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Co-funding eligibility for students from Partner Institutions

The Erasmus Grant covers:

- All transportation costs within Cyprus, including airport transportation and field trips.
- Air fare: a grant of €650 for Mykolas Romeris University students; a grant of €500 for Queen's University Belfast students.
- University of Cyprus students will receive up to €100 for their gas/taxi expenses to Agros.

Erasmus Accommodation Grant

All students receive a stipend of €380 to help defray the cost of accommodations. Details about the total costs for students can be found in the application form.

5 ECTS

The Erasmus IP is offered for 5 ECTS. Upon successful completion of their coursework, students will receive a certificate indicating that they have earned 5 ECTS.

How to Apply

Admission to the IP program will be based on the quality and content of your application and supporting materials. You can download the application form here: www.ucy.ac.cy/erasmus-ip/registrationp

For additional information on the program, please contact your institutional coordinator or visit the website www.ucy.ac.cy/erasmus-ip

Deadline for submission of application forms is **April 30, 2013**. Please note that applications received after **April 30th**, regardless of their postmark date, will not be accepted.

Erasmus Intensive Program Summer School 2013

Agros, Cyprus
August 4-25, 2013

Reconfiguring Values and Knowledge for Sustainable Communities

5 ECTS



"I only wish that wisdom were the kind of thing one could share by sitting next to someone—if it flowed, for instance, from the one that was full to the one that was empty, like the water in two cups finding its level through a piece of worsted."

Socrates, in Plato's Symposium



The Summer School Program, “Reconfiguring Values and Knowledge for Sustainable Communities” is a three-week transdisciplinary program on sustainable communities and environmental studies. The theme of sustainability will be explored through different disciplines, such as environmental engineering, economics, forestry, geography, humanities, law, social and international studies. It is open to graduate students (MA and PhD) and undergraduates who are about to begin their third or fourth year and have good academic records and an interest in environmental issues.

The aim of this Summer School is to enable students, through a cross-fertilization of modes of thought and analysis, to develop critical methodological approaches facilitating dialogue across issues of sustainable development at the global and local levels.

Students with a serious interest in environmental studies and sustainable development are invited to apply!

We welcome students from the following disciplines: archaeology, architecture, biology, cultural studies, environmental studies, engineering, geography, history, law, literature, natural sciences, philosophy, and social and political sciences. We also encourage students with a broad interest in environmental studies to apply.

By drawing upon readings, training methods, pedagogical strategies and practices from the fields of sociology, cultural studies, environmental justice, ethics, philosophy, law, literature, geography, economics, and sustainable development, we aim to show students how to train themselves to embrace other disciplines while respecting and exploring a diverse spectrum of human values as they apply to their own disciplines.

Students will be encouraged to engage in key debates and issues directly impacting critical questions of sustainability: urban and rural environments, poverty, climate change, natural and cultural heritage, human rights, globalization, and ethical approaches to sustainable development. A humanistic, cultural, and philosophical component of the course will explore a key theme of the Summer School, *The Geography of the Human*.

We will question whether the unsustainable practices of our societies might be based on erroneous assumptions regarding the real causes of economic distress or unsustainable communities. For example, we will explore how economic or cultural crises might conceal larger social problems such as lack of respect and trust between different people and cultures or people’s lack of courage to envision the future. How do we convert negative responses into positive action?

How do we foster open environments that are beneficial to ourselves and others?



Weekend social and cultural activities, as defined by Erasmus IP, include field trips to Kourion and Troodos mountains.



Agros village

We chose the village of Agros in Cyprus to give students the opportunity to engage in case studies related to sustainable development, eco-tourism and businesses, energy, conservation, water management, and other issues pertaining to community growth. Agros was recognized as the best tourist destination for cultural heritage by the European Destinations of Excellence (EDEN) in 2008.

Rodon Hotel

The Rodon Hotel is a traditionally built hotel that offers Wi-Fi Internet, conference and classroom facilities, and spacious rooms with covered verandas overlooking the mountains. www.rodonhotel.com



LECTURES, WORKSHOPS, and THEMES will focus on the following topics:

- **Critical Imagination and Sustainable Development**
- **The Geography of the Human**
- **Sustainable Development and Built Environments**
- **Sustaining Island Communities**
- **Nature Conservation in Policy and Practice**
- **Natural Stone and Adobe. Oldest Sustainable Building Materials**
- **Environmental Features of Architecture**
- **Beyond Rural and Urban Divide**
- **The Human in Environmental Law**
- **Ethical Living and Economic Globalization**