



UNIVERSITY OF MALTA  
Faculty of Health Sciences  
Department of Radiography

## WEB INFORMATION BOOKLET



Education and Culture DG

# Lifelong Learning Programme

ERASMUS Students

January – April

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## **DEPARTMENT OF RADIOGRAPHY**

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The Department of Radiography forms part of the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Malta. The Department of Radiography is situated within Mater Dei Hospital, Malta's main general and acute hospital, which is also ideally located very close to the main campus of the University of Malta.

The address of the Department of Radiography is as follows: -

**Department of Radiography  
Faculty of Health Sciences  
University of Malta  
Administration Building (Block A1)  
Mater Dei Hospital  
Msida, MSD2090  
MALTA**

## **ACCOMMODATION**

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Accommodation will be booked for you at Garden View Holiday Complex, Swieqi. The apartments are equipped with linen, cutlery, pots, etc. An iron and ironing board are also available in each apartment.

By the end of September, booking forms detailing the type of apartments available from January to April, the costs involved and the terms and conditions of the lease are usually sent out to ERASMUS students coming to Malta.

## **TRAVEL**

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One can walk from the accommodation to the University of Malta / Mater Dei Hospital. This usually takes about 25 minutes.

On the other hand, one can make use of the public transport to get to the University / Mater Dei Hospital. Each trip will cost € 0.47 and in view of the morning traffic, one should allow about 40 minutes of journey time from the accommodation to Mater Dei Hospital / University of Malta.

The following are two bus routes to and from Mater Dei Hospital / University of Malta: -

Bus Route No: 75 (*Valletta to Mater Dei Hospital*)

Bus Route No: 667 (*St. Andrews, Paceville, Sliema, Gzira, Msida, Mater Dei Hospital, University*)

One should also note that taxi services are also available. However, taxis are generally expensive (*tariff can vary between € 20 to € 35 per trip*) and should only be used in the event of an emergency.

## **RECEIVING MAIL & INTERNET SERVICE AT THE FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

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Visiting ERASMUS students may receive post at the above address. Students can access their own e-mail addresses via open access internet on University computers found at the FHS or at the main university campus. Wi-Fi access is also available on main campus.

## ERASMUS COURSE PROGRAMME

The course programme for the ERASMUS students during the exchange programme is composed of the following study units:

<b>Code</b>	<b>Unit Title</b>	<b>ECTS Credit Value</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>T/P</b>	<b>Assessment Mode</b>
CPH 3201	Pharmacology for Radiographers	2	3	T	Test
RAD 1062	Principles and Practice of imaging : Pharmacology Practice	4	1	T	PBL Presentation
RAD 2061	Quality Assurance & EU Legislation	2	2	T	Presentation
RAD 2060	Clinical Studies: General and Speciality Imaging	8	2	T	Clinical Assessment
MAL 0004	Introduzzjoni ghal-lingwa Maltija (kors applikat)	2	0	T	Test orali u test miktub
IHC 0101	Maltese Culture	2	0	T	Assignment

<b>CREDIT SUMMARY</b>	<i>Theoretical</i>	<b>12 ECTS</b>
	<i>Clinical</i>	<b>8 ECTS</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>20 ECTS</b>

## TEACHING METHODS

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### Academic Teaching

Within the University, lectures, discussions and tutorials will be supported by group and individual assignments. Success in the programme relies on full participation in the assignments/tasks given.

Lectures sessions\* can be held at the Faculty of Health Sciences, **or** at Mater Dei Hospital **or** on the Main University Campus. The length of the lecture day may vary. Free time is intended for course reading and individual study.

*\* The Language of instruction at the University of Malta is in English, and **students are expected to be fluent in the English language**. It is the student's and the home coordinator's responsibility to ensure that students are fluent in the English Language. No particular concessions are allowed to students whose level of English is lower than expected.*

### Clinical Placement

Clinical placements will mainly take place at Mater Dei Hospital which is the main general and acute public hospital in Malta. Radiotherapy clinical placement will take place at Sir Paul Boffa Hospital, Malta's main Radiotherapy and Oncology Hospital.

Students are expected to perform **a minimum of 200 hours** in clinical placement. In order to achieve this goal, students can be assigned to either morning, afternoon or night duties, Mondays to Fridays.

Students will be required to keep a record of the clinical hours they have performed on attendance sheets that will be supplied by the clinical placement co-ordinator. All hours recorded in clinical placement must be accompanied by the signature of the radiographer who supervised the student during that placement.

Students spend approximately eight weeks in clinical placement. These placements include a variety of general and specialist areas, in the two main hospitals: -

1. **Mater Dei Hospital**, which includes the following areas: -

- General radiography
- Accident & Emergency Radiography
- Fluoroscopy (Contrast Studies)
- Dental radiography
- Theatre and Mobile Imaging
- Mammography
- Spiral Computed Tomography Scanning
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- Nuclear Medicine
- Angiography / Cardiac Catheterization Lab
- Ultrasound

2. **Sir Paul Boffa Hospital**, which includes: -

- Radiotherapy
- General radiography (diagnostic)

Students will be asked to indicate their preference for clinical placement during the first week of the exchange; however one should be aware that clinical placements are always dependant on availability and demand.

## **REGISTRATION FORMS & HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE**

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Students are required to complete a number of registration forms prior to their arrival in Malta. Students are also required to complete the FHS Health Questionnaire as required by the infection control unit of the hospitals in which clinical placement takes place.

The FHS Health Questionnaire seeks a doctor's verification about the health status of the student together with certification they are free of/have immunity to TB, Hepatitis B, Rubella, Varicella and MRSA. Failure to fully complete the FHS Health Questionnaire will jeopardize one's chances of being able to participate in the ERASMUS exchange as the students would not be able to perform any clinical placements.

In addition to the forms, students are also asked to send 6 passport size photos, a copy of their passport or I.D. Card and a copy of their European Health Insurance Card.

## **UNIFORMS & PERSONAL NAME BADGES**

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All students are encouraged to bring their own uniform, personal name badges and radiographic markers for use during their clinical placement in Malta. If the student is not able to bring his/her own uniform, this can be provided by the Department of Radiography against a monetary deposit.

Personal name badges indicating that you are a radiography student should come in handy to obtain access to the staff canteen at the hospital.

For your information, the radiographer uniforms in Malta are as follows: female radiographers wear burgundy trousers and white tunics while male radiographers wear grey trousers and white tunics.

## **RADIATION MONITORS**

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The Radiation Protection Unit at Mater Dei Hospital will issue a TLD radiation monitor badge for all students and this must be worn at all times while in clinical placement. Students are usually charged a nominal fee of approximately €15 each for this service.

## **QUESTIONS?**

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If you have any questions about the ERASMUS programme, feel free to contact any of the following members of staff by email: -

*Dr. Paul Bezzina*



**paul.bezzina@um.edu.mt**

*Mr. Jonathan Portelli*



**jonathan.portelli@um.edu.mt**

*Mr. Frank Zarb*



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## USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT MALTA

### Airport

Malta International Airport is situated at Gudja, served by bus number 8 to and from Valletta. Tel: 21249600.

### Banks & Currency

Banks are normally open for business from 8.30am to 12.30pm, Mondays to Saturdays except on public holidays.



As from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008 Malta adopted the Euro as its currency.

### Electricity

The electricity supply is 240volts, 50 hertz. Three-pin British Standard plugs are used but, if required, adapters are easy to obtain too.

### Health

Visitors from EU member states should ensure they are in possession of their European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) when requiring medical care at one of the public hospitals or clinics. A medical insurance policy is to be presented when attending a private clinic.

### Important Telephone Numbers

Emergency	112	Mater Dei Hospital	2545 0000
Ambulance	112	Malta International Airport	2124 9600
Fire Brigade	112		
Police	112		



### Postal Services

Post Office branches are found in most towns and villages. Opening hours are from 7.30 – 12.30hrs from Monday to Saturday. Some villages have a sub-post office serviced by certain stationery shops.

The Valletta Post Office branch, situated at Castille Square, is open Monday to Friday 8.15 hrs - 15.45 hrs; Saturday: 8.15 hrs - 12.30 hrs.

### Public Holidays

<b>1 January</b> - New Year's Day	<b>15 August</b> – Feast of Santa Maria
<b>10 February</b> - Feast of St. Paul Shipwreck	<b>8 September</b> – Victory Day
<b>19 March</b> - Feast of St. Joseph	<b>21 September</b> – Independence Day
<b>31 March</b> - Freedom Day	<b>8 December</b> – Feast of the Immaculate Conception
<b>March/April</b> - Good Friday	
<b>1 May</b> – Workers' Day	<b>13 December</b> – Republic Day
<b>7 June</b> – Sette Giugno Commemoration	<b>25 December</b> – Christmas Day
<b>29 June</b> – Feast of St Peter & St Paul	

### Time Zone

Malta's time is set according to Central European Time (cet). Summer time starts on the last Sunday of March and ends on the last Sunday of October.

## Eating & Drinking

Malta and Gozo offer a wide selection of quality restaurants to suit the budget conscious and the gourmand alike. In fish restaurants, the menu may vary according to season and the catch of the day. It is recommended to ask for fresh fish which may also be on display. To experience traditional Maltese home-cooking, try dining at the more popular family restaurants specialising in local fare.

You can also choose to compliment your meal with a typical Maltese beer, wine or liqueur.

### **Some typical Maltese dishes include:**

**Rabbit dishes:** stewed or fried

**Braġjoli:** Beef Olives filled with a mash of spiced Maltese sausage and eggs

**Timpana:** macaroni pie

**Lampuki:** coryphene or dorado fish

**Swordfish:** with tomato, olive and caper sauce

**A variety of home-made soups and pasta dishes are also quite popular. Other snack-like specialities include: -**

**Gbejniet:** Goats cheese (fresh, dried, plain, peppered) usually served with Maltese water crackers

**Pastizzi:** Cheese or Pea pastry cakes

**Bigilla:** Bean & herb dip

**Hobz biz-zejt:** Maltese bread (ftira) with tomato paste spread, tuna, capers, olives and marinated vegetables

**Qaghaq tal-ghasel:** Honey rings

**Qubbajd:** Traditional nougat



## Cost of Living

### *Food & Drink*

Milk (1ltr)	€ 0.60	Beer (supermarket)	€ 0.80
Pepsi (50ml)	€ 0.55	Beer (bar/pub)	€ 1.80
Water (50ml)	€ 0.45	Coffee (cafeteria)	€ 1.50
Bread (loaf)	€ 0.50	Chocolate bar	€ 0.45
Sandwich	€ 1.75	Big Mac Menu	€ 5.15
Pizza / Pasta	€ 7.50	Fillet Steak	€ 20.00

### *Entertainment*

Cinema	€ 6.75	DVD	€ 32.50
Bowling	€ 7.50	CD	€ 20.00



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