

ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT (EPS)

I. Strategy, objectives and priorities for the Erasmus activities at the University of Oradea in the context of the Lifelong Learning Programme (2007-2013)

1. The strategy of the Erasmus activities at our institution involves:

- a) Facilitating the unconditioned participation of the students and the teaching staff at the University of Oradea to the Erasmus activities.
- b) Facilitating the studies and sojourn for students and academic staff coming to the University of Oradea under the Erasmus activities.
- c) Providing the premises for the graduates from the University of Oradea that have benefited from student exchange and foreign languages learning programmes to have access to all Europass package.
- d) Developing cooperation between the University of Oradea and national, European, and international universities to increase the visibility of the European Higher Education Area.
- e) Developing new means to increase the visibility of the Erasmus activities within the university, as well as on local, regional, and national levels.
- f) The University of Oradea will support the Erasmus activities by co-funding scholarships, by granting subsidies for travel, and by supporting post-doctoral placements.

2. The objectives of the Erasmus activities at our institutions involve:

- a) More than 2,000 students and 500 members of the teaching staff at the University of Oradea will take part in the Erasmus mobility for 2007 – 2013.
- b) We will provide all conditions for the 500 incoming students and the 200 professors to come to the University of Oradea under the Erasmus mobility on 2007–2013.
- c) We will submit at least 15 Multilateral Projects and 3 European Thematic Networks and will be involved as partners in projects submitted by other European universities.
- d) We will provide visibility of the Lifelong Learning Programmes and particularly Erasmus activities through periodical seminars with the staff and the students, discussion groups and on the web site of the universities (www.uoradea.ro), through printing advertising materials (brochures, guides, leaflets, and so on)

3. The priorities for the Erasmus activities are as follows:

- a) Full recognition of the activities carried out by the students as set out in the compulsory *Learning and Placement Agreements*;
- b) Extending inter-institutional agreements with the partner institutions and signing new agreements with other universities, particularly in Northern Europe and the candidate countries (Croatia, Macedonia, and Turkey).
- c) Signing inter-university agreements with institutions in the EU neighbouring area to promote exchange under the Erasmus Mundus.

d) Enabling free access to registration, examination, laboratories, libraries and cultural and sports facilities to incoming students. We will support this action by making reservations for accommodation either on campus, or outside the campus.

e) The Erasmus University Charter and the Erasmus Policy Statement of the University of Oradea will be displayed in public places within the university, at faculties and departments. They will also be publicised on the web site of the University of Oradea www.uoradea.ro/EPS

g) The student exchange selection will pay special attention to gender equality and the integration of disabled students and staff in the Erasmus activities.

h) The material support of the university granted to the Erasmus activities will be mostly directed to the enhancement of social and economic cohesion and fight against xenophobia and racism.

II. Quality of Academic mobility activities

1. The Commissions for Studies Acknowledgement established on the level of the faculties will cover the whole process to acknowledge the transferable credits awarded through didactic, practical, or insertion activities.
2. The Commission for Academic Quality at the university manages the elaboration and presentation of the curricula including the number of teaching hours, the number of credits, and type of testing. It delegates the Commissions for Studies Acknowledgement at the faculties to adapt the curricula under the Erasmus Learning Agreement upon request of the outgoing or incoming students.
3. The outgoing students will be informed on the procedures concerning the Erasmus mobility by the Erasmus outgoing student officer at the LLP Office, the Erasmus departmental or faculty coordinators, or by the professor coordinating the bilateral agreement.
4. The incoming students will be enrolled by the Erasmus incoming student officer at the LLP Office. The “Old Erasmus” Group (made up of the former Erasmus students) of the Association of the Students in International Relations and European Studies covers tutoring and study counselling.
5. The incoming students will benefit from all facilities provided by student services (accommodation, restaurant, local transport, sports and cultural facilities). The LLP Office and the “Old Erasmus” Group organise an “Erasmus Day” each semester, as well as other activities to socialise and meet local people.
6. The outgoing students will attend preparatory or refreshment language courses (English, French, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, and German). The incoming students have the opportunity to attend courses on Romanian language, culture, and civilisation.
7. The staff mobility at the University of Oradea will aim at: teaching activities, didactic expertise exchange, assessment and monitoring of the quality of the students’ placements activities, preparing multilateral projects. Besides the Erasmus support, the University of Oradea will provide assistance to each professor involved in mobility to cover transport expenses.

III. Quality of student placement activities

The University of Oradea will take the following implementing steps to provide high quality in students' placements:

- a) preparation, assessment and selection of the participants;
- b) organisation of pedagogical and cultural preparatory activities;
- c) information and consultancy on the curricula of the host institutions;
- d) information and consultancy on the technical procedures concerning the Erasmus mobility (preparing and sending mobility-related documents, preparing documents for accommodation, visa, and so on);
- e) preparing and signing the placement agreement specifying the activity programme in detail;
- f) informing and mutually consulting the contact persons in the two institutions concerning preparation, departure, arrival and insertion of the student in the new academic environment;
- g) project managers have the duty to keep in permanent touch with the person in charge with the placement at the host institution;
- h) the outgoing students officer will be in touch with each student during their placement;
- i) monitoring and assessment of the placement period will be carried out through monitoring visits, by phone, or by internet by the project manager;
- j) the project manager has the duty to present the file of the outgoing students to the Commission of Studies Acknowledgment to acknowledge the credits accumulated during the exchange.