

ERASMUS + POLICY STATEMENT 2014-20

Anglia Ruskin University is committed to its ongoing process of Internationalisation, of which the Erasmus programme is a vital part. Our University is committed to maintaining, developing and strengthening its relationships with institutions in Europe and beyond, to offer students the opportunity to experience international dimensions in their degrees, and staff the opportunity to participate in international training, teaching, and exchange of ideas.

We encourage our students to participate in a study abroad programme, as it will expand their knowledge of a different culture and language and give them additional tools to face the global working environment. Study abroad opportunities are promoted to all students in several ways: via My Anglia (university's intranet), via email, via the monthly bulletin and via special sessions arranged during orientation and during teaching. In addition we produce a study abroad guide and leaflets with information about exchange and study abroad programmes. We facilitate the participation of disabled students and staff by making sure that the right measures are in place at Anglia Ruskin University and at the partner university.

a) When we choose our new partners we look for institutions that offer courses designed to be not only relevant to the needs of industry and the professions, but also engaging and stimulating with the emphasis on the acquisition of practical skills. They play a key role in their region and are active internationally and have strong links with enterprises.

b) We aim to have links from different geographical areas as we wish to give the opportunity to students and staff to experience different cultures and languages. Currently we have bilateral agreements in Europe, USA, Canada, Malaysia, China and South Korea. When we choose the geographical area we take into consideration what students have said about where they would prefer to study. Currently the majority of our partners are from the EU but we are looking to develop further partnership with institutions in USA and Malaysia as well as Thailand, Japan and Brazil.

c) With regards to the most important objectives and target groups Anglia Ruskin is aiming to increase both student and staff mobility. We aim to reach 20% student mobility by 2016 and 40% by 2020. In addition we aim to increase teaching mobility by 50%. Staff exchange and training has been essential in developing a staff community with an international perspective that is passed on to our students even if they don't get the opportunity to go on an exchange programme themselves. We will continue to encourage colleagues, academic and non-academic, to take part in staff exchange/training. Information is given to staff during faculty or departmental meetings as well as via email. In addition, academic staff will be encouraged to visit an Enterprise or invite personnel from an Enterprise as guest lecturers or to exchange knowledge and ideas with staff.

We are constantly expanding the number of our courses that offer a work placement option to students. Currently, it is compulsory for our BA (Hons) International Business Cambridge-Berlin dual award degree students to do a year of work placement that will give them the opportunity to enhance their knowledge about the work environment. We have a dedicated work placement administrator that coordinates this activity.

Anglia Ruskin University participated actively in the development of joint and double degrees. Currently we run 3 undergraduate double degree courses and one Master Erasmus mundus. By promoting dual award/joint degree course we raise the attractiveness of European education to third countries and provide to the UK and Europe higher level of students and labour force.