

ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT (OVERALL STRATEGY)

I. International (EU and non-EU) strategy

Nebrija University has agreements with universities located throughout the world. Each year we review the target universities' offer for outgoing students, taking into account the academic offerings, interest in the destinations, new study areas, the balance in the number of mobilities undertaken by both institutions, and other criteria in order to be able to offer Nebrija students the best experiences in our partner universities abroad.

The Erasmus+ Programme offers the students of Nebrija University the possibility of studying one or two semesters in the European countries involved in the programme. The main objectives for the mobility activities for our students include, besides learning about other university systems and how to behave autonomously and maturely, the opportunity to enjoy their time in another environment with new people in a new culture. They also learn that the exchange of cultural experiences promotes integration in an increasingly international world.

The Erasmus+ Programme, in its teaching staff version, offers the professors of Nebrija University the possibility of short stays in order to teach in the European countries involved in the programme.

The International Mobility Office helps teachers perform short stays in those institutions that have signed a bilateral Erasmus teacher mobility with Nebrija University.

The objectives of teacher mobility under Erasmus are:

- To provide teachers with opportunities for personal and professional development;
- To encourage universities to broaden and enrich the range of courses offered;
- To allow students who cannot participate in a mobility programme to benefit from the knowledge and experience of teachers at universities in other European countries;
- To strengthen the links between schools in different countries; and
- To promote the exchange of expertise and experience of pedagogical methods.

Not only teaching staff but also administrative staff and services at Nebrija University have the possibility of short-term stays in order to receive training in Universities / Institutions of higher education in the European countries involved in the programme and companies. International Mobility Office supports the application and justification procedures for training placements in those institutions.

The objectives of training mobility for university staff under Erasmus+ are:

- To provide teachers and administrative staff and services opportunities for personal and professional development;
- To promote the exchange of expertise and experience on pedagogical methods; and
- To promote the exchange of knowledge about the functioning of other European higher education institutions.

Our institution seeks to enlarge its international cooperation project scope through new bilateral agreements in EU countries and in new emerging countries especially in Asia and Latin America. Another strategic axis is the progressive extension of English teaching in the academic curricula of most of the degrees on offer at our University.

II. Expected impact on the modernisation of the institution

With our participation in the programme on the modernisation of our University, we intend to achieve the following policy objectives:

- To improve the implementation process of the recognition of studies abroad, by creating and using several equivalence instruments (e.g. a comparative grading scales document) and especially the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS).
 - To prepare for the possibility of an Erasmus Master Degree Mobility Scheme (through a European-level student loan guarantee facility), operational from 2014, to promote mobility, excellence and access to affordable finance for students taking their Master degree in another Member State regardless of their social background.
 - Our international activity contributes to strengthening synergies between the European High Education Area and other Areas or other intergovernmental processes related to higher education within Europe.
 - To support the analysis of the potential of student mobility flows, to take into account the International Quality Assurance standards to support the quality of education.
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