

## ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT

The University of Rzeszów with almost 25,000 of students and 11 faculties is the biggest University in South-Eastern Poland. The University of Rzeszów is in the process of developing international cooperation with institutions in Europe and outside Europe. The priority of the University of Rzeszów is becoming one of the most important academic centre in the world, which can be achieved by:

1. Enlarging number of new partners willing to cooperate with the University.
2. Improving the rules of recognition of outgoing students' period of study.
3. Encouraging students and teachers to participate in Lifelong Learning Programme
4. Involving non-teaching staff in mobility.
5. Organising special linguistic preparation for outgoing students.
6. Increasing number of courses in foreign languages in every field of study.
7. Creating Erasmus Student Network branch at the University of Rzeszów in order to help foreign students in acclimatization in new country.
8. Preparing series of lectures strictly bound up with set curricula conducted by teachers from partner Universities.
9. Enlarging foreign language literature in library.
10. Organising Polish language course for incoming students.
11. Intensifying trans-border cooperation.
12. Providing the whole period of study in English in different faculties for Polish and foreign students.
13. Taking part in multilateral projects and thematic networks
14. Participating in projects connected with integrated programmes and leading to double and joint degrees

The University of Rzeszów is going to ensure high quality in student and staff mobility and in Erasmus cooperation projects by implementing every aim, which is described above.

Regular contact with local media will result in higher level of community's knowledge about activities undertaken by the University on the international scale. University's newspaper is good source of information about students and staff mobility. Media are going to be informed importance of Erasmus University Charter to the University on the international scale. Erasmus University Charter and Erasmus Policy Statement are going to be published in the University's newspaper and on the web site.

The University of Rzeszów respects non-discrimination rules. Incoming and outgoing students and teachers are treated equally irrespective of gender, age or race etc. The University of Rzeszów wants to be a place where every student and teacher, regardless of his or her origins and nationality feels a part of one big European society.

The University tries hard to improve possibilities of studying disabled students. The number of buildings with special facilities is growing. Disabled students and teachers coming to the University will have more opportunities to take part in daily life of the University in the future. The University does its best to be a modern and attractive academic centre in Europe, to be the University that is the cradle of free ideas, free speech, equality of rights, points of view and religion.

## II

The University of Rzeszów is in process of achieving the highest standard of teaching and the highest quality in mobility activities. The University has put into practice European Credit Transfer System for all courses. This system used together with local grades encourages students to study abroad.

The University provides wide range of subjects taught in English for incoming students. Regular classes with foreign teachers will enrich lectures and knowledge of students.

Information on curricula is going to be provided to all students by dean offices and University's web site both in Polish and English.

The University's staff inform students about a wide variety of possibilities in studying abroad. All information is easy to find on the University's web site. Students are advised in choosing a university to study according to their field of study, language skills and interest.

The University is open to the developing of new international contacts established by teachers and students, who can find cooperating universities and companies on their own. Their activity in this area has positive influence on the whole University in the long time development.

Incoming students are provided with information about study programmes, courses and ECTS credits. They have their own volunteer who take care of them in their first steps in the city and University.

Erasmus students are accommodated in newly renovated dormitories with the access to the internet. Students can prepare meals by themselves or they can use one of the University's canteens where the prices are moderate. A new well-equipped library is available for all students and teachers. The University provides Polish language course for incoming students.

Teachers willing to be participants of Erasmus Programme are going to receive help they need to prepare their visit at partner's university from the International Relations Office staff. Confirmation of teachers' stay abroad will be a very important proof of gained experience helpful in the future academic career.

### III

The University of Rzeszów is very experienced in organizing students' placements both in Poland and other countries. Satisfaction of students with placements encouraged the University to further development such form of activities, especially with foreign partners.

Possibility of placements abroad is widely disseminated among students of the University of Rzeszów. Work-programme prepared for a student just before the beginning of placement is one of the part of agreement signed by him, receiving company and the University of Rzeszów. Work-programme is prepared by a teacher, responsible for placements, in cooperation with the student and company. Work-programme has to be strictly connected the with the student's field of study, his competence and profile of the company. Regular contact with a company which offers placement for students gives the possibility to fulfill the requirements stand by the company or the University. The agreement indicates all the rights and duties of each side in details. Students, qualified to go abroad, participate in intensive professional and cultural training.

Placements, treated as implementation of theoretical knowledge into practice, could be a part of obligatory study programme or as additional part of study, which help students in their future career. This period of placement is fully recognized by faculty's authorities and is indicated in diploma supplement. Each student receives a certificate which confirms participating in placement and duties done during this time. Students are obliged to write a report from placement describing the gained experience and cooperation with the company.

During a 3-month period of study students are always in touch with a coordinator of the project and a departmental coordinator in order to inform about the progress of placement, to make possible changes to work-programme and to monitor the process of training.

The University of Rzeszów is planning to arrange visits to partner companies in order to monitor students' achievements and realization of agreement terms.

