



ERZURUM TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT

Erzurum Technical University has been established on July 21, 2010 as the second government university of Erzurum city and sixth technical university of Turkey. Coinciding well with the quality in all aspects, modernity, international standards are core values of our institution. As stated in Strategic Plan of Erzurum Technical University for the term of 2014-2018; the vision of Erzurum Technical University is to be a WORLD UNIVERSITY which;

- is always in communication with the society and produces scientific solutions to the public problems;
- contributes to the widening of knowledge and artistic productions to all levels of society embracing them all;
- *Life Long Learning* as the guiding principle;
- is known by the quality of higher education and scientific research specialties.

The third target of the Strategic Plan is *to create higher education system that satisfies the provisions of international standards*; which is directly linked to the mission of the university as *to graduate students who have the educational and behavioral skills required by national and international employments*. Within this perspective, creating international cooperations with world-wide higher education institutions is of primary importance and promoted. Turkey is a candidate country for European Union and signatory for Bologna Process to create European Higher Education Area. Hence, realizing international cooperations with the higher education institutions of EU member states is one of the main issues of our international policy as the responsibility of our country through the above mentioned formalities. Cooperational projects, mobility activities, double/multiple/joint degree programmes realized primarily with European higher educational institutions are to tremendously contribute to our internationalization. All international agreements are to satisfy the requirements of our Inter-institutional Academic Agreement Policy which bases on provision of mutual benefits, clearness, transparency and visibility.

By this way, it is aimed to improve the foreign language competence levels of all participants (Turkish for the incoming ones and mainly English for outgoing students and staff); it is aimed to create awareness of multiculturalism and to contribute to declining all kinds of racism; it is aimed to produce scientific knowledge as a product of cooperation projects; it is aimed to create voluntary ambassadors for international public relations; it is aimed to contribute sustainable development and promotion of Erzurum city and around.

Our institution is open to make agreements and cooperations with world-wide higher education institutions. Our distinguished academic staff initially defines and requires the



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partnerships with the specified institutions through the Inter-institutional Academic Agreement policy of our university. The basic parameters of partner selection are to be the previous assessments and experiences of our academic staff, higher education quality of the institution, and areas of interest and specialization topics of the institution, on-going and finalized projects of research, and some measures of various world ranking listing parameters like academic peer reviews. Participation in development of double/multiple/joint degree programmes is planned by the departments and realized in accordance with the Inter- institutional Academic Agreement policy of our university.

Turkey is a candidate country for European Union; therefore the primary partners are intended to be from 33 Erasmus participating countries. Erzurum is located on the east zone of Turkey and has relationships with Caucasus and Central Asian countries which are designated to be partner countries as well. Besides, our institution is open to all possibilities to create partnerships with Erasmus eligible countries.

Our institution aims to make a good start on the internationalization by joining Erasmus+ family. The most important objective of mobility programme participation is to create an international higher education environment at home and to contribute as much as possible to the internationalization of the partner institutions. Because Erzurum Technical University was just established in 2010; it is designated to give special attention to both academic and non-academic staff mobility actions in order to create an internationalism culture at the beginning. This will make things easier for the upcoming years for all kinds of international studies; especially student mobility for credit and traineeships. Student mobility activities are encouraged to be *“a part of the higher education”* for all of our students.

Erzurum Technical University;

- promotes and supports participation in mobility and cooperation projects
- provides help, preparation support and guidance for incoming and outgoing participants via International Cooperations Office and Erasmus Coordinatorship.
- applies fair, accessible and transparent selection for outgoing participants
- develops curriculums in accordance with ECTS
- provides full recognition of all mobility activities via learning outcomes