

ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT

Main institutional international strategy, objectives, priorities of Dogus University concerning future and present higher education activities are;

Dogus University normally chose partners according to the syllabus, course outlines, language of education of the related subject areas of the prospective partner institutions. The University has eighty one Erasmus bilateral agreements, six general agreements for cooperation and exchange with different European Union countries, twenty four various agreements such as the memorandum of understanding. In addition the University has visiting student agreements with non-EU countries and targeting to increase the number of agreements to improve learning mobility of individuals. Establishing agreements between new partners in new geographical areas is the main concern of Dogus University. Dogus University believes in strategic partnerships between higher education institutions in different countries as it is increasing international experience and improving different language skills as well as strengthening links between EU and non-EU countries.

Dogus University has supported and promoted student and staff mobility from the beginning of Erasmus Program and attracts students and staff from EU countries. To improve the mobility of individuals and to attract students at all levels from both EU and non-EU countries, Dogus University develops strategic research partnerships, participates in multilateral projects and thematic networks. As internationalization is of growing importance for Dogus University to enhance international visibility, to increase the number of efficient bilateral agreements and to raise quality, the University is a member of various international institutions such as; ECAS (European Commission Authentication Service), EUA (European University Association), Magna Carta, EAIE (European Association for International Education), UN Global Compact. In order to raise the quality of services one of the main objectives of Dogus University is to establish buddy system to support for mobile incoming students. To help the capacity building and share the cumulative experience of Erasmus activities with other higher education institutions, the University will continue to publish Erasmus e-bulletins: <http://erasmus.dogus.edu.tr/en/e-bulletin/>. Offering an on-line application system to our mobile students and staff, Dogus University has already implemented the supporting internet services. In addition Dogus University is focusing on information technologies leading towards e-learning and the Continuing Education Center supports the Life Long Learning. The University also supports the mutual visits of European universities and meetings that are held to further facilitate mobility and joint projects. Attending higher education fairs extends the scope of internationalization and helps increasing the number of partners from different geographical areas. Dogus University ensures non-discrimination once an incoming Erasmus student arrives she/he receives maximum hospitality, including immediate equal access to all the same university facilities enjoyed by local students. Special orientation meetings are held with incoming students for enabling their fast integration into the university and its environment: <http://erasmus.dogus.edu.tr/en/student-mobility/incoming-students/>. Moreover, every incoming student has a specific academic adviser (Erasmus Departmental Coordinator) to answer their questions from registration until departure. Academic advisers are also in touch with their counterparts at the home university in order to solve queries of students when necessary. The University supports all the international activities for visiting students, staff and conferences through highly experienced, qualified staff. At the end of each study period "Erasmus Satisfaction Survey" is given to all incoming students and they are all evaluated for new innovations. As the Bologna Process has been implemented by the Dogus University, full recognition of courses, transcripts in ECTS credits, grades and Diploma Supplement are given to incoming/outgoing students. Dogus University is definitely interested in participating into a consortium to take part in student placements and the University has also placed students into private/public sector for their practical training for years. At Dogus University the highest quality in academic mobility is widely supported in second and third cycles as well; curriculum development, research programs. Dogus University has also agreements on international joint supervision of thesis on a doctoral level and the students are able to complete their thesis in partner institutions. Joining intensive programs, summer school projects as a partner University, study programs awarding double or joint degrees are the important concerns of Dogus University. The University is also working on double degree programs.