

Erasmus Policy Statement

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Romania's accession to the EU represented an opportunity for Romanian Higher Education Institutions to enroll in the Erasmus Programme. In this context, Nicolae Titulescu University of Bucharest (NTU), by its Faculty of Law, became a member of this Programme in 2004 and partnerships were concluded with Malaga University from Spain and Panteion University from Greece. At present, all the faculties belonging to NTU (Law, Economic Sciences and Social and Administrative Sciences) are well anchored in the Erasmus Programme.

By means of the Erasmus Programme, NTU aims at:

- promoting academic excellence, institutional improvement;
- reducing the mobility obstacles by full academic recognition Nicolae Titulescu University of Bucharest on procedures, curricula compatibility, use of learning outcomes for curricula design;
- growing the number of mobile student by efficient administration of institutional grants, accuracy and transparency of the selection process, increasing placement quality;
- making non-mobile students benefit from Erasmus mobility through lectures held by incoming teaching staff included in curricula,
- supporting the integration of incoming students through: social-cultural activities initiated by student associations, accommodation for all incoming students, with local students.

'Nicolae Titulescu' University of Bucharest implemented the Bologna Process, adopting the set of procedures and regulations for ECTS and Diploma Supplement.

The principles of outgoing studies mobilities activities in NTU are: transparency and equal opportunity, maximization of the number of mobility beneficiaries; full academic recognition based on ECTS. Candidates and the selected students benefit from: meetings with the University and Faculty Councils, Erasmus coordinators; guides explaining the steps and documents necessary for the selection and the mobility preparation. Bilateral agreements are not signed until academic compatibility and complementarity is identified, ensuring a smooth way to academic recognition. Academic recognition procedures ensure an equal treatment for all outgoing students irrespective of the field of study. As for academic facilities, incoming students benefit from tutoring and examination in English or Romanian. Regarding the staff mobility, teaching assignments in partner institutions is increasingly taken into account for internal quality evaluation. Professors whose intensive courses are included in the local curriculum are preferred in the selection process.

Coordination of the activities of the planning and implementation of the work-programme in 'Nicolae Titulescu' University of Bucharest is done through faculty offices. For outgoing students, NTU provides: tutor's counseling and supervision, facilities and documentation in its library. The work-programme is set according to the beneficiary's professional and cultural competences, the requirements of the host enterprise and the university curricula for the recognition of the placement period. The placement monitoring and evaluation will be permanently achieved individually by the tutor from the partner institutions.

Our institution is willing to maintain a sustainable and balanced development for us, as well as for our partners, in future European and international cooperation projects under the Programme. Although we have not been involved in other projects except Erasmus outgoing and incoming mobilities (such as Erasmus Mundus or Tempus), we are willing to develop further programmes in the future.

Erasmus activities are widely promoted through: local and student media, Nicolae Titulescu University of Bucharest dedicated social channels (Facebook, Youtube, Twitter, etc.), events for incoming and outgoing students, including award ceremonies for "Erasmus" contests. Cooperation with prestigious foreign academic institutions is likely to increase the added value of our university, through:

- admission of students to NTU and access to the learning process, free of any discrimination concerning nationality, sex, religion, political allegiance (all available infrastructural, financial, academic means are used for improving the participation rate of geographically, socio-economically, physically de-favoured people in the learning process);

- improving the quality and relevance of higher education (students and teaching staff sent abroad share their experiences upon their return, helping the management to select the best practice for implementing it in our university);
- strengthening quality through mobility and international co-operation;
- linking higher education with employment, thus providing experienced graduates for the labor market;
- improving funding for students and staff mobility abroad.

Our University is working towards achieving these objectives by currently participating or by future involvement in the following activities: student and staff mobility; also possible development of joint master's degrees; strategic partnerships, knowledge alliances, capacity building with neighboring countries, capacity building with Third Countries; networks and policy support measures.

Mobility and cooperation are important elements of our institutional policy. That is why our University strives towards: developing cooperation with partners in other EU or non-EU countries; promoting and supporting student and staff mobility; developing integrated and transnational teaching activities; providing visibility to the results achieved by our staff members engaged in individual mobility or in cooperation projects with strategic partners.

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