

**STUDENT AGREEMENT
ERASMUS MUNDUS MASTER COURSE
Sports Ethics and Integrity (MAiSI)**

Academic Years 2026/27 and 2027/28

The Coordinating Institution, KU Leuven, (represented by the Programme Directors Professor Thomas Könecke and Professor Silvia Camporesi),

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on behalf of the Erasmus Mundus MA Sports Ethics & Integrity (MAiSI) Consortium formed by the following Higher Education institutions (partner universities):

- **KU Leuven** (lead partner) (KUL) <http://www.kuleuven.be/english>
- **Charles University, Prague** (CUNI) <http://www.cuni.cz/UKENG-1.html>
- **Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz** (JGU) <http://www.uni-mainz.de/eng/index.php>
- **University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona** (UPF) <http://www.upf.edu/en/>
- **University of Peloponnese, Greece** (UoP) <http://www.uop.gr/index.php?lang=en>

and **the Student**

Surname/Family Name:

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First Name:

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Date of Birth: Place of Birth:

Nationality: Passport Number:

Place of Residence at time of application:

agree the present contract under the following terms and conditions:

SECTION A

General conditions:

1. The Student engages to pursue the academic programme of the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master of Arts in Sports Ethics and Integrity (MAiSI), approved by the European Commission under Grant Agreement Project 101238589 — MAiSI commencing in September and having the duration of 24 months, full-time study, without undertaking any full-time occupation with regular salary in parallel to the studies of the MAiSI Master.

2. The Student must matriculate at KU Leuven University by providing evidence in the form of original certificates that he/she has met the admissions requirements; particularly that he/she/they holds a Bachelor degree of 180 ECTS or equivalent.

https://onderwijsaanbod.kuleuven.be/2023/opleidingen/e/SC_54023324.htm#activetab=voorwaarden_1

The entire course is taught in English. A minimum level of English language competency that is KU Leuven recognised is required. **(Please see link below for details).**

<https://www.kuleuven.be/english/admissions/lang/lang-test>

3. The tuition fee for students participating in the Master Erasmus Mundus in Sports Ethics and Integrity (MAiSI) is 12000 € for non-EEA students and 6000 € for EEA students.

The tuition fee includes:

- access to all courses
- the examination fees
- a collective accident insurance policy
- subscription to an insurance for civil liability for study related activities
- services provided by the partner institutions described later.

Erasmus Mundus scholarship holders are exempted from paying the tuition fee.

4. The Student agrees to enrol at all universities of the Consortium for the duration required by the Consortium. In so doing he/she/they agrees to abide by the regulations of all the universities and in agreeing to the transfer of information and data to other universities in the Consortium as necessary and in accordance with the national data protection laws.
5. The universities will provide the Student with tuition, supervision, assessment and support services to a high professional standard. The relevant information concerning the structure and organization of the Master, its calendar, programme outline and its evaluation will be published on the electronic platform, accessible for all the students.
6. To pass a module, the Student must reach the minimum standard of 50%. In case of failing a module, the Student will be offered one opportunity to redeem the failure, provided that this can be achieved within the time limit for the degree. The marks of any given module will not be used for compensating the marks of another module. If the Student fails a module for the second time he/she will be withdrawn from the MAiSI programme and, if in receipt of a scholarship, this will cease (see also section B of this document). Information on the examinations will be provided to the students in due time.
7. Whether offered an Erasmus Mundus scholarship, a fee waiver or another type of scholarship or grant by the Consortium or one of the partner universities or no scholarship/grant at all: By accepting the scholarship or grant and signing this student agreement, the student accepts that KU Leuven or the respective partner university informs the EU and the provider of his/her scholarship or grant about the study progress and sharing the results of the study programme the scholarship or grant was provided for.

8. The programme is divided in four residential periods. During the first semester of the first year, students will be based at KU Leuven. During this first semester, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona) professors become 'flying faculty'. The second semester will be completed at Charles University (Prague). During this second semester Johannes Gutenberg-Universität (Mainz) and Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona) professors become 'flying faculty'. In the second year, depending on their year of entry, students complete the first semester at Johannes Gutenberg-Universität (Mainz) with Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona) professors becoming 'flying faculty' or the other way around. The final semester is completed at one of the partner Universities, depending on the supervision of the students' thesis. At the end of the first and second year, students will attend the summer school at the International Olympic Academy run by the University of Peloponnese, focusing on Research Methods and Olympic Studies (approximately 2 weeks duration each year).

At the end of each period, the examination will take place of the courses that are finished in that residential period. Provisions for retakes can deviate from this.

The graduation ceremony will take place at the end of the second academic year.

The Student must attend and complete 60 ECTS modules in both years of the programme.

Detailed Programme Guide:

https://onderwijsaanbod.kuleuven.be/opleidingen/e/SC_54023324.htm

9. The host partner for the dissertation will be allocated early in the 2nd year. While students can be asked for their preference on supervisor and institution, the programme director(s) will make all final thesis allocations. Students are not guaranteed that the dissertation **will be hosted at the institution or supervised by the lecturer of their choice**.
10. The Student will be offered assistance as appropriate of each of the host universities.
11. The Student will be offered assistance from staff in departments such as the International Student Advisory Service (or equivalent office) of the assigned universities. In addition, appropriate training/orientation will be offered to the Student, such as during the period of enrolment at the university. During enrolment, students will be provided with information about the programme, the university and the Consortium, and will be given a student ID card for the host institution. Additional enrolment procedures and the issue of extra student ID cards may be required by each partner university. In addition, the Student will be given general advice on topics such as cost of living, university residences, renting property, procedures for opening a bank account, sports facilities, as well as cultural and social events, and, if needed, the residence permit, registration with the local authorities and visa information.
12. The Student agrees to accept and keep the regulations of each institution and to conduct him/herself in an acceptable manner, consistent with any relevant local regulations of the host partner. He/she accepts the financial and assessment regulations, particularly those governing financial integrity and academic integrity; i.e., cheating, falsification or plagiarism of any academic work. Moreover, he/she/they will not abuse or misuse the access to equipment and installations and will not perform any unauthorized access or violation of departmental, school or university rules. Any breach of regulations will be dealt with in accordance with the Consortium policy, under the procedures of the university where the breach takes place and may result in the exclusion of the Student from the Erasmus Mundus programme.

13. The Student accepts that it shall be his/her responsibility to obtain any appropriate visas/permits to enable him/her/them to study at the partner institutions. The partner institutions will provide advice on which visas/permits should be applied for and when.
14. The student will be covered by a health insurance covering all items specified by the Executive Agency for the duration of the Erasmus Mundus programme MAiSI (private health and accident insurance). Detailed information about the insurance is provided in the insurance certificate. The insurance fee will be covered by the MAiSI Consortium. In addition to this private health care insurance, the student must register in each country of the master to a public health care insurance system (where applicable) and have a European Health Insurance Card. Each local partner will provide guidance regarding any requirements due to health insurance in its country. This way of working is in conformity with the requirements of the European Commission.
15. The student agrees to fill out the questionnaires for the evaluation of each residential period, sent to him/her/them after each residential period. The obligation of the students to participate in evaluations/surveys conducted by the universities and/or the granting authority is a requirement of the European Commission for supporting the programme and is passed on to all students regardless of whether they receive individual scholarships or grants or not.
16. The Erasmus Mundus Partnership Consortium is exonerated from any responsibility for accidents, illnesses, injuries, losses or damages to persons or goods resulting from or in any way related to the activities that are object of the contract.
17. Students enrolled in the Erasmus Mundus Master in Sports Ethics and Integrity programme (MAiSI) are expected to join the MAiSI Alumni network and the Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association (EMA) – <http://www.em-a.eu/>. EMA is the association of all EMJM students offering an international professional and personal network not only during the study period, but also after graduation. It serves as channel of communication for students, alumni, universities and the European Commission.
18. Currently, internships are voluntary and not a mandatory part of the curriculum. This means that they are not structurally included in or supported by the Consortium. Accordingly, such voluntary internships should be carefully agreed on with the programme director(s) and the faculty responsible for possibly affected periods prior to making final arrangements. Generally, internships that require physical absence from classes or from other EMJM activities or will likely affect the study progress of the Student are not accepted.

Complaints and Appeals:

19. Any complaints will be considered under the procedures of the institution where the situation occurs. If the complaint relates to the conduct of the Consortium, the complaint will be referred to the lead partner, who will process it on behalf of the Consortium Management Board.
20. If the Student is dissatisfied with a decision of the Examination Board or a decision affecting his/her academic progress, or a decision of a disciplinary hearing, or the outcome of a complaint, the Student will be entitled to seek a review of the University's decision in accordance with the procedures of the university which took the original decision. In addition,

the Student may have the right to seek external review of the university or the Consortium's decisions in accordance with the national legislation or practices in force.

Degree Award:

21. The Student, upon successful completion of the academic programme, will be awarded one joint degree containing the logos and signatures of all partners. In addition, the Student will receive a common Diploma Supplement. This Diploma Supplement will identify the modules pursued by the Student during the Erasmus Mundus programme and the marks/grades obtained for each module.
22. The degree awarded will be an Erasmus Mundus Joint Degree.

SECTION B

Scholarship Allowances:

In the framework of the Erasmus Mundus MAiSI Master programme, some students are selected by the Consortium for an EMJM scholarship granted by the European Commission to finance the participation in the Erasmus Mundus MAiSI Master programme. By signing the student agreement, the EMJM scholarship holder:

- declares not to have already benefited from a previous EMJM scholarship.
- commits not to benefit from another EU funded scholarship scheme to follow the same (or another) EMJM course for the entire period in the course.
- acknowledges that the financial support shall be repaid by the scholarship holder in case of fraud or false declaration.
- acknowledges that the scholarship will be reduced in case the minimum mobility requirements are not fulfilled (proportionate amount corresponding, for instance, to the missing mobility period of the concerned academic semester, recalculated to the day.).
- acknowledges that scholarships are paid in accordance with the rules under the Consortium Agreement and the Student Agreement and are not used as a conditionality.
- acknowledges that the he/she/they must inform KU Leuven, as soon as possible, of any events or circumstances likely to affect fulfilment of the Student Agreement.

The EMJM student scholarship will be a contribution to the costs incurred by the beneficiary Student and shall cover travel, visa, installation and subsistence costs. It is calculated on the basis of a monthly unit cost for the entire period needed by the enrolled scholarship holder to complete the study programme (**pro-rata of the actual number of days**). This period covers study, research, placement activities, thesis preparation and defence, in line with the requirement of the joint Master. During this period, the scholarship can only be awarded in full, and to full-time students. The scholarship is calculated as 1400 EUR / month X duration of the Master Programme. **For partial months, a pro-rata unit cost of 1/30 will be reimbursed for each day.** In addition, EMJM scholarship holders will be exempt of the payment of tuition in each partner university. The whole amount of the EMJM student scholarship will be transferred to the Coordinating University, which will pay the monthly allowances directly to the scholarship holder's European bank account.

Practical details of the payment of the scholarship:

The scholarship maximally covers a two year period (24 months). Students are expected to arrive from

the first weeks of September 2026 onwards to settle down and participate in the induction period and the graduation ceremony of the cohort that started two years before and the corresponding activities. The graduation ceremony typically takes place in the beginning of September two years after the start of the master programme.

To receive the monthly payment, the student will open a European bank account and will provide the full details of this account to KU Leuven before or upon arrival in Belgium. If the student changes the bank account during the programme, she/he will provide the new bank account information to KU Leuven and will have to wait for the first payment to be received on the new bank account before closing the former one. It is entirely the responsibility of the Student to open the bank account and to inform and update KU Leuven about their account details.

The scholarship will be transferred to the European account provided by the Student **(1400 EUR per month for 24 months maximum, paid by bank transfer)**. The payments are typically scheduled during the first days of each month (usually starting in October). However, there are exceptions to this rule, explained below:

- Students having retakes may have the payment of their scholarship put on hold until the results are obtained and processed within the partner universities.
- The payment of the last month can only be made after the final recalculation is done (see underneath). The last payment can therefore usually only be made after the end of the master.

In case of a drop-out, suspension or temporary interruption of studies for whatever reason, the payments will be stopped, and the student will have to pay back to the lead partner all undue amounts according to the date of his/her withdrawal/suspension/interruption. If the withdrawal/suspension/interruption takes place between the end of year 1 and the beginning of year 2, the student commits him/herself to reimburse the monthly allowances received during the summer holidays/lecture free period.

In case of insufficient attendance of educational or other activities of the programme, the payments will also be suspended or terminated.

Starting date:

The usual starting date of the programme is on the day of the symposium that usually precedes the graduation in September. Students are expected to follow the symposium in person or – if this is not possible – online.

If the student does not join the programme at the usual starting date, the start of their scholarship can be postponed.

The student will need to provide travel invoices and boarding passes proving the arrival in Belgium. If the student comes by car, a proof of payment of the toll, or payment of gasoline with the date mentioned or another feasible proof will have to be provided.

The proofs need to be provided before or upon arrival to get the first part of the scholarship. The student will also need to sign a presence list to show when they have started their participation in the programme.

End date:

If the graduation ceremony takes place in the beginning of September, the scholarship can be paid until the last day but no longer than 24 months after the start of the scholarship. If the student does

not attend the graduation ceremony or starts working on a salaried basis (employed or self-employed) before the graduation ceremony, the scholarship can be recalculated accordingly.

The students will need to provide information on their participation in the graduation, an earlier start of salaried (self-)employment and their travel plan / travel invoice at least 2.5 months before departure from the programme (i.e. latest by mid-June), if they can, to allow for a final calculation of the scholarship. Students who travel by car will need to send notification by email by mid-June as well. The student will also need to sign a presence list on the last event (graduation ceremony).

Further provisions:

1. The scholarship does not create or entitle an employer-employee relationship of any kind and particularly not between the lead partner or any of the partner universities and the Student.
2. **Under the contract, the Student is obliged:**
 - To diligently attend the programme, with the objective of passing. Should the Students' attendance be interrupted without authorisation, the payout of the Scholarship will stop immediately.
 - **Not to receive any other scholarship or payment from the European Commission or connected institutions. If the Student should receive any other financial or quasi-financial support for his/her participation in the programme from funders other than his/her family, the programme director(s) have to be informed prior to the acceptance of this support or the EMJM scholarship (whichever comes first) to determine the compatibility with the EMJM scholarship.**
3. The Student has the responsibility to seek authorisation from the lead partner whenever he/she has the intention to leave the country of the institution where he/she is registered, during term time, regardless of the purpose of the trip.
4. The Student Handbook is an addendum to this agreement and as such a part of it. If in doubt, the provisions of the main agreement prevail over provisions specified in the Student Handbook.

In signing this agreement, Students particularly:

- a. declare to not have previously received an Erasmus Mundus scholarship (if in receipt of an EMJM scholarship).
- b. declare not to have already benefited from a previous EMJM scholarship (if in receipt of an EMJM scholarship).
- c. commit not to benefit from another EU funded scholarship scheme to follow the same (or another) EMJM course for the entire period in the course (if in receipt of an EMJM scholarship).
- d. acknowledge that the financial support shall be repaid by the scholarship holder in case of fraud or false declaration (if in receipt of an EMJM scholarship).
- e. declare to comply and adhere to any Visa/Permit conditions that apply to them.
- f. declare to attend and participated in all educational and other programme activities to the best of his/her abilities.
- g. acknowledge that a breach of this agreement or the obligations derived from it can be penalised and might lead to their expulsion from the programme.
- h. Should the information provided subsequently turn out to be incorrect, the student agrees to return any money that they were ineligible to receive to the coordinating institution, and could be removed from the programme.

Modification of the Agreement/ Contract and dispute resolution:

Any alteration to the present Contract or Annexes must be communicated in writing. All alterations to the initial situation must be immediately communicated by the Student to the MAiSI Consortium through the lead partner. Where any mutually agreed changes are made to this Agreement, the MAiSI Consortium will issue an addendum to the present Contract. The present Contract will be governed by the laws of Belgium.

The signatories declare that they have read and accept the conditions laid down in the present Contract.

Severability clause

If any part, term or provision of this Agreement is held to be illegal, in conflict with any law or otherwise invalid, the remaining portion or portions shall be considered severable and not be affected by such determination, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the Agreement did not contain the particular part, term or provisions held to be illegal or invalid.

The same is applicable to obligations of any of the undersigned parties arising from the EU or other funding of the programmes changes or is adapted.

SIGNED AS AGREED

The Programme Director(s) (on behalf of the Consortium)

The Student

Date: XX/XX/XXXX

Date:

Place: Leuven

Place:

Signature:

Signature:

Print Name: Prof. Thomas Könecke and Prof. Silvia Camporesi

Print Name: