



KUTAHYA DUMLUPINAR UNIVERSITY

ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT

Kutahya Dumlupinar University (DPU) is a young university which was founded in 1992. DPU carries on the activities with 11 faculties 1 School of Foreign Languages; 1 graduate school and 14 vocational schools in the districts of Kutahya. In total, the university is serving 46.482 students, 13.978 of whom are associate degree students, 27.957 of whom are bachelors degree students, and 4.547 of whom are graduate degree students. In addition to this, by developing quickly in a short time, today DPU takes place in the first ten percent of Academic Ranking of World Universities. It has dynamic academic staff that was educated in the prestigious universities of our country and world. With its architecture and design, it has one of the richest and most beautiful campuses of Turkey.

Being one of the most leading universities of the region, DPU plays an active role in both for the future of education and Kutahya. DPU's main policy in international relationships is sharing knowledge, gaining new scientific perspectives and revealing the potentials and strengths through collaborations and agreements with universities, research centers and other providers from EU countries and non – EU countries. Within this context, DPU entered into the process of Bologna in order to improve the quality of education and to reach standardization at the same level with the higher education institutions in countries where Erasmus Program is applicable. To put into practise the process of Bologna many regulations have been made and credit system has been turned into ECTS to make easier the adaptation of students both incoming and outgoing and as a conclusion of this revolution. It will also pave the way for the automatic mutual recognition of diplomas and learning periods abroad. DPU was awarded with DIPLOMA SUPPLEMENT LABEL (DS Label) in 2013 by European Commission. In addition to this label, DPU become entitled to receive ERASMUS CHARTER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION 2014-2020 and ERASMUS EXTENDED UNIVERSITY CHARTER 2007-2013. Having these labels and charter indicates that DPU has been carrying on studies in a determined way to reach perfection and sharing of knowledge in international level.

Being aware of the significance of ECHE, DPU's internalization strategy will encourage mobility activities of staff and students. DPU's integrated institutional internationalization policy which gives importance to its international partners. Furthermore, DPU gives high importance to international agreements since it is considered as cooperation with EU and non-EU countries means to world-wide internalization. For that reason, DPU is open to new cooperations with different countries. DPU would like to make its students and staff to research and be active and competitive in international area. DPU welcomes more than 2000 international students which makes its campus international. Moreover, DPU promotes the sustainable partnerships with 30 Memorandum of Understanding and more than 100 international agreements. DPU also gives priority to EU modernization which serves to European Educational Area. Europeanization policies including scientific and academic

objectives will lead our institution to be one of the European Universities via European Student Card which is a symbol of European identity. All of our students', who participated Erasmus Programme, qualifications they received abroad will be recognised across the Europe. With the use of digital skills and components students need in the 21st century, DPU serves as modernising its institution and fostering social and emotional learning through technology. With applications for both KA103 and KA107 projects DPU would like to increase student and staff mobilities in both incoming and outgoing flows. While doing this, DPU gives importance to the quality of mobilities and to which degree the mobility will contribute sending and receiving institution. To increase awareness among the staff and students about the importance of international exchange programs which is also one of the crucial aims of International Office, organizes conferences and international promotional activities to encourage staff and students to take advantage of these programs. To increase the mobility numbers, DPU has also aimed to get full accreditation in international background by international accrediting bodies. To get full accreditation, the curriculum of lectures given has been reorganized for the integration of courses given in European level. DPU has a quite good strategy in order to promote foreign language instruction. The staff can also take support from the School of Foreign Languages to keep their potential of foreign language skills alive to reach the level of preparedness to any mobility. Incoming students are also taught Turkish in the school of foreign language so that they will be able to speak survival Turkish and will have chance to learn some traditions and customs about our culture which will also minimize the first cultural shock and ease the adaptation period.

DPU fosters collaboration, innovation and entrepreneurship with national and international partners. As mission of DPU would like to train individuals with professional competencies under the responsibility of scientific research and community service. As for the vision, DPU would like to educate individuals who have professional knowledge and skills preferred in their fields required in 21st century. With its vision of being an entrepreneurial and innovative university preferred at national and international level, it is one of the priorities in internationalization strategy to increase and develop international collaborations. This strategy aims to establish cultural and scientific partnerships with institutions from different geographies.

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