



UNIVERSITY OF MALTA
Faculty of Health Sciences
Department of Radiography

Information for **ERASMUS+** students

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ARRIVAL

Upon your arrival at Malta International Airport, you can opt to take a taxi to your accommodation. Taxi service usually costs about €20 per taxi (up to 4 persons) or €30 per minivan (5 to 11 persons). These are the links to some of the taxi and ride-hailing services in Malta:

- **Bolt** - <https://bolt.eu/>
- **Uber** - <https://www.uber.com/>
- **eCabs** - <https://www.ecabs.com.mt/>
- **Hicabs** - <https://www.hicabs.com.mt/>
- **Malta Taxi** - <https://www.maltataxi.mt/>

You can also get a taxi from the arrivals hall at the airport for a fixed rate.

LOCATION OF UNIVERSITY AND CLINICAL PLACEMENT SITES

The University of Malta, Mater Dei Hospital (diagnostic placements) and Sir Anthony Mamo Oncology Centre (radiotherapy placements) are all within 5 minutes walk of each other.

They are located in an area known as tal-Qroqq, Msida, which is neighbored by the villages San Gwann, Swatar and Birkirkara (*Link to location on Google Maps [here](#)*).

TRAVEL

There is a frequent bus service from all villages to the University of Malta and both clinical placement sites. Kindly refer to the Transport Malta website (www.publictransport.com.mt) for latest information about routes and timetables.

Furthermore, in order to benefit from discounted travel fares, prospective students are encouraged to register for the 'Tallinja travel card', which can be topped up with prepaid credit and used on the go. More information about this can be found here: www.tallinja.com/register-now

DEPARTMENT OF RADIOGRAPHY

The Department of Radiography is part of the Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) and is situated within Mater Dei Hospital, Malta's main general and acute hospital. Mater Dei Hospital is very close to the main campus of the University of Malta (UM). The address of the Department of Radiography is as follows: -

Department of Radiography
Faculty of Health Sciences
University of Malta
Mater Dei Hospital (Block A1),
Msida, MSD2090
MALTA

ACCOMMODATION

Students are to make their own accommodation arrangements, although we are always willing to help students in this regard. It is strongly recommended that any accommodation booked is located within walking distance to the University of Malta and Mater Dei Hospital. Alternatively, students should ensure that their accommodation location has good transport connections to the University of Malta and Mater Dei Hospital.

From previous students' experiences, we can recommend the following for your consideration:

- University Residence - <http://www.um.edu.mt/int-eu/international/accommodation>
- Campus Hub <https://campushubmalta.com>
- NSTS Campus Residence - <http://nts.org/accommodation/nts-campus-residence-and-hostel>
- Privately owned self-catering apartments in locations within walking distance in the vicinities of Swatar, Msida, San Gwann, Birkirkara, Gzira, and Sliema. You can book your accommodation via platforms such as **Airbnb** (<https://www.airbnb.com/>) and **Booking.com** (<https://www.booking.com/>).

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION AND ACCEPTANCE

Students are required to agree to several conditions and complete a number of registration forms prior to their arrival in Malta, as will be indicated by the International office.

Some of the documents required include the following:

- ERASMUS+ Learning Agreement
- A copy of the student's European Health Insurance Card
- A Police Conduct Certificate issued by the student's local authorities
- A copy of the student's professional indemnity insurance covering the entire duration of the proposed clinical placement in Malta. If unavailable from home university, this can be offered by the UoM upon request.
- A copy of the student's travel insurance for the complete period of the exchange
The insurance should cover items not covered by the EHIC, such as: personal belongings, personal accident and health services (particularly those not covered by the EHIC), evacuation, and repatriation
- Health Sciences form

All relevant documents are available on the website:

<https://www.um.edu.mt/studentlife/internationalopportunities/erasmus/incoming/> under the heading "**Student Application Deadlines and Guidelines**".

The language of instruction at the University of Malta is English, and students are expected to be fluent in the English language which will enable them to successfully complete their Erasmus+ Mobility. No particular concessions are allowed to students whose level of English is lower than expected. The students need to have a B2 level in English. The English level should be indicated in the 'Language Competence of the student' section in the Erasmus+ Learning Agreement. *The Department of Radiography reserves the right to cancel any proposed ERASMUS+ placement if the student/s fail/s to submit any of the above documentation prior to the proposed commencement date of such an ERASMUS+ placement.*

CLINICAL PLACEMENTS

Mater Dei Hospital (MDH)

Diagnostic radiography clinical placements generally take place at the Medical Imaging Department of Mater Dei Hospital, which is the main general and acute public hospital in Malta. The following general and speciality areas may be available for clinical placement:

- Accident & Emergency
- Angio / Cardiac Catheterisation
- Bone Densitometry
- Computed Tomography (CT)
- Dental radiography
- Fluoroscopy (Contrast studies)
- General skeletal radiography
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- Mammography
- Mobile Radiography
- Nuclear Medicine
- Positron Emission Tomography (PET/CT)
- Theatre Radiography
- Ultrasound

Some of the areas may be seen in the following [YouTube video](#), which was produced by local radiographers working at the hospital to promote diagnostic radiography.



[The Radiographer](#) (Mater Dei Hospital 2011 ©)

Sir Anthony Mamo Oncology Centre (SAMOC)

Radiotherapy clinical placements generally take place at the Radiotherapy Department of Sir Anthony Mamo Oncology Centre, which is located just opposite Mater Dei Hospital.

CLINICAL PLACEMENT ATTENDANCE RECORD

Students are expected to perform **approximately 250 hours** in clinical placement. In order to achieve this goal, students can be assigned to either morning (08.00 – 14.30), afternoon (13.30 - 19.30) or night duties (19.30 – 07.30, in A&E), Mondays to Fridays.

Students will be required to keep a record of the clinical hours they have performed on attendance sheets that will be supplied by the clinical placement co-ordinator. All hours recorded in clinical placement must be accompanied by the signature of the radiographer who supervised the student during that placement. This record is needed so that a certificate for the clinical placement can be issued at the end of the elective placement in Malta.

Students may be asked to indicate their preference for clinical placement during the first week of the elective placement; however one should be aware that clinical placements are always dependant on availability and demand.



RADIATION MONITORS

The Department of Radiography will issue a radiation monitor badge for all students and this must be worn at all times while in clinical placement at Mater Dei Hospital/ Sir Anthony Mamo Oncology Centre. Students will be required to pay a **€55 service fee** along with a **€55 refundable deposit** for this service.

UNIFORMS & PERSONAL NAME BADGES

It is recommended that students bring their own uniform, personal name badges and radiographic markers for use during their clinical placement in Malta. If it is not possible for the student to bring their own uniform, this may be obtained from the Department of Radiography (FHS) against a monetary deposit.

It is recommended that students also bring their own personal name badges indicating that you are radiography students.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about the ELECTIVE placement, feel free to contact any of the following members of staff: -

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 deborah.mizzi@um.edu.mt

Dr. Jonathan Portelli Tel: 00356 2340 1155

 Jonathan.portelli@um.edu.mt



USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT MALTA

airport

Malta International Airport is situated at Luqa. Reaching the airport in Malta by bus is very straightforward using the designated X1, X2, X3 and X4. Visit the website <https://www.publictransport.com.mt/> for detailed information.

banks & currency

Banks are normally open for business from 8.30am to 12.30pm, Mondays to Saturdays except on public holidays.



As from the 1st January 2008 Malta adopted the Euro as its currency.

electricity

The electricity supply is 240volts, 50 hertz. Three-pin British Standard plugs are used but, if required, adapters are easy to obtain too.

health

Visitors from EU member states should ensure they are in possession of their European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) when requiring medical care at one of the public hospitals or clinics. A medical insurance policy is to be presented when attending a private clinic.

important telephone numbers

Emergency	112	Mater Dei Hospital	2545 0000
Ambulance	112	Malta International Airport	2124 9600
Fire Brigade	112		
Police	112		

postal services

Malta Post Office branches are found in most towns & villages. Opening hours are from 7.30 – 12.30hrs from Monday to Saturday. Some villages have a sub- post office serviced by certain stationery shops.



The Valletta Malta Post Office branch situated at Castille Square is open Monday to Friday 8.15 hrs - 15.45 hrs; Saturday: 8.15 hrs - 12.30 hrs.

public holidays

1 January - New Year's Day	15 August – Feast of Santa Maria
10 February - Feast of St. Paul Shipwreck	8 September – Victory Day
19 March - Feast of St. Joseph	21 September – Independence Day
31 March - Freedom Day	8 December – Feast of the Immaculate Conception
March/April - Good Friday	13 December – Republic Day
1 May – Workers' Day	25 December – Christmas Day
7 June – Sette Giugno Commemoration	
29 June – Feast of St Peter & St Paul	

time zone

Malta's time is set according to Central European Time (cet). Summer time starts on the last Sunday of March and ends on the last Sunday of October.

eating and drinking

Malta and Gozo offer a wide selection of quality restaurants to suit the budget conscious and the gourmand alike. In fish restaurants, the menu may vary according to season and the catch of the day. It is recommended to ask for fresh fish which may also be on display. To experience traditional Maltese home-cooking, try dining at the more popular family restaurants specialising in local fare.

You can also choose to compliment your meal with a typical Maltese beer, wine or liqueur.



Some typical Maltese dishes include:

Rabbit dishes: stewed or fried



Braġjoli: Beef Olives filled with a mash of spiced Maltese sausage and eggs

Timpana: macaroni pie



Lampuki: coryphene or dorado fish

Swordfish: with tomato, olive and caper sauce

A variety of home-made soups and pasta dishes are also quite popular. Other snack-like specialities include: -

Gbejniet: Goats cheese (fresh, dried, plain, peppered) usually served with Maltese water crackers



Pastizzi: Cheese or Pea pastry cakes

Bigilla: Bean & herb dip

Hobz biz-zejt: Maltese bread (ftira) with tomato paste spread, tuna, capers, olives and marinated vegetables

Qagħaq tal-ghasel: Honey rings

Qubbajd: Traditional nougat

cost of living

Food & Drink

Milk (1ltr)	€ 0.83	Beer (supermarket)	€ 1.00
Pepsi (50ml)	€ 1.00	Beer (bar/pub)	€ 2.50
Water (50ml)	€ 0.75	Coffee (cafeteria)	€ 2.50
Bread (loaf)	€ 0.90	Chocolate bar	€ 0.75
Sandwich	€ 2.00	Big Mac Menu	€ 7.00
Pizza / Pasta	€ 12.00	Fillet Steak	€ 30.00

Entertainment

Cinema	€ 10.00
Bowling	€ 10.00

more information

www.visitmalta.com
www.visitgozo.com
www.maltaairport.com
www.publictransport.com.mt
www.tallinja.com
www.okmalta.com
www.gozo.com
www.gozochannel.com



other useful links

ERASMUS Student Networks/Groups - Malta
www.facebook.com/esnmalta
www.aegee-valletta.org/index.php/erasmus

Events

www.whatson.com.mt/en/home.htm
www.maltaculture.com/
www.maltamusicweek.com/

Online discount vouchers on food & leisure
www.deal.com.mt
dealtoday.com.mt/
www.vouchercloud.com.mt/

