



HELLENIC MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING – HMU

Erasmus Incoming Students Useful Information

All components offered to Erasmus students are in English language.



Introduction

The Hellenic Mediterranean University (HMU) is a 25-year-old Institution of Greece (former TEI of Crete) located in Crete island. The main campus of HMU is in Heraklion city while there are departments in major cities along Crete.

An Erasmus student at HMU has the opportunity not only to study in a variety of fields that is offered by HMU but also to experience the Greek-Cretan way of life and participate in several cultural and recreational, traditional and synchronous events organized during the year.

A Department of history in a city with a history

The Department of Electronic Engineer, of the Faculty of Engineering, is located in Chania city at the west side of Crete island. Is the only department of HMU in **Chania**.

Having more than 50 years history in the field of technical education in electronics in Chania, it is evolved all these years to the 5-year curriculum department of Electronic Engineering of HMU with national and international impact in education and research.

The academic Erasmus coordinator for the **Department of Electronic Engineering** is:
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General Information

Academic Calendar

The academic year at HMU consists of the “**winter**” and the “**spring**” semesters, the examinations periods and the summer vacations.

The winter semester begins the first week of October, completed at mid of January and followed by a 3-week examination period up to mid of February.

The spring semester begins after the last week of February and ends the first week of June, followed by a 3-week examination period up to end of June or start of July.

July-August is vacation period for all the students and during September there is a second examination period (for Greek students) for the courses of both semesters.

Holidays during the academic year 2023/24

- 28 October: National Holiday
- 17 November: Educational Holiday
- 21 November: Local Religious Holiday
- 23 December –7 January: Christmas Holidays
- 30 January: Educational Holiday
- 18 March: Clean Monday, Religious Holiday (movable feast)
- 25 March: National and Religious Holiday
- 27 April – 12 March: Easter Holidays (Easter Day: 5 March 2023, movable)
- 1 May: Labor Day
- 24 June: Religious Holiday (movable feast)
- 15 August: Religious Holiday

Registration Process:

Detailed information of the procedure can be found at the website iro.hmu.gr of the International Relations Office of HMU.

Students who plan to come to the HMU under the Erasmus or other EU programs should be nominated by their Institution, prior to their application. For the Department of Electronic Engineering in Chania the corresponding contact person is Mr. Andreas Lourantakis, erasmuschania@hmu.gr , +30-28210-23009.

The deadlines for submitting the Application Form and the Learning Agreement are:

- For the winter semester of academic year: **31st of May**
- For the spring semester of academic year: **30th of November**

Courses for Erasmus students

In the standard curriculum of the department the language is Greek. There are courses offered separately for Erasmus students in English language. The minimum English language skills requirement for incoming students to HMU in Chania is B2 level. Information concerning the offered courses to Erasmus students are listed at the website <https://iro.hmu.gr/offered-courses-in-english>. The Dpt. of Electronic Engineering is the only department of HMU located in Chania. In addition to the courses offered from the department you may choose also courses of the IRO-Academy in Heraklion which may be provided by distance learning.

Upon arrival

All incoming Erasmus students should come to the International Relations Office in Chania, to complete their registration, bringing their ID-card/passport and health insurance card or certificate, as well as the certification of arrival document to be signed. You should also meet the academic Erasmus coordinator to confirm and arrange the details of your courses. The staff of the International Relations Office will assist you with the registration process, guide you to the HMU facilities and answer any questions you may have.

Practical Issues:

We encourage you to join the **Erasmus Student Network** (ESN) in Chania where you could also find help on accommodation and other tips.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/erasmusinchania/>

- Accommodation

At the Campus of HMU in Chania there are no student rooms or dormitories and all the students have to find by themselves the accommodation. However, the staff of the International Relations Office could assist student by providing information of relative websites (or a list that may have) of furnished apartments in town or near the Campus.

The following websites provide information in English for apartments to rent in Chania, from individuals and Real-Estate Agencies.

<https://en.spitogatos.gr/>

<https://www.spiti24.gr/en>

<https://www.spiti360.gr/en/>

<https://en.tospitimou.gr/>

Also, ads at a local newspaper that you could translate

https://www.haniotika-nea.gr/aggelies/?aggcat=en_katik_categ

although there are not categorized to filter the ads to your needs.

Students' apartments are typical furnished having one or two bedrooms, a kitchen and a bathroom. Expect to pay 250€-350€ per month for a furnished studio.

- Health Services and Insurance

All incoming students must have the European Health Insurance Card or other health insurance arranged before arriving, so that to be covered for the entire exchange period. Especially for the practical training students must be additionally insured with Liability & Accident Insurance, according to EU directions. For any further help or clarification regarding insurance issues contact the International Office of your home institution or the International Relations Office of HMU.

- Cost of living

Living expenses are estimated to be about 650 euros per month distributed as follows:

- ❖ Accommodation (rent and other expenses) 250-350€
- ❖ Food 220-250€
- ❖ Transportation – Commuting 25-50€
- ❖ Entertainment 100-150€

In Greece the banks are open from 8 am to 2.00 pm. You can use credit cards such as Visa, MarsterCard, etc, and it is possible to withdraw money from ATM which are located outside banks and at many places in the city. There is an ATM in the HMU campus as well in nearby locations.

- Student Academic card benefits

The Erasmus students are entitled to a student Academic Identity Card which is issued from the Ministry of Education to the students after their registration. Students have the option to have breakfast, lunch and dinner in the HMU restaurant with a reduced price (the price in current academic year is 2,25€ per meal) using their student-card. They also have reduced ticket prices on buses (intercity & long distance), trains and ships as well as on museums and most theatres and cinemas. Additionally, reduced prices or special offers are often provided to students from various private companies like restaurantç, fast-foods, entertainment places, etc.

- Library/Internet

The incoming Erasmus students of HMU are eligible to use freely the HMU library's facilities and services using their student-card. They can study there or borrow library books, access internet and HMU-services using the library computers. They can also connect from their own mobile or laptop to eduroam wireless access points at HMU facilities using their credentials.

- How to come to HMU in Chania

If you want to come to HMU from the city's centre (where the Municipal Market is located) you can walk for about 30 minutes or you have to take the bus from the bus station that is opposite the Municipal Market (in front of the National Bank). The Bus Number is 11 and the bus-sign refer Halepa (in Greek ΧΑΛΕΠΑ). The bus-stop for HMU is Evaggelistria (bus-stop 490) with an estimated time trip of 20 minutes. Across the bus stop is the church Evaggelistria and the back side of the HMU building. To reach the front gate of HMU campus, walk to the corner at the church side, take the turn and pass the church. More information for the bus you could found at <http://chaniabus.gr>.

The International Relations' Office is located in the library, on the ground floor, in the middle of the open-air corridor, opposite the auditorium.

<https://www.google.gr/maps/@35.5190742,24.0425769,18z>

