

Erasmus Policy Statement

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D**Erasmus Policy Statement (Overall Strategy)****D. Erasmus Policy Statement (Overall Strategy)**

The Institution agrees to publish this overall strategy (all three parts) on its website within one month after the signature of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education by the European Commission.

Please describe your institution's international (EU and non-EU) strategy. In your description please explain a) how you choose your partners, b) in which geographical area(s) and c) the most important objectives and target groups of your mobility activities (with regard to staff and students in first, second and third cycles, including study and training, and short cycles). If applicable, also explain how your institution participates in the development of double/multiple/joint degrees. (max. 5000 characters)

Translation language [EN]

One of the institution's international strategy is to enhance interfaith dialogue therefore it organizes an international Biblical Conference each year.

Though choosing partner institutions largely organizes around the staffs' already existing personal international relations, new so far unknown higher education institutions can be listed among partners in order to reach expected short or long term goals. In both cases the following criteria must be met when a partner is chosen: providing high quality of education, the profile of the partner must be similar to the profile of Gál Ferenc College, recognition, courses offered in foreign languages and the geographical proximity to Hungary. The main objectives include among many others the broadening and enriching of course offer and providing possibility for students who cannot take part in mobility to gain new expertise through attending the incoming guest lecturers' courses. The target groups of the mobility are mainly staff and students specialised in theology, pedagogy and church history bachelor's and master's degree programs/education.

Original language [HU]

A Gál Ferenc Főiskola nemzetközi stratégiájának részét képezi a vallások közötti párbeszéd erősítése, amely célból minden évben megrendezi a Nemzetközi Biblikus Konferenciát.

A partnerintézmények kiválasztása a nemzetközi területen jártas oktatók ismeretségének illetve személyes kapcsolatrendszerével indul, azonban a rövid és hosszú távú célok elérése érdekében addig ismeretlen felsőoktatási intézményekkel is kötődhetnek együttműködési megállapodások. Minden esetben az alábbi fő kritériumnak kell, hogy megfeleljen a partner: magas minőségű felsőoktatás biztosítása, a lehetséges partnerintézmény profilja illeszkedjen a Gál Ferenc Főiskoláéhoz, elismertség, idegen nyelvű kurzusok kínálata, földrajzi közelség valamint a GFF MA képzéseire építhető PhD képzés lehetősége. Legfontosabb célok: bővíteni és gazdagítani a kurzuskínálatot, a vendégoktatók előadásai során új szaktudás elsajátítására lehetőséget biztosítani azoknak a hallgatóknak, akiknek nincs lehetősége részt venni mobilitásban. A mobilitási tevékenység célcsoportja elsősorban a BA és MA teológiai, pedagógiai és egyháztörténelmi képzésekben részt vevő hallgatók és oktatók.

If applicable, please describe your institution's strategy for the organisation and implementation of international (EU and non-EU) cooperation projects in teaching and training in relation to projects implemented under the Programme. (max. 2000 characters)

Translation language [EN]

The Gál Ferenc College's objective is to take part in Key Activity 1 with its existing partners.

Original language [HU]

A Gál Ferenc Főiskola a már meglévő partnereivel az első tevékenységben, vagyis a hallgatói és személyzeti mobilitásban és a közös képzésben kíván részt vállalni.

Please explain the expected impact of your participation in the Programme on the modernisation of your institution (for each of the 5 priorities of the Modernisation Agenda*) in terms of the policy objectives you intend to achieve. (max. 3000 characters)

Translation language [EN]

By participating in the Programme the improvement of the quality of teaching is underlined, which is ensured by courses offered in foreign languages. Exchange of experiences are also expected, which might include the presentation of the local quality assurance and the partner institution's quality assurance. GFF also educates in the field of social sciences, therefore it is hoped that the cooperations provide possibilities to issue common publications with the outcomes of researches.

Original language [HU]

A Programban való részvételtől a Főiskola elsősorban az oktatás színvonalának javulását és az európai igényeknek való megfelelést és a minőség fejlődését várja, amelynek megvalósításához az idegen nyelven zajló kurzusok nagyban hozzájárulnak. Fontos továbbá a tapasztalatcsere a felsőoktatási intézményekkel, amely során lehetőség nyílik a helyi és a partnerintézmény minőségbiztosítási rendszerének bemutatására, megismerésére. Az együttműködésektől közös kiadványok megjelenését is várja a Főiskola, ahol a társadalomtudományi kutatások eredményeit publikálhatják oktatók és hallgatók egyaránt.

* COM (2011) 567 (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2011:0567:FIN:EN:PDF>)

History of the College

The Faculty of Theology (TK) and Faculty of Social Sciences and Social Training (TSZK) of the 85-year-old Gál Ferenc College in Szeged, the Faculty of Pedagogy (PK) in Szarvas and Budapest, furthermore the agricultural institutions (MM) of Mezőtúr are waiting those high school or university graduates who are committed to Catholic theological studies, agriculture, ecclesiastical and social or teaching professions, the cultivation of sciences and serving communities.

Bishop Gyula Glattfelder founded the predecessor of the College in Szeged, in the diocese's centre after the Trianon border changes. The first academic year began in 1930. The college and the seminary were led by Jesuits until violent suspension of the functioning of religious orders in 1950. In the early 1970s, the secret theological training of the seculars was launched first in the country, in Szeged; then in 1983 accepting applicants on correspondence courses also became possible. The training of secular full-time students (theologians and religious teachers) started with the regime change. The college affiliated with the Faculty of Theology of the Péter Pázmány Catholic University in 1995. The college thus was allowed to prepare its theology students to be awarded with the Bachelor's degree offered by the University and also recognizes by the Holy See. This qualification is accepted by the Church and allows the acquisition of further licenced and academic degrees, doctorates.

The College took the name of Ferenc Gál, former professor of dogmatism, who was the first rector of the Catholic University and whose exceptional personality still affects education, clergy training and the Hungarian Catholic Church. The social mission of the institution and the diocese is served by the research groups of the College, the Gerthardus Publishing and its thematic publications, scientific journals, conferences, developing international relations and the cultural events of the Klebesberg room.

ERASMUS AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

IŞIK UNIVERSITY

Işık University (Turkish: Işık Üniversitesi) is a private university located in Istanbul, Turkey. Işık University operates two campuses. The Maslak campus is located in one of the business centers of Istanbul, while the suburban Şile campus, located 50 km out of Istanbul, opened its doors in 2003. The Şile campus has been planned as a complete “educational campus” with dormitories, social facilities, and educational and administrative buildings situated in an area of 2.4 km². Işık University is home to 4 faculties and 2 institutes.

YILDIRIM BEYAZIT UNIVERSITY

The university is founded to contribute to the needs of our age in the fields of science and technology and especially to train skilled and well-educated people. It is the 97th university in Turkey and 5th public university in Ankara with 7 faculties, 1 vocational school of higher education, 4 graduate schools and 1 conservatory. The University has the goal of being a pioneer at home and abroad serving to science and the future of the humanity. YBU offer education in faculties of medicine, law, political sciences, humanities and social sciences, business administration, engineering and natural sciences, health sciences-department of nursing. has a young, experienced and dynamic academic staff who have taken their undergraduate/graduate degrees from the leading universities of USA, Europe and Turkey.

VU UNIVERSITY AMSTERDAM

VU University Amsterdam or VU is a university in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, founded in 1880. The university is located on a compact urban campus in the southern Buitenveldert neighbourhood of Amsterdam and adjacent to the modern Zuidas business district. In 2012, VU had about 24,500 registered students, most of whom were full-time students. The university had 2,250 faculty members and researchers, who were supported by 1,500 administrative, clerical and technical employees. Teaching is organized within the twelve faculties. Together, the faculties offer 50 bachelor's, almost 100 master's, and a number of Ph.D. programmes.

MARMARA UNIVERSITY

Marmara University has succeeded in becoming the second largest university in the country. The university's mission is to impart and promote knowledge and values consistent with universal standards; to meet the technological, social and cultural challenges of a global society; to contribute to the creation of an informed society, which learns about and shares this knowledge and values; and to emphasize the European dimension in the delivery of education opportunities. Marmara University with more than 3000 distinguished faculty members and a student body reaching 60.000 is on several campuses scattered throughout the cosmopolitan city of Istanbul. It has been one of the leading institutions of higher education in Turkey for 124 years.

CARDINAL STEFAN WYSZYNSKI UNIVERSITY IN WARSAW

Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw is a state university in Warsaw. It was founded in 1999, and it is named after Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński of Poland. It offers religious studies at the faculties of theology, Canon law and Christian philosophy under the patronage of Archbishop of Warsaw issuing permits (*missio canonica*) to academic staff at those faculties. The university consists of two main campuses in Warsaw's northern districts. The old one at Bielany and the new one at Młociny, which mostly houses arts and humanities faculties.

BABEŞ-BOLYAI UNIVERSITY

Faculty of Roman Catholic Theology

The Faculty of Roman Catholic Theology aims to prepare theologically skilled intellectuals, who are prepared to engage the existential questions of modern persons. Working as religion teachers or in other fields, in church or civic institutions, graduate students will contribute to the realisation of christian values in today's society and to the renewal of local communities. Students of the Faculty of Roman Catholic Theology receive a double specialization: Theology and History or Letters. Within Letters specialization one can choose between Hungarian, English, German or French languages. Admission is open to any holder of a high-school certificate, who seeks training as a teacher of religion and history or foreign languages at the elementary and high-school levels. The Faculty also admits students already holding a university diploma, whose present career has led them to seek deeper knowledge of theological issues or non-traditional age students who seek to train for a second career.

JESUIT UNIVERSITY IGNATIANUM IN KRAKOW

The Jesuit University Ignatianum in Krakow is a catholic University with state rights and follows the worldwide known Jesuit educational tradition of humanistic studies since 1932. It consists of two faculties. The Faculty of Philosophy offers four majors: philosophy, cultural studies, psychology, journalism and public communication. The Faculty of Education also four majors: pedagogy, political studies, social work and administration and public policy. Both faculties are entitled to confer the degree of magister. The Faculty of Philosophy additionally has the right to confer the degree of doktor. There are programmes for fulltime studies as well as extramural ones. Educational offer at both faculties also includes a number of postgraduate studies.ů

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY IN RUŽOMBEROK

The Catholic University in Ružomberok is a public university with religious character. The Conference of Slovak Bishops and National Council of the Slovak Republic took part in its foundation. CU performs its activities especially in the areas of the humanities, historical, pedagogical, and social and health sciences, as well as in the areas of art, economics, management, and law.

THE PARTIUM CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

The Partium Christian University continues the centuries-old tradition of the Transylvanian Hungarian university education. It is the first independent, accredited university of Transylvanian Hungarians since the changes in 1989. The university aims to fulfil the following principles: to assert the Christian and general human values; to preserve and develop the national identity of our community; to educate experts and provide further training for the Partium region; to ensure competitive and quality education and research; to ensure the perspicuous and coherent functioning of the university; to assert the professional and academic mentality; to build extensive institutional connections; and to practice all those rights that are ensured by the law of the university's autonomy.

JANOS SELYE UNIVERSITY

The J. Selye University in Komárno is a modern educational and scientific institution. Education started at the academic year 2004/2005; which means that it is the youngest public university in the Slovak Republic. Each year more than 2500 students study in three levels, either full-time or part-time at three faculties. The faculties offer courses in accredited programs in the complex

system of bachelor, master and doctoral studies. The credit system is compatible with the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), which allows the two-way mobility for students at the universities of EU countries.