## Qualification criteria

The General terms and conditions of qualification for the Erasmus program for 2025-26 have been published on the BWZ website: <u>http://bwz.uw.edu.pl/studia-2025-2026/</u>.

Please note that the maximum duration of funding from the Erasmus+ scholarship this year is **5 months (one semester)**. So while you can apply for an exchange for the whole year, the second semester will no longer be financed.

Detailed criteria applicable at the Faculty of Psychology

- Qualification interview: applicants will be asked about their motivations to apply to the Erasmus+ program and their University of choice. Applicants will receive a score on the basis of the interview. Interview scores below 50% result in immediate failure to qualify.
- GPA (grade point average); the average score of a student, as calculated by USOS on February 21, 2025. The minimum grade average required to receive an Erasmus+ scholarship is 3.49. Applicants with a lower GPA can participate in Erasmus+, but without scholarship.
- GPA and interview scores are equally important and will be added together to give a final qualification score. Qualifications of applicants are decided on the basis of the order of qualification scores. (NB: candidates apply and qualify for a chosen University, not for participation in the Erasmus+ program in general – see also below in "qualification procedure" for details. Having an interview score above 50% is a requirement for qualification).
- All candidates need to show proof of language proficiency at the required level in the language in which they will follow courses (WISP and Cognitive Science students are exempted from the English language requirement). To fulfill the language requirement, official certificates are accepted (for example TOEFL and IELTS for English, Goethe and TELC for German, DELE and TELC for Spanish, but there are many more). Also a language exam passed at the University of Warsaw is acceptable. Having passed matura with a score of at least 60% in a language at advanced level is counted as B2 level. In case an applicant possesses a good conversational level of proficiency at the time of the interview, but not yet B2, the applicant can be conditionally qualified, but must present proof of sufficient proficiency before the exchange period starts. Non-conditionally qualified applicants have priority over conditionally qualified candidates, irrespective of qualification score.
- Applicants who have not participated in the Erasmus+ program before have priority over those who already have been "on Erasmus", irrespective of qualification score.
- On the day of February 21, 2025 the applicant is allowed to have no more than one conditional pass.
- Candidates who withdrew from the exchange in the previous academic year without informing the faculty mobility coordinator and/or the International Relations Office will not be taken into account during the qualification.

Criteria that have to be fulfilled at the moment the Erasmus exchange starts:

- You should have passed the academic year preceding your Erasmus = no conditional passes. In specific cases having one conditional pass may be acceptable. Having two or more conditional passes, or repeating the year, will result in cancellation of your Erasmus.
- Students writing their empirical paper or master thesis during their Erasmus exchange have to hand in a consent-form signed by their supervisor, i.e. your supervisor has to agree to work on distance.
- Confirmed language proficiency, in case the candidate was conditionally qualified on the basis of the language requirement.

## Qualification procedure

Candidates who submit complete application forms on time will be invited to an interview. Interviews will be held online on the dates given above. Candidates will be sent a link so they can select their preferred time slot for their interview.

The interview will be conducted by a qualification committee composed of the Faculty's Erasmus+ coordinator, an academic teacher and a student representative. All committee members assess a candidate's motivation; the candidate's score will be the simple average of the three committee members. The questions being asked will refer to the candidate's motivation to participate in the Erasmus+ program in general, and her/his choice of University.

If you did not qualify for the University of your choice, you can still qualify for another University at which there are still free places. A "second round" of qualification will be organized for those who did not qualify for the university of their first choice, so that as many people wanting to go on Erasmus, will have the chance to.

Students have the right to appeal against the decision of the committee, in first instance to the Dean, and in second instance to the vice-rector for student affairs and quality of education, whose decision will be final. The appeal can be made through the body which has issued the decision, within a period of 14 days.

More information about the rules, regulations and procedures regarding the Erasmus+ program can be found on the website of the International Relations Office (BWZ): <u>http://bwz.uw.edu.pl/studia-2025-2026/</u>

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