

Erasmus Policy Statement / Alberta College

Internationalization is defined to be one of the strategic profiles at Alberta College and it is mentioned also in Development Plan for Alberta College.

Our target is to internationalize our students and staff members as well as have intensive project cooperation with our partner institutions.

Alberta College aims to enable its students to compete successfully in international employment market.

Alberta College has a number of well-established Erasmus and other cooperation agreements. Our strategy isn't mainly to increase the quantity of the agreements but to improve the quality of the cooperation. When considering new agreement, their curricula are compared, the fields of study and number of courses provided in English are compared. It is an advantage if the same higher education institution can create and offer new possibilities and options for internationalization, not only for mobility activities but also project cooperation or joint e-learning, as e-learning is important part of Alberta College study process. It is evaluated whether the agreement will benefit both parties.

Objective of the Alberta College is committed to offer male and female students and staff, as well as disabled students and staff, equal opportunities to participate in Erasmus activities. Our aim is to either remove or at least decrease the obstacles which may prevent students and staff members from participating in mobility activities. Students are equally encouraged to participate either in studies or training abroad whichever suits better for students CV and his/her own ambitions.

Plans of Alberta College for further Erasmus mobility development by our main target groups:

1. Increasing the number of outgoing and incoming exchange students. Participating in student exchange broadens students' horizons, gives added value to studies at their home higher education institution, and prepares them for competition on the global labour market. We are planning to increase number of mobility for 10% each year.
2. Developing teaching staff mobility. The College values work experience at partner institutions and has the obligation of facilitating the mobility of its lecturers in every way. It is also essential to increase the engagement of international lecturers since it will contribute to the quality of studies, will give the opportunity to offer studies in fields where local competence is lower, increase the number of subjects taught in English, and provide local students with much needed international experience. We are planning to increase number of mobility for 10% each year.
3. Developing joint projects and joint courses. As we already had good experience with KA107 with our Kazakhstan partners, we are going for new projects during this Charter period.

Internationalisation is an important part of further development of Alberta College, and Erasmus programme is a main promoter of it. It is important for us that our

students and lecturers extend their minds to acquiring both personal and professional experience. The Erasmus programme is the main mover of the international dimension and is a major milestone for the College to achieve this goal. Extending the Erasmus Charter to Alberta College would mean new opportunities, as well as the possibility of continuing on-going cooperation. Further participation in the Erasmus programme will provide Alberta College with further international experience and opportunity to pursue its objectives, linked to international cooperation, which is also covered by the College's Development Plan.

We undertake following targets for the next Charter period:

1. Increasing the number of mobility for both academic personal and students. Increase number of mobility per 10% each year, without reducing the quality criteria.
2. To implement at least one joint research with our partner (with students participation)
3. Invite at least 3 guest lecturers per year
4. To organise at least one online guest lecture in the semester
5. To open negotiations and implement at least one cooperation project.
6. Promote the use of Erasmus Student Initiative and Erasmus + app., in line with the deadlines set.