

# Higher Education Institution for Mediterranean,

**GUIDE FOR INCOMING STUDENTS** 



Established in 2015 in Malta, **MED.E.A. Higher Education Institution for Mediterranean**, **Europe and Africa**, *operated by Pegaso International Ltd* is a Lifelong Learning Higher Education Institution providing a wide range of **online** degree programmes accredited by the Malta Further and Higher Education Authority with Licence n. 2016-001.

Our Institution is built on the most modern and performing technological e-learning standards, with a wide, diversified and professionalizing range of educational offers both in the national and international panorama of higher education.

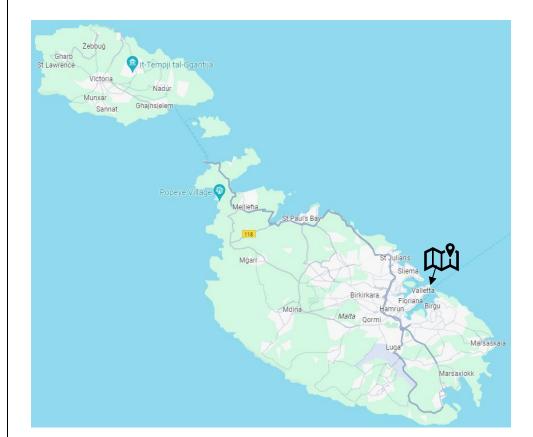
Our Institution is able to reach the student at any moment, anywhere. The student simply needs a screen (laptop, tablet or smartphone) and an Internet connection: from anywhere in the world he just enters the platform credentials to have immediate access to the text of the lesson, with bibliographic references and notes, slides, video-lessons and self-evaluation tests, all audio-commented by prestigious lecturers.

The E-learning Platform is fully responsive and combining the most innovative technology to the modern e- learning methods:

- it may be run from any device
- it is 100% student-friendly
- it is connected 24h a day
- it has immediate access to the entire educational offer



# WHERE ARE WE?

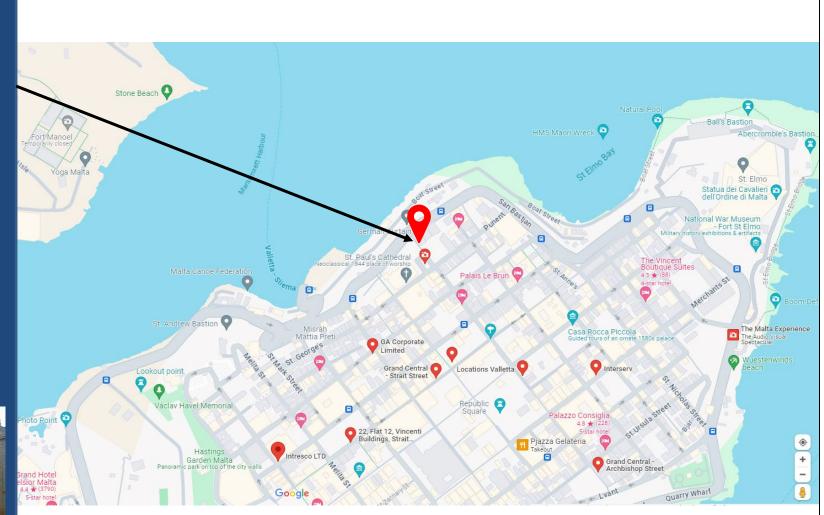


# HEADQUARTERS 2, Independence Square, Valletta, VLT 1520, Malta SEE THE MAP BELOW

To schedule an appointment at the venue, please write to the following address: <u>erasmus@pegasointernational.eu</u> MED.E.A. Higher Education Institution for Mediterranean, Europe and Africa, operated by Pegaso International Ltd

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# **OUR METHODOLOGY**

#### **HOW TO STUDY**

The didactic methodology provides the use of didactic contents, materials and services useful for the educational and learning programme. The offer includes:

- video lessons, available 24/7
- **booklets** featuring lessons with bibliographic references and notes
- slides enriched with texts, tables and charts audio commented by the lecturer
- self-assessment tests to check learning status.

Tutoring is imparted through the creation of interactive, synchronous and asynchronous online spaces (forums, web conferences, live sessions, etc.), or via e-mail in case of personalised requests for clarifications.

#### HOW CAN YOU TAKE YOUR EXAMS?

#### The exams are always conducted online.

The criteria adopted for the assessment are determined by:

- the online evaluation tests
- the attendance of online activities through the platform
- the results of the final exam.

# FACILITIES

Should students require any additional support, the Institution provides for dedicated spaces equipped with fast and stable internet connection and computers.

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR INCOMING STUDENTS**

# **ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

The beginning of each semester may vary depending on each Degree course.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> / fall semester

START	END	EXAMINATION SESSIONS
October	January	February

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> / spring semester

START	END	EXAMINATION SESSIONS
March	Мау	June

# **NOMINATION DEADLINES**

In order to be accepted, incoming students must be officially nominated by their sending institution.

Nomination deadlines:

- 1<sup>st</sup>/ fall semester: 15 June of each academic year
- 2<sup>nd</sup>/ spring semester: **15 November** of each academic year

# **APPLICATION FORM DEADLINES**

After receiving the nominations, the Erasmus Office will check if they are acceptable in accordance with the Erasmus Agreement and will send an e-mail to the nominated students with the instructions on how to fill in the application form.

Application Form deadlines:

- 1<sup>st</sup> / fall semester: 30 June of each academic year
- 2<sup>nd</sup> / spring semester: **30 November** of each academic year

# **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

The Erasmus Office will send the **Application form** to the nominated students.

The application must be filled in and forwarded by e-mail, attaching the following documents:

- Copy of passport (non-EU students) or ID card (both front and back)
- **Transcript of Records**: it must contain a list of all courses you have taken to date at your sending institution and the grades you have received; the document must be presented in English and must be stamped and signed by officials at your sending institution
- Confirmation letter of language level (English or Italian) from the sending institution

# LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

We require a minimum of **B2 level of English for Bachelor's degree courses and C1 level for Master's degree courses** (for students who want to study in English) or **B1 level of Italian** (for students who want to study in Italian) according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFRL).

We do not require any official language certificate but the language competence must be confirmed by the sending institution by means of a confirmation letter.

Erasmus+ students must test their current level in the main language of study with the use of the Erasmus+ **Online Linguistic Support (OLS)** platform. Please contact your home coordinator for more details.

Erasmus+ students can benefit from the Online Linguistic Support (OLS), which is designed to assist them in improving their knowledge of the language in which they will study abroad so that they can make the most out of this experience. Many Erasmus+ participants every year improve their level with OLS language courses. On average, participants who follow courses actively improve their proficiency by at least one CEFR level (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages).

# WHY STUDY IN MALTA?

English is one of the two official languages in Malta thanks to the historic 160-year period when Malta was a British colony, which means that English is engrained in both language and customs.

Street names are still in English, many shop names are in English, and the main newspapers are printed in English. One can even find some British post boxes and telephone booths on our streets. Many British people never moved back to the United Kingdom and decided to settle down in Malta.

Malta has always had very special cultural and commercial links with England, and the relations are still very, very strong. Our country is a very active member of the Commonwealth - made up

of 53 countries, mostly former territories of the British Empire - representing over 2.3 billion people worldwide. The Maltese are famous for being truly bi-lingual – speaking fluently in English and Maltese.

# **ANGLIA ACADEMY – ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSE**

In addition to the OLS platform, MED.E.A. provides students with a free English language course delivered by Anglia Academy of English, which is a Language Centre part of MED.E.A. that provides language training in oral and written communication skills and facilitates socialising in multilingual environments. The core of the academic programmes are for all the levels of English, from Beginner to Proficiency.





#### LEARNING AGREEMENT

The purpose of the Learning Agreement is to provide a transparent and efficient preparation of the Erasmus mobility to make sure the student receives recognition for the activities successfully completed abroad. The Learning Agreement sets out the programme of the studies to be followed abroad and must be approved by the student, the sending institution and the receiving institution before the start of the mobility.

The Learning Agreement includes all the learning outcomes the student is expected to acquire during the mobility and sets out the group of educational components that will be replaced in the student's degree upon successful completion of the study programme abroad.

Incoming students may take any course offered in any Study plan.

To complete the Learning Agreement students can consult our Course Catalogue.

The Learning Agreement can be modified at the beginning of the mobility but all changes have to be approved by the student, the sending institution and the receiving institution.

#### **INFORMATION FOR NON-EU STUDENTS**

After confirmation of admission, students from non-EU countries will receive a letter of acceptance from our Institution. Then students have to contact the Maltese Embassy or Consulate in their home country in order to get their Visa and other important information on residence permit. In case of problems, the Institution will support the students in Visa procedures.

Before leaving for Malta, non-EU students must have:

- a valid passport;
- a Visa issued by the Embassy or Consulate;
- a residence permit;
- insurance policies covering them from health problems and accidents for the whole period of their stay.

# ୍ଷିତ୍ର OUR ACADEMIC OFFER

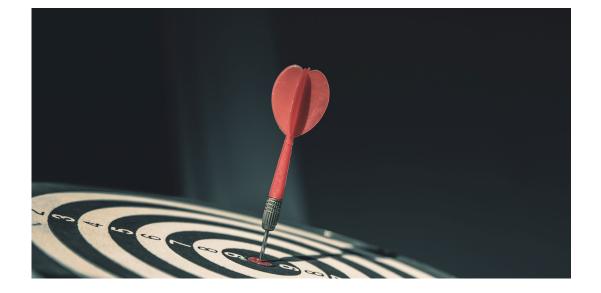


# **BACHELOR'S DEGREE**

- Business Administration
- Educational Sciences
- Civil Engineering
- Sport Sciences

# **MASTER'S DEGREE**

• Informatics



# FOR MORE INFORMATION CONSULT THE COURSE CATALOGUE

# **EXAMS**

Exams must be taken at the end of each course in the established period through a written test.

#### **BOOKING THE EXAM**

The examinations are organised in sessions and scheduled according to information available in the "exam session" section of the didactic platform. Exam timeframe will be communicated by the Erasmus Office. Students must ensure they have booked the exam on time!

#### **GRADE ACCEPTANCE**

The examination result will be available in the Summary section. If the exam is passed, students need to wait for the official endorsement by the Examination Board, to be expected within 48 working hours after the end of the exam. Once the exam is endorsed, the student may accept or reject the grade received by no later than 7 days from receipt. Should the student not make any communication in this regard, the exam grade received will be considered as accepted.

At the end of their stay, incoming students have to contact the Erasmus Office to check all the information about the exams taken and the documentation necessary for departure.

### **GRADING SYSTEM**

The results of the exams passed are given with a grade based on the national system, where the top grade is 100 and the passing grade is 58.

#### **GRADING SCHEME**

Mark range (expressed in thirtieths)	Mark range (expressed in hundredths)	Description	Grade
30 - 30 cum laude	100	This range of marks represents the maximum achievable evaluation. It is attributed to those who have demonstrated full competence and indepth knowledge of the taught contents subject of examination.	A
28 - 29	93-99	This range of marks is attributed to those who have demonstrated excellent knowledge of the taught contents subject of examination.	В
25 - 27	83-92	This range of marks is attributed to those who have demonstrated a good knowledge of the taught contents subject of examination.	С
21 - 24	68-82	This range of marks is attributed to those who have demonstrated a fair knowledge of the taught contents subject of examination.	D
18 - 20	58-67	This range of marks is attributed to those who have demonstrated sufficient knowledge of the taught contents subject of examination.	E
0 - 17	0-57	This range of marks indicates a lack of knowledge of the taught contents subject of examination. In the event that the results are within this range, the training objectives are to be considered not achieved.	F

# **CONTACT THE ERASMUS OFFICE**

# For further information, please contact <a href="mailto:erasmus@pegasointernational.eu">erasmus@pegasointernational.eu</a>



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WE LOOK FORWARD TO HOSTING YOU IN MALTA

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