

## RULES TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION DURING APPLICATION PROCESS

Graduate students who are applying for **thesis study** are advised to find a supervisor in host institution or at least should be in contact with a “prospective” supervisor.

**If a student cannot find a supervisor** after the placement to the host institution, the mobility will be cancelled (as the institution cannot be changed).

In addition, it should be asked before starting Erasmus mobility whether the receiving institution **recognize “thesis study”** and to consent to give **at least 21 ECTS** for one semester. Thesis students are advised to make a decision according to the response of the receiving institution on this issue.

The students who apply for thesis **will not be allowed to take courses** except for force majeure reasons.

### Please make sure that you,

- **Examine the application/admission requirements**

- **Check out the foreign language requirements**

Since institutions may change their foreign language level requirements every academic year, it is very important to examine the web pages of the relevant institutions for this purpose in order to reach the most up-to-date and precise information in addition to the foreign language requirements written in the inter-institutional agreements.

- **Review the academic calendar**

The student must check academic calendar of the host university to see if the academic calendar of the host institution overlaps with ITU's academic calendar. For instance, the students who wish to apply to institutions in Germany or Austria should prefer only "spring" semester or "both semesters" to prevent academic calendar overlaps.

- **Examine the ECTS values of courses provided by host institutions:**

The sum of the credit amounts of the courses to be taken from the host institution, which are valid in the relevant institution; 30 ECTS for 1 semester and 60 ECTS for 2 semesters. This rule includes the graduate students who are applying during thesis period too. But, for graduate students if the ECTS value for thesis study is under 30 ECTS, the student should consult Study and Traineeship Mobility Office for the related ECTS amount.

The courses and the possible match in their ITU curriculum should be reviewed with the Erasmus department/programme coordinator. Difference between the total ECTS loads at the host institution and ITU should not exceed 5 ECTS per one semester and 10 ECTS per two semesters.