

ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT OF THE JESUIT UNIVERSITY IGNATIANUM IN KRAKOW FOR THE YEARS 2014-2020

The Jesuit University Ignatianum in Krakow aims to develop and disseminate knowledge, create the best research conditions, and also to train students and academic staff. According to its statute, the university accomplishes tasks in the spirit of Ignatian pedagogy.

The international strategy of the university corresponds with the European Union policy. The main goals of the international strategy are:

- to support the participants, and to help them to effectively exploit their potentiality;
- to promote the idea of lifelong learning;
- to export the program on premises of the whole country;
- to support participants in gaining knowledge, competencies and qualifications in order that they advance their future development;
- to allow the participants to get to know an international environment;
- to encourage the participants to be open-minded and cooperative;
- to encourage the participants to adapt and develop a sensitivity to mental and cultural differences;
- to boost employment opportunities for students through their participation in international internships and by giving them professional experience;
- to promote social equality, integration and linguistic development at once.

Both students and employees have equal access to participation in the project.

The rules and procedures adopted by the university are well-adjusted to respect every individual person –candidates with disabilities or raised in unfavorable environment are not discriminated.

The project plays a key role in the effective functioning of the university, as well as in the introduction and diffusion of the Bologna process and the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). The program has a positive impact on its participants by increasing their confidence in pursuing to get to know different cultures. The participation in the Erasmus+ Programme brings long-term benefits to the university, such as:

- the growth in internationalization, recognition, common international publications and academic conferences at the university;
- an increase in the quality of education thanks to classes conducted by foreign academics, what is entailed with growth in professionalism amongst the academic staff;
- the development of the educational offer in foreign languages;
- improving linguistic competencies;
- inspiring new projects;
- having a positive influence on group activities.

The participation in the Erasmus+ Programme has a significant effect on the expansion of the university and forming the basis for its internationalization. The positive results of the Programme are reflected on the increased number of interesting events every year.

Goals of the University in reference to the Erasmus+ Programme:

- coordinating the mobilities for students (including traineeship), teachers and administrative staff;
- promoting international projects in order to raise the number of students and teachers involved in work with international groups;
- raising the level of education through mobility and international cooperation;
- linking higher education, researches and business excellence with regional development;
- developing the training standards in accordance with the guidelines of the Bologna Declaration and the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS),
- searching for new foreign partners to foster interinstitutional students mobility; new partners are chosen based on related fields of study;
- developing the quality and quantity of cooperation with foreign companies and institutions to open the access to the European labor market for students;
- raising the level of study to provide good education for the graduates and researchers, in compliance with European needs;
- improving teaching skills of the academic staff by introducing innovative teaching tools and techniques;
- improving qualifications of administrative staff by participation in international trainings, researches and multivariate projects;
- improving quality and extent of higher education by enriching the educational offer in foreign languages;
- improving the linguistic competences of teachers and students by promoting language learning;
- raising the level of education and adapting the curriculum to the needs of labor market;
- extending the range of teaching by using e-learning;
- providing equal opportunities for students and staff with disabilities or residing in bad living conditions.

University's commitments:

- to ensure the highest level of organization for student and staff mobility;
- to provide easy access to information about the study programs;
- to assure the compliance with the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS);
- to ensure equal treatment and support for all participants;
- to support the adaptation of incoming students to the local environment;
- to issue the required documents during the mobility;
- to support and recognize achievements of the teaching staff mobility;
- to promote and disseminate the actions that are taken within the Erasmus+ Programme;
- to publish the Erasmus Policy Statement, the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education and the rules for the participation in the program;
- to fully recognize the student's studies;
- to transfer student's achievements while studying abroad.