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ANNEX II



Education and Culture DG

Lifelong Learning Programme

## ERASMUS INTENSIVE LANGUAGE COURSES 2010-11

- ORGANISING INSTITUTION'S INFORMATION FORM -

<b>INSTITUTION NAME:</b>	UNIVERSITY OF MALTA	
<b>ADDRESS:</b>	MSIDA MSD 2080	
<b>COUNTRY:</b>	MALTA	
<b>EILC LANGUAGE</b>	MALTESE	
<b>LEVEL COURSES ORGANISED:</b>	<i>LEVEL I (BEGINNER) ✓</i> <i>NUMBER OF COURSES: 2</i> <i>DATES: 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER –</i> <i>1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2010</i>	<i>LEVEL II (INTERMEDIATE)</i> <i>NUMBER OF COURSES:</i> <i>DATES:</i>
<b>WEB SITE</b>	<a href="http://www.um.edu.mt/int-eu/erasmus/incoming/langcourses">http://www.um.edu.mt/int-eu/erasmus/incoming/langcourses</a>	

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL STUDENT EILC APPLICATION FOR OUR EILC SHOULD BE SENT BY E-MAIL TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: [alison.bone@um.edu.mt](mailto:alison.bone@um.edu.mt)**

*STAFF*

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## ***PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION***

### **• DESCRIPTION OF TOWN**

#### **- SHORT HISTORY AND LOCATION**

Malta, Gozo and Comino, the inhabited islands of the Maltese archipelago, lie at almost the exact geographical heart of the Mediterranean Sea. With Sicily some 60 miles to the North, Tripoli 220 miles to the South and Tunis 200 miles to the West, Malta is virtually at the crossroads between continents.

The islands' strategic position has, in fact, made them subject to a succession of rulers, who in turn left their influence on the country and language as we know them today.

Malta's pre-history dates back to 5000 BC, whilst its documented past is traceable over a period of 2000 years. The geographically strategic location of the Maltese Islands has always attracted the world's maritime powers in their efforts to control shipping in the Mediterranean. The earliest known inhabitants, the Phoenician traders, were followed by numerous other conquerors: Romans, Byzantines, Normans, Spanish and, of course, the Knights of St. John, each leaving an indelible mark on the islands.

Malta was thus exposed to diverse cultures, enhancing its archaeological, historical and cultural heritage. The relaxed lifestyle also makes it a favourite holiday destination with Europeans.

Maltese and English are the two official languages: In 1964 Malta obtained its political independence from Britain and in 1974 it became a Republic. Elections to the House of Representatives are held every five years. Malta is a member of the United Nations and its various organisations and ever since 1964 has taken an active role in United Nations affairs. In 1967 Malta launched the idea of seabed resources being the common heritage of mankind.

Another milestone in the islands' history was marked on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2004 when Malta was formally recognised as a new EU member state.

#### **- MAIN LOCAL/CULTURAL EVENTS**

The local cultural calendar is highly diversified with many activities taking place throughout the year. The most popular cultural activities include Carnival Festivities in February and the Malta International Fireworks Festival in April. During the summer the majority of activities take place outside, including the Malta International Arts Festival held in June, the highly popular Jazz Festival held at the end of July and the Beer Festival in September.  
<http://www.visitmalta.com/events>

Summer festivities culminate in the village and town *festas* held between May and September. Every local town and village parish church is dedicated to a patron saint and the festa is a commemoration to the saint and is celebrated every year by church services, band marches, spectacular firework displays and evening religious procession whereby the statue of the patron saint is carried shoulder high through the village streets.

A number of activities with a historical character are organised on an annual or monthly basis. The prestigious History and Elegance Festival takes place in April in the cities of Valletta and Mdina. Other re-enactments of a historical character including the monthly *In Guardia*, are held in various locations for the benefit of locals and tourists alike.

Malta is a highly popular tourist destination with arrivals of over one million tourists every year. Envied for our "friendly" weather all year round, we have much more than sea and sun to offer! We are very proud of our historic

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legacy – the temples, the cities, the architecture, the intermingling of cultures over the centuries, our unique language, our hospitality, a varied cuisine and all of our 365 chapels...

The Malta Tourism Authority has established a highly comprehensive website that should be consulted for much more information and a glimpse at the islands! <http://www.visitmalta.com/main>

**- HOW TO REACH TOWN (LINKS FROM THE NEAREST AIRPORT, TRAIN OR COACH STATIONS)**

All flights land at the Malta International Airport (<http://www.maltairport.com/>) located in Gudja. Students can reach the University Residence located in Lija by bus (<http://www.atp.com.mt/>), minibus or taxi.

**- TRANSPORT IN TOWN (BRIEF INFORMATION ON THE MAIN MEANS OF TRANSPORT AVAILABLE)**

The main bus terminus is in Valletta from where buses operate to all parts of Malta. There are also direct, point-to-point, services (<http://www.atp.com.mt/>). The cost of a bus route ranges from 47 euro cents to 70 euro cents.

The University of Malta is located in Msida which is easily reached by bus from Valletta. A direct shuttle is operated by the University itself connecting the University Residence with the University campus located 10 minutes away.

**• SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANISING INSTITUTION**

The University of Malta traces its origins to the founding of the Collegium Melitense in 1592. This college was run by the Jesuits, and catered for non-Jesuit students. In 1578, Pope Gregory XIII empowered the Jesuits to confer the degrees of Magister philosophiae and Doctor Divinitas. However, other subjects such as Grammar and the Humanities were also taught.

During the brief French interregnum of 1798, Napoleon abolished the University. Fortunately, shortly after the French were forced to leave, Sir Alexander Ball re-instituted the University. During the British period the University's statutes and regulations were brought into line with universities in the United Kingdom. The present coat of arms and the motto "Ut Fructificemus Deo" were proposed in 1923 by the rector, Professor Sir Themistocles Zammit. Following the Second World War, the Library and support structures were strengthened. In 1968 a new Medical School was built near St Luke's Hospital in Guardamangia and, at the same time, the new campus at Msida was inaugurated.

The University is the highest teaching institution of the State and is open to all those who have the requisite qualifications. There are some 10,000 students including 900 foreign students, following full or part-time degree and diploma courses, many of them run on the modular or credit system. Approx. 2,500 students graduate every November in various disciplines.

The degree courses at the University are designed to produce highly qualified professionals, with experience of research, who will play key roles in industry, commerce and public affairs in general. Associated with the University is the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies while the campus is also home to the IMO International Maritime Law Institute and the International Ocean Institute Malta Operational Centre. The University of the Third Age was inaugurated in 1993.

Over the past few years, the University has reviewed its structures in order to be in line with the Bologna process. Conscious of its public role, the University strives to create courses which are relevant and timely in response to the national, regional and international needs.

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The University of Malta is a member of the Association of Commonwealth Universities, the Utrecht Network, the Council for International Educational Exchange (CIEE), NAFSA, the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) as well as the Santander Network and the Compostela Group.

The students have their own representative body, the University Students' Council (KSU) which is the official channel of communication with the university authorities and which is represented on the University Council. The KSU is a full member of the European Student Information Bureau and the European Students' Forum. There are a number of other active groups catering for students' special interests such as politics, sports, theatre, cinema and the environment.

Further information on the University of Malta can be found at the following web-site: <http://www.um.edu.mt>

The University of Malta has been formally participating in Erasmus since 2000. The popularity of the Programme has increased at a steady rate with mobility figures rising steadily over the past five years. The mobility trend will certainly continue to expand.

The University has been involved in as coordinator and partner in numerous EU-funded projects under various Programmes including Fifth/Sixth/Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Leonardo, Erasmus, Grundtvig, Jean Monnet, Comenius, Minerva, Culture, Youth and various other international and regional programmes and initiatives.

The International & EU Office of the University runs a highly efficient structure for the reception and accommodation of all students following an Erasmus period in Malta. Orientation Days are organised at the start of each semester, followed by frequent meetings of an informative/academic nature. The International & EU Office also organises many activities of a socio-cultural character in conjunction with student organisations present on the University campus.

More information for prospective incoming students may be obtained from the University of Malta International and EU Unit website: <http://www.um.edu.mt/int-eu/erasmus/incoming>

## • ACCOMMODATION

*- SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE ACCOMMODATION OFFERED (HOTEL, APARTMENTS, STUDENT HALLS, OTHERS; IF THERE ARE COOKING FACILITIES) AND ON THE RENT TO BE PAID PER WEEK*

The University Residence is professionally managed and welcomes people of all national origins who travel to Malta to expand their academic standings, take an academic holiday or visit the University colleagues. This vibrant cosmopolitan setting connects people, enhancing understanding and personal development. The University Residence is conveniently located 4 kilometres from the university Campus. The Residence operates a free bus service connecting with the University directly.

Situated on extensive private grounds within walking distance from the town centre of Lija and main public transport routes, the Residence is well positioned for accessing major shopping centres, historical sites and beautiful beaches. The Residence offers a full complement of service facilities:

- Mini-market
- Launderette
- Bar & Snack bar
- Restaurant
- Computer room
- Internet facilities
- TV lounge
- Study room / photocopy service
- Jogging circuit

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- Basketball court
- Tennis court
- Large swimming pool.
- Free University shuttle

Each of the main accommodation buildings has bright rooms opening onto a sunny inner courtyard. The courtyard contains a large swimming pool and is bordered by Mediterranean style gardens. The courtyard serves as a meeting and socializing area and provides convenient access to a bar and snack bar, games room, launderette and restaurant. Accommodation is available in 3-bedroom apartment configurations. The apartments are modern and provide a full bathroom, living room and self-catering facilities. Each of the three bedrooms can be shared by two persons.

Housekeeping staff is dedicated to maintaining and cleaning the premises and individual accommodations ensuring that they are clean and everything is in working order. This is accomplished by means of scheduled once-a-week housekeeping visits to every student accommodation. The service does not include the washing of cooking utensils, crockery and cutlery. Towels and bed linen are provided for use within the residence only and must not be removed from the premises. Fresh linen and towels are provided during the regular scheduled cleaning service.

All accommodation units are fully equipped for the student to cook and eat meals in, using their own facilities. The list of equipment includes - Cooker, refrigerator and freezer, washing sink, pots, pans, plates and cutlery. The kitchen area is complete with limited storage space for utensils.

Payment rates are charged according to the type of accommodation selected and the period of stay. Further details can be obtained from the website <http://www.universityresidence.com/cms/index>

## • MEALS

*- SHORT DESCRIPTION ON THE SERVICES OFFERED (UNIVERSITY CANTEENS, RESTAURANTS, BARS, OTHERS)*

Students following the EILC course can make use of the Campus Bistro. As the main canteen on campus, it offers a range of nutritious foods and beverages. Options ranging from a variety of tasty bread rolls and sandwiches to hot snacks, crisp salads, pasta, pizzas and three-course meals. A selection of hot and cold beverages is always available.

## • RECEPTION OF STUDENTS

*- MEETING POINT (PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF FIRST MEETING - FOR EACH COURSE WHERE DIFFERENT)*

Students will be required to present themselves at the International & EU Office at the University on the first day of the course. All details (time, transport, timetables) will be communicated directly to the students prior to their arrival. During the first day a campus tour will be held. Thus the students will have the opportunity to orient themselves with the campus and the facilities available.

## • EXTRA MURAL ACTIVITIES

*- SITE VISITS*

Many tourists comment that the Islands have so many sights to offer that a week is definitely not enough! The succession of colonisers have provided our island with a diversely rich historical and architectural tradition. Key

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highlights include the enigmatic, prehistoric temples; Malta's baroque capital Valletta founded by the Knights of St. John; the walled, medieval capital of Mdina where descendants of Norman families still live today. In Gozo one can admire the magnificent azure Window, the *Cittadella* (fortified city) in Victoria or explore the seabed with full diving gear. The clear waters of the Blue Lagoon of Comino are certainly refreshing in the hot summer days!

The website of the Malta Tourism Authority provides further information and enticing images: <http://www.visitmalta.com/>

**- SPORTS FACILITIES (SWIMMING, TENNIS, GYMNASIUM; OPENING DAYS AND AVAILABLE INFORMATION)**

The University sports facilities include an Olympic-size heated swimming pool and a separate diving pool. There is also a fitness centre next to the Olympic-sized swimming pool. Other outdoor facilities include a football pitch, an athletic track, two tennis courts, a basketball/volleyball court, and a Handball/5-a-side Football court. Inside the Sport Pavilion there are full-size billiard/snooker tables, several table-tennis tables, a darts room and a fully equipped gym.

Should students be interested in participating in team sports or other dedicated activities, the International & EU Office will help them to get in touch with local associations.

**- ENTERTAINMENT (CINEMA, THEATRE, ETC.; BRIEF INFORMATION ON PLACES AND STUDENT FACILITIES)**

Sliema, together with neighbouring St. Julian's and Paceville, are largely associated with the entertainment. As a fashionable residential area and noted resort, it boasts of a 3 km long sea front promenade which is one of the most frequented spots on the island. It has many shopping centres with cafes and restaurants, the largest group of hotels in Malta, a number of nightspots, including the Casino, popular beaches and beach clubs with water sports facilities.

Paceville is very much a resort area, consisting mainly of holiday accommodation and has the biggest concentration of bars and clubs in Malta. Vibrant and teeming with locals and foreign people, it sets the night scene in Malta. Facilities range from state of the art clubs, live music bars, ethnic restaurants and bars. Most places stay open quite late and fast food outlets provide fuel to those on a bar/club crawl.

St George's Bay, is a stroll away from St Julians, and the scene changes to one of multiple screens cinemas, a bowling alley and the Baysteet shopping and entertainment complex.

Bugibba is another popular entertainment area with tourists in the summer months.

Cultural activities of a more "serious" nature are held mostly between October-May, and include opera, concerts, recitals, plays and festivals. These mainly take place at the historic Manoel Theatre and the Mediterranean Conference Centre, both in Valletta. Organ recitals are also held at the St John's Co-Cathedral in Valletta or at the Mdina Cathedral.

Throughout the academic year, the University Students Council and the various Associations organise numerous events to which Erasmus students are always invited to attend. These activities help the foreign students integrate with the local students. The International & EU Office also organises socio-cultural events (including the highly popular international nights) with the collaboration of the various students organisations.

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## ***PART II: COURSE(S) DESCRIPTION***

**COURSE NO:**

**LEVEL:**

**I: Beginner course**

**II: Intermediate course**

	FROM...	TO...
PERIOD:	6 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2010	1 <sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2010

### **• LANGUAGE COMPONENT**

**- SHORT DESCRIPTION OF LANGUAGE COMPONENT: OBJECTIVES AND TEACHING METHODS**

The University of Malta is planning to organise two EILC courses for the academic year 2010/11 in the Maltese language. These courses will be organised as parallel sessions between the 6<sup>th</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010. Since students travelling for an Erasmus period to Malta will not normally have any background of the Maltese language thus beginners' level courses will be held. Each course will accommodate 15 students. Two teachers will deliver the academic programme. Organisational support and assistance will be provided by two administrative staff members at the International & EU Office.

The course is aimed at learners who wish to achieve a basic command of the Maltese Language for use in a social context: to understand straightforward information in the spoken and written language, and to express oneself in speech and in writing using basic skills for simple practical purposes in everyday situations that require a simple and direct exchange of information.

#### **Specific objectives**

##### **Listening**

To understand general and specific information conveyed in short conversations, messages and announcements.

##### **Speaking**

To talk about oneself and the features of one's daily life, to participate in simple conversation, and to reply to and ask questions about everyday activities.

##### **Reading**

To understand general and specific information conveyed in written instructions messages, letters and other simple documents.

##### **Writing**

To write short accounts of present activities, events and situations and short personal letters.

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**Communicative Tasks :**

Understanding and expressing greeting and introductions  
Understanding and expressing thanks  
Asking for and giving information and directions  
Describing places, people and things  
Expressing likes and dislikes  
Handling numbers, quantities, cost and time  
Making and accepting offers and apologies  
Identifying letter and handling spellings of names and addresses

**Examples of themes and situations for Communicative Tasks :**

Social relations (introductions, personal information)  
Means of transport (bicycle, bus, car, boat, plane)  
Travel (bus stop, port, airport; booking tickets, asking for information)  
Accommodation (house, flat, home, hotel, rooms and furniture)  
School, summer school, classroom  
Finding one's way on a map, following directions  
Shopping (food, clothes, books, household items)  
Time and weather

Since English is the language of instruction at the University of Malta, the students will not be coached on academic use of the language but on the daily use which they will need to integrate into the local society.

**- SUBJECT-SPECIFIC LANGUAGE ELEMENTS**

YES ✓ NO

(e.g. special modules for students in particular disciplines)

IF YES, SPECIFY:

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**- DURATION**

TOTAL NUMBER OF CLASSES	120h. (60h per group)
HOURS IN CLASSROOM	120h.(60h per group)
HOURS OF PRACTICE CONVERSATION/LANGUAGE LABORATORY	Organised as part of the lesson
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	N/A

**- ASSESSMENT (SPECIFY IF THE ASSESSMENT IS MADE BY WRITTEN/ORAL EXAMINATION, ASSIGNMENT, ETC.)**

Students will be rated on attendance and written and oral examinations. The exam itself will consist of a grammar test, listening, comprehension and speaking tasks.

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• **COURSE FACILITIES**

- **TEACHING AIDS**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>AUDIO/VIDEO MATERIALS</b>
<b>COMPUTER/SOFTWARE</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>HANDOUTS/PRINTED TEXTS</b>
<b>TRANSPARENCIES</b>
<b>OTHER : (SPECIFY)</b>

- **LIBRARY**

YES NO

**IF YES, SPECIFY:**

TIMES	MON-FRI: 09:00-13:15 & SAT 09:00-12:15 (JULY UNTIL SEPTEMBER (FOR MORE DETAILS VIEW THE WEBSITE BELOW)
OPENING DAYS	MONDAY - SATURDAY
ADDRESS	HTTP://WWW.UM.EDU.MT/LIBRARY

- **LANGUAGE LABORATORY**

YES NO

**IF YES, SPECIFY:**

TIMES	
OPENING DAYS	
ADDRESS	
COST	

• **CULTURAL COMPONENT**

- **SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE CULTURAL ELEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE COURSE: OBJECTIVES AND TEACHING METHODS**

<p>The EILC course will aim to provide students an opportunity to acquire knowledge and gain insight into the economical, political, social and cultural situation in Malta.</p> <p>The following cultural events are being offered for this year’s EILC course. These events will focus on :</p> <p>Valletta – its History and Architecture          Pre-historic and Cultural Malta – Tarxien Temples and Marsaxlokk          Historic and Modern Malta – Rabat, Mdina and Mosta          Maltese food, wine and Folklore – an evening event          Events may change closer to date depending on the weather and accessibility.</p>
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- **DURATION**

TOTAL HOURS OF ACTIVITIES	30h. (15h per group)
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• **TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF**

	NUMBER OF...:
✓ TEACHERS	2 (1 PER GROUP)
✓ ADMINISTRATORS	2
✓ STUDENTS	30 (15 PER GROUP)