serve hot.



## Quinoa con leche Peru

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### Ingredients

1 cup quinoa  
2-3 cinnamon sticks  
3 cloves  
2 star anise  
1 cup water  
2 cups coconut milk  
2/3 cup brown sugar  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
cup milk (or non-dairy milk).

### Preparation

Wash quinoa and put aside. In a pan with medium heat char the cinnamon stick, cloves, and star anise. Add coconut milk and water and let it simmer uncovered for 10 min. Taste for intensity of spices flavor.

Remove spices. Add the quinoa and cook for another 15 min or until most of the liquids is absorbed. Keep stirring. Turn the heat low, add brown sugar, cinnamon and vanilla. Add milk slowly while stirring.

Take pan off the heat once the sugar has completely melted. Continue mixing. You should get a creamy texture. If too firm, add some more milk. Serve warm or cold.

# Weather forecast for exchanges



## Night before departure

**A mental storm is coming: suitcase anxiety!**

"Did I pack everything?" "What's the plug socket like over there? Do I need an adapter?" "And what if I don't understand anything?" Behind the clouds... adventure awaits.



## First week abroad

**Changeable skies with possible language showers.**

Uncertain translations, shifting schedules, uncooperative Wi-Fi. But between one downpour and the next, the first smiles start to break through.



## End of the first month

**Gentle sunshine with gusts of excitement.**

You've picked up a few words in the local language, your flatmate made you try something weird but tasty, and you only got lost twice.



## At the heart of the experience

**After the emotional storm, comes the rainbow.**

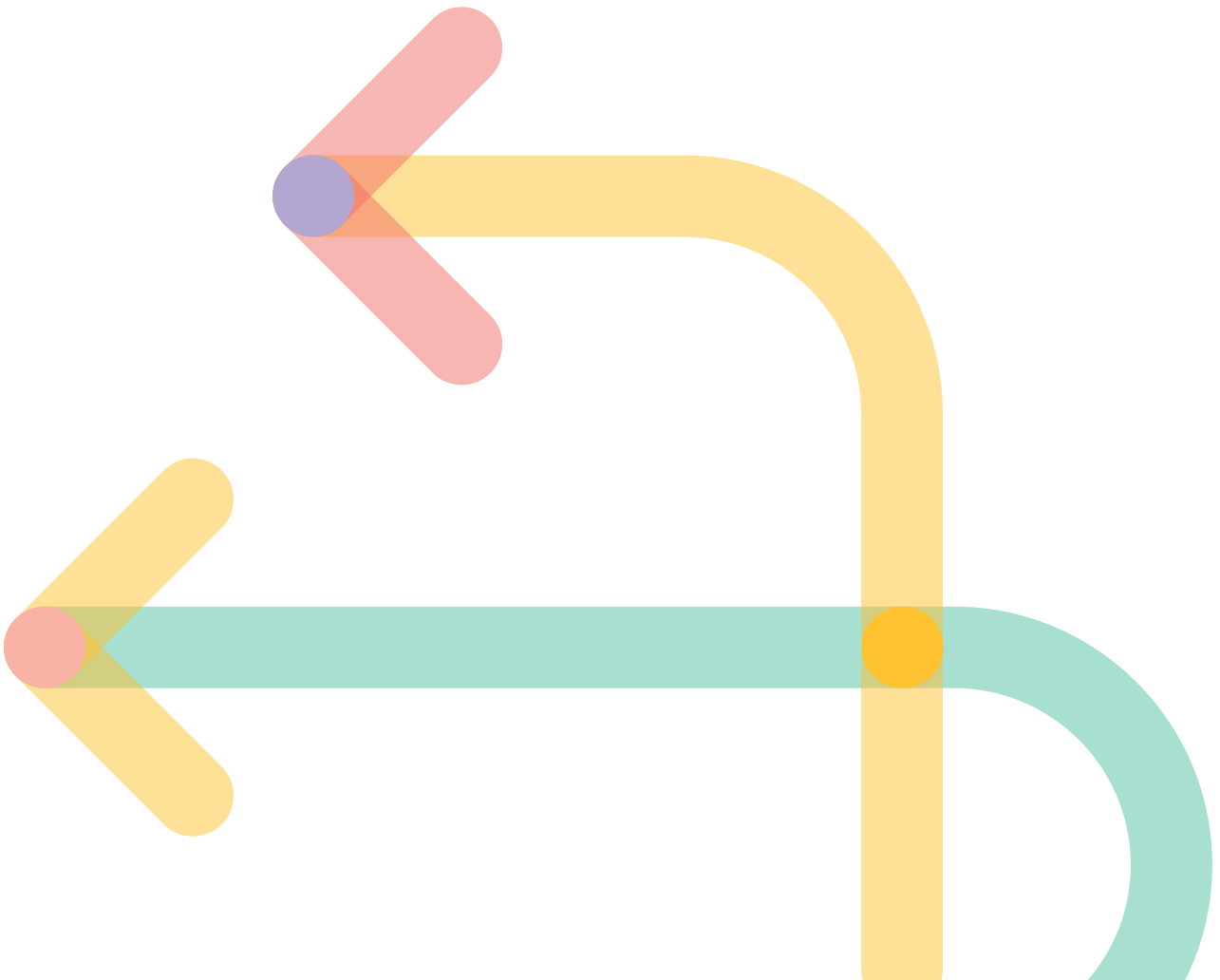
The short adjustment period has passed: you've discovered you're handling things better than you thought. The rainbow is your new friends and classmates, who now feel like your "home away from home."



## Coming back home

**Nostalgic fog with a chance of light showers inside.**

You'll miss the people, the places, the situations – even the local supermarket. But don't forget: you're bringing home a suitcase full of memories, experiences, and new perspectives.



# Survival coffee: a mini language guide

## Spanish

“Un café solo,  
por favor”

Pro version:  
“Un cortado,  
porfa”  
(an espresso with a drop  
of milk)

Careful:  
“Café con leche”  
≠ cappuccino  
Don't test it!

## French

“Un café,  
s'il vous plaît”

Pro version:  
“Un p'tit noir, merci”

## German

“Einen Kaffee,  
bitte.”

Pro version:  
“Einen kleinen Kaffee  
zum Mitnehmen, bitte”  
Careful:  
Forget about espresso!

## Polish

“Poproszę kawę”  
(Read: “poprosce cave”)

Pro version:  
“Poproszę małą czarną”  
(a short espresso)

Bonus:  
“Z mlekiem” = with milk  
But don't expect a  
cappuccino

## Portuguese

“Um café,  
por favor”

Pro version:  
“Um bica, se faz favor”  
(typical way to order an  
espresso in Lisbon). Up  
north they will tell you that  
it is a cimbalino. Yes, they  
are the same thing.  
Welcome to Portugal.

## Danish

“En kaffe, tak”

Pro version:  
“En sort kaffe to-go, tak”  
(= a coffee to go)

Fun fact:  
Danes drink coffee  
everywhere, all the time  
— even in polka-dot cups  
while riding their bikes.

Careful:  
A cappuccino may cost  
like a month-long rent.  
Drink slowly.

## Czech

“Jednu kávu,  
prosím”

Pro version:  
“Espresso s sebou,  
prosím”  
(= espresso to go, please)

Pronunciation:  
“Yed-nu ká-vu, pro-seem”  
Czechs are straightfor-  
ward: no small talk, few  
smiles, but the coffee  
arrives right on time.

## Korean

커피 한 잔 주세요

Romanization:  
Kopi han cian ciuseyo

Translation:  
a cup of coffee please

Pro version:  
Hot americano  
아메리카노 핫 한 잔 주세  
요

Romanization:  
Americano hat han cian  
ciuseyo

“Americano” is now  
universal in Korean cafés,  
often the default choice.

The barista might respond  
with a smile... and eight  
words you don't  
understand. Nodding  
always works.

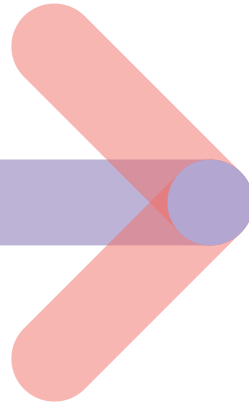
## Universal tips to order anxiety-free:

Always smile.

Point at what you want if  
your pronunciation lets  
you down.

Never say “I just want a  
normal coffee.” “Normal”  
changes from country to  
country. Dramatically.

# Horoscope



Follow the stars,  
just like the explorers  
of the past!



**Aries** Energy and adventure are your mantra. Poland, with its fascinating history and vibrant student life, will captivate you. Explore its cities, discover local traditions, and immerse yourself in Polish culture by participating in university events.



**Taurus** You love beauty and comfort, Taurus. Italy, with its rich artistic heritage and extraordinary cuisine, will offer you a unique experience. Enjoy the wonders of this country in the time between classes.



**Gemini** Always curious and in search of new experiences, distant Asia is your ideal place. Immerse yourself in the multiculturalism of Singapore or Hong Kong, or discover the millennia-old Chinese culture of Beijing and Shanghai, taking advantage of their excellent universities to broaden your academic horizons.



**Cancer** Your sensitive and romantic nature will find inspiration in the atmospheres of beautiful French cities. Explore historic castles, enjoy cultural festivals, and study in a welcoming and stimulating environment.



**Leo** You love warm weather and good company. Spain, with its golden beaches and vibrant social life, is perfect for you. Participate in university events and discover Gaudí's art while making new friends.



**Virgo** Your analytical mind will appreciate Swiss precision and order. Study at one of the many excellent universities, enjoy excursions in the Alps, and relax in its unspoiled nature.



**Libra** Your passion for balance finds a home in Scandinavia. Immerse yourself in Nordic culture, discover why it is an educational model admired worldwide, and don't miss the chance to witness the Northern Lights.



**Scorpio** Your mysterious and intense nature will be captivated by the gothic and historical atmosphere of the Czech Republic. Explore the ancient streets and study in an environment rich in history and tradition.



**Sagittarius** Always seeking adventure, Australia offers you breathtaking beaches and a relaxed atmosphere. Spending a semester there means discovering its natural wonders and living in an extremely dynamic university environment.



**Capricorn** Your determination and practical sense will be well-received in Germany. Known for its academic excellence and quality of life, this country will allow you to achieve your goals in an efficient and well-organized environment.



**Aquarius** Innovative and independent, the Netherlands is your ideal place. Study in a progressive environment, enjoy the picturesque canals of its cities, and participate in the cultural events that enliven this nation.



**Pisces** Your dreamy nature will find inspiration in the colorful streets and breathtaking views that characterize Portugal. Take advantage of the study opportunities that this country offers and enjoy the beautiful setting that will host you.

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