

ONDOKUZ MAYIS UNIVERSITY
ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT
2020

As accepted by the University Senate on 09.01.2019 and Resolution No: 2019/3, “The Internationalisation Strategy of Ondokuz Mayıs University” is given below:

Ondokuz Mayıs University (OMU), in order to become an institution with a high international recognition in the fields of both education and research and to train individuals who are highly competitive at both national and international levels, adopts a policy which supports international connections, partnerships, projects, student and academic mobility, internationalised curriculum and research initiatives, on and off-campus international undergraduate and graduate joint programs and creates a multicultural and international campus environment for students and staff at the same time.

OMU aims to be an internationally recognised institution in both education and research fields and to cultivate individuals who are highly competitive in the fields of science, art and business at national / international level. In this context, the OMU Internationalisation Policy Document provides a framework for the management, support and development of internationalisation activities in the fields of education and research in OMU and the establishment of a multicultural and international campus.

AREA 1: EDUCATION AND MULTICULTURAL / INTERNATIONAL CAMPUS

In order to enhance the international and multicultural quality of the campus and education, OMU;

- a) supports student and staff exchange in study, teaching, training, research and development activities within the framework of bilateral cooperation agreements,
- b) develops joint academic study programs at undergraduate and post-graduate levels with qualified international universities,
- c) updates curricula to provide students / graduates with skills appropriate to the needs of international science and the business world. OMU promotes multicultural education and interdisciplinary programs,
- d) redesigns the curricula to increase its international recognition and comparability,
- e) encourages students to participate in qualified international training programs at home or abroad,
- f) conducts efforts to improve the capacity of academic staff to teach in a foreign language,
- g) ensures the employability of qualified staff at academic and administrative levels and encourages staff to provide / participate in training in order to gain the required qualifications,

h) supports programs and activities to increase the international experience of academic and administrative staff.

i) supports the intake of international undergraduate and graduate students,

j) supports the employment of international academic staff,

k) implements and carries out the necessary planning and activities to ensure the easy adaptation/integration of international students, researchers and academic staff to the campus life,

l) makes arrangements in providing the social, cultural, sportive and psychological needs of international students and

m) supports increasing the number of courses in a foreign language and to integrate them into the curriculum.

AREA 2: RESEARCH-DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

In order to increase international quality of the research area, OMU;

a) carries out activities to increase cooperation agreements with international companies and higher education institutions (HEIs),

b) supports the implementation of international joint projects for research and development activities with both HEIs and other international companies within the framework of the cooperation agreements,

c) encourages activities to enhance the international recognition of research projects in terms of outputs like publications, licenses and patents for the science and business world,

d) supports career opportunities abroad for young researchers,

e) ensures the arrangements and agreements required to obtain the necessary internal and external resources to increase the number and quality of international research and development activities and

f) to promote and support short or long term research activities of internationally qualified researchers in OMU.

AREA 3. UNIVERSITY-EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDER COOPERATION

In order to cater for the culture of University-External Stakeholder Cooperation, OMU;

a) implements agreements with national and international public institutions, private organisations and NGOs,

b) carries out activities to increase the number of agreements,

c) supports the activities carried out to increase the number of externally supported international projects and to strengthen their infrastructure and

d) supports training opportunities for students within the university or other enterprises or NGOs which the university collaborates by establishing cooperation with our external stakeholders.

As illustrated from our University Internationalisation Policy, the Erasmus Programme is the main core of our modernisation and internationalisation strategies. Mobility and cross-border cooperation are the central elements of these strategies. We believe that, in light of our Policy, our continued participation in the Erasmus Programme is essential for the visibility and sustainability of the modernisation and internationalisation of our university and will contribute to the goal of building a European Education Area.

The Programme will also enhance the implementation of our university strategy to:

- further develop seamless cross-border cooperation building new, strong and active international partnerships with a geographically broader range of countries to boost higher education performance,

- foster networking for Erasmus and other international projects,

- implement more academic degree programmes in English,

- implement more joint-degree and international virtual degree programmes,

- further support (financially and administratively), promote and provide “full recognition” to student (study and training) and staff (teaching and training) mobility activities at all levels (academic and administrative) and from all fields of study and training,

- pursue mobility focusing on social inclusion (encouraging mobility of individuals with fewer opportunities and those coming from disadvantaged backgrounds), equal opportunities and gender equality,

- further develop suitable supplementary support for inbound and outbound mobility staff and students with disabilities and from disadvantaged backgrounds; such as, providing top-up grants, appointing special counsellors and adapting suitable study environments,

- increase the number of degree and non-degree international and European students; hence, encouraging cultural diversity and integrating the culturally diverse migrant student population of our campus through different strategies, actions and activities,

- further develop our university non-discrimination policy,

- further promote measures that ensure the safety of outgoing and incoming mobile participants,

- develop an international and multi-cultural campus environment and as a result eliminate xenophobia,

- link our university education, research and business for excellence and regional development,
- further develop our multi relations with the City Council, Chamber of Commerce and Trade, the Governorship, governmental and non-governmental organisations and enterprises of the city and their international partners and further develop joint international projects,
- schedule internal monitoring of our European and international mobility and cooperation activities on a more regular basis and take into account the results of the monitoring; hence, further improving our international performance,
- provide visibility to the results achieved by our staff members engaged in individual mobility or in cooperation projects with strategic partners,
- further develop comprehensive curricula for students to acquire competences in digital skills such as coding or cyber security skills, media literacy and entrepreneurship skills,
- further implement more opportunities for learning more than one different foreign language from among a broader variety of foreign languages,
- further develop inter-disciplinary programmes combining science and technology with arts,
- further promote lifelong learning: offering our staff, graduates and adult citizens ways for re-skilling and up-skilling,
- further promote civic engagement and active citizenship of students and staff, via ESN Samsun, Erasmus Social Projects and other Erasmus Alumni Communities our university has,
- further promote blended mobility,
- enhance international recognition of our University,
- pursue our university policy towards the development of integrated, transnational teaching activities (joint courses / modules / curricula, double / multiple / joint degrees) and to improve their funding,
- further develop innovation and digital technologies in education (digitisation, automation and artificial intelligence),
- aid in equipping graduates with the knowledge, additional skills and core transferable competences they need to succeed in high-skill occupations,
- further develop the work skills of academic and administrative staff,
- add value and quality to our university programmes and student / staff experience,
- further implement and promote environmentally-friendly practices for carrying out all activities of the Erasmus Programme; such as, Erasmus Without Paper,
- implement and promote digital mobility management tools, such as, the European Student Card Initiative, Erasmus+ mobile App, EGRACONS, EMREX, etc.

- encourage creativity in art (music and fine arts) and the exchange of creative works and
- to encourage creative minds to develop new ideas and entrepreneurial initiatives and projects.

<http://erasmus.omu.edu.tr/en> (University Erasmus website / Erasmus Policy Statement / University Internationalisation Policy link-English)

<http://erasmus.omu.edu.tr/tr> (University Erasmus website / Erasmus Policy Statement link-Turkish)

<https://kms.kaysis.gov.tr/Home/Kurum/78633602> (University Internationalisation Policy link-Turkish)