



Erasmus+ Programme

Key Action 1 – Mobility for learners and staff – Higher Education Student and Staff Mobility

Inter-institutional agreement 2014/15-2020/21 between programme countries

Minimum requirements

The institutions named below agree to cooperate for the exchange of students and/or staff in the context of the Erasmus+ programme. They commit to respect the quality requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education in all aspects related to the organisation and management of the mobility, in particular the recognition of the credits awarded to students by the partner institution.

A. Information about higher education institutions

Name of the institution (and department, where relevant)	Erasmus code	Contact details (email, phone)	Website (eg. of the course catalogue)
Latvia University of Agriculture – Latvijas Lauksaimniecības Universitāte	LV JELGAVA01	Zinaida Jurševska International Department, Latvia University of Agriculture Lielā iela 2, Jelgava LV 3001, Latvia Phone: +371 360 05698; fax: +371 630 27238; e-mail: zinaida.jursevska@llu.lv	General website: www.llu.lv Erasmus website: http://eng.llu.lv/erasmus
Latvijas Lauksaimniecības universitāte (Latvia University of Agriculture)	LV JELGAVA01	Departmental coordinator: Dr. Kaspars Kampuss kaspars.kampuss@llu.lv	http://eng.llu.lv/?ri=4545
Latvijas Lauksaimniecības universitāte (Latvia University of Agriculture)	LV JELGAVA01	Departmental coordinator: Vineta Tetere vineta.tetere@llu.lv	http://eng.llu.lv/?ri=4551
Uniwersytet Mikołaja Kopernika w Toruniu (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń)	PL TORUN01	International Programmes Office, Nicolaus Copernicus University, ul. Gagarina 11, 87-100 Toruń, Poland; tel/fax. +48 56 6114929, tel. 611 -4928, -2246 Ewa Derkowska-Rybicka (ewader@umk.pl) – Erasmus Institutional Coordinator (STA , STT) Małgorzata Grudzińska	ERASMUS incoming information: http://www.umk.pl/en/cooperation/erasmus/ Lecture catalogue: http://www.umk.pl/en/cooperation/erasmus/students/study/

		(incoming@erasmus.umk.pl) - incoming students; placements Marta Wiśniewska (mawi@umk.pl), Marta Błaszczuk (martasio@umk.pl) - outgoing students; placements	Semester dates: http://www.umk.pl/en/cooperation/guide/calendar/
		Collegium Medicum in Bydgoszcz (medical sciences): International Programmes Department ul. M. Curie Skłodowskiej 9, 85-067 Bydgoszcz tel. (52) 585-36-91 Paulina Gyrkow e-mail: erasmus@cm.umk.pl	http://www.cm.umk.pl/en/
Faculty of Earth Sciences	PL TORUN01	<i>Faculty coordinator:</i> Dr Przemysław Charzyński pecha@umk.pl	https://sites.google.com/site/charzynskiprzymyslaw/
Faculty of Humanities	PL TORUN01	<i>Faculty coordinator:</i> Prof. Zbigniew Nerczuk Faculty of Humanities Erasmus Co-ordinator Fosa Staromiejska 1a 87-100 Toruń Poland Tel. (+48) 56 611 36 23 Fax. (+ 48) 56-611-36-32	http://www.umk.pl/en/cooperation/erasmus/

B. Mobility numbers per academic year

The partners commit to amend the table below in case of changes in the mobility data by no later than the end of January in the preceding academic year.

Student Mobility (SMS)

FROM [Erasmus code of the sending institution]	TO [Erasmus code of the receiving institution]	Subject area code [ISCED]	Subject area name	Study cycle [short cycle, 1 st , 2 nd or 3 rd]	Number of student mobility periods Student Mobility for Studies [Total number of months of the study periods or average duration]
LV JELGAVA01	PL TORUN01	081	Soil and Water Sciences	1 st ; 2 nd ; 3 rd	2 x 5 = 10
		0314	Sociology and cultural studies	1 st ; 2 nd ; 3 rd	2 x 5 = 10
PL TORUN01	LV JELGAVA01	081	Soil and Water Sciences	1 st ; 2 nd ; 3 rd	2 x 5 = 10
		0314	Sociology and cultural studies	1 st ; 2 nd ; 3 rd	2 x 5 = 10

[*Optional: subject area code & name and study cycle are optional. Inter-institutional agreements are not compulsory for Student Mobility for Traineeships or Staff Mobility for Training. Institutions may agree to cooperate on the organisation of traineeship; in this case they should indicate the number of students that they intend to send to the partner country. Total duration in months/days of the student/staff mobility periods or average duration can be indicated if relevant.]

Staff Mobility (STA and STT)

FROM [Erasmus code of the sending institution]	TO [Erasmus code of the receiving institution]	Subject area code * [ISCED]	Subject area name *	Number of staff mobility periods	
				Staff Mobility for Teaching [total number of days of teaching periods or average duration *]	Staff Mobility for Training *
LV JELGAVA01	PL TORUN01	081	Soil and Water Sciences	2 staff * 5 days	1 staff * 5 days
		0314	Sociology and cultural studies	2 staff * 5 days	1 staff * 5 days
PL TORUN01	LV JELGAVA01	081	Soil and Water Sciences	2 staff * 5 days	1 staff * 5 days
		0314	Sociology and cultural studies	2 staff * 5 days	1 staff * 5 days

C. Recommended language skills

The sending institution, following agreement with the receiving institution, is responsible for providing support to its nominated candidates so that they can have the recommended language skills at the start of the study or teaching period:

Receiving Institution [Erasmus code]	Optional: Subject area	Language of instruction 1	Language of instruction 2	Recommended language of instruction level ¹	
				Student Mobility for Studies [Minimum recommended level: B1]	Staff Mobility for Teaching [Minimum recommended level: B2]
LV JELGAVA01		Latvian	English	-	B2
PL TORUN01		Polish	English	-	B2

For more details on the language of instruction recommendations, see the course catalogue of each institution [Links provided on the first page].

Students applying for an Erasmus at NCU should meet the following language requirements: B2 of English (both in writing and speaking). Moreover, respective faculties esp. language departments may

¹For an easier and consistent understanding of language requirements, use of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) is recommended, see <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/european-language-levels-cefr>

have higher requirements. Students should present a language certificate proving their language competences.

D. Additional requirements

LV JELGAVA01

The list of Erasmus coordinators at NCU is available at

<http://eng.llu.lv/?mi=535>

For the implementation of **STA/STT**-mobilities, – incoming staff is required to get confirmation of invitation by an NCU contact person from the respective faculty in reasonable advance in order to prepare a satisfactory programme of teaching/training.

PL TORUN01:

The list of Erasmus coordinators at NCU is available at
<http://www.umk.pl/en/cooperation/erasmus/coordinators/>

Erasmus students who wish to follow courses at more than one faculty at NCU need to obtain the approval of a coordinator/dean of a respective/particular faculty.

- Erasmus students interested in writing a final BA-/MA-/PhD-thesis at NCU should ask a respective coordinator to get an approval to do so. Final theses need to be graded by the home institution/not by NCU.
- Nicolaus Copernicus University attempts at facilitating the Erasmus exchange students with disabilities or permanent illnesses. Our International Programmes Office, in cooperation with the Section for Students with Disabilities, tries to meet your special needs.

More details and steps to follow available at:

<http://www.umk.pl/en/cooperation/erasmus/students/disabled/>

Contact:

International Programmes Office in Toruń, +48 56 6114928 incoming@erasmus.umk.pl

International Programmes Department in Bydgoszcz, +48 52 5853691 erasmus@cm.umk.pl

Additional information on medical care at NCU in Toruń is available at

<http://www.umk.pl/en/cooperation/guide/issues/#A2/>

Health and safety issues are a very important matter at our university, therefore, during the Orientation Weeks we offer Erasmus students a special pack concerning Emergency Issues. We also provide students with a psychological help during their Erasmus stay in Toruń.

Contact:

an English speaking psychologist counselling@erasmus.umk.pl

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E. Calendar

1. Information on nominated students and their applications must reach the receiving institution by:

Receiving institution	Autumn term*	Spring term*
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[Erasmus code]	[month]	[month]
LV JELGAVA01	June, 1st	November, 1st
PL TORUN01	June, 1st	November, 1st

[* to be adapted in case of a trimester system]

LV JELGAVA01:

Partner institutions should send their nominations by email (pls. give student's first and family name, e-mail, area of studies and semester of Erasmus scholarship). Students should apply according to the procedure given on: <http://eng.llu.lv/?m=638>

The receiving institution will send its decision within 6 weeks.

PL TORUN01:

Partner institutions should send their nominations by email (pls. give student's first and family name, e-mail, area of studies and semester of Erasmus scholarship). Students should apply according to the procedure given on <http://www.umk.pl/en/cooperation/erasmus/students/application>

The online application should be submitted by the students by the **1st of June** or **1st of November**.

2. The receiving institution will send its decision within 6 weeks.

Transcript of Records

A Transcript of Records will be issued by the receiving institution no later than 5 weeks after the assessment period has finished at the receiving HEI, given that the transcript form and all relevant course work documents have been submitted by the student.

Termination of the agreement

The inter-institutional agreement may be amended by mutual agreement. The inter-institutional agreement may be terminated by either party. In the event of unilateral termination, a notice of at least one academic year should be given. In the event of such notice being given, all existing commitments to staff or students will be fulfilled. Neither the European Commission nor the National Agencies can be held responsible in case of a conflict.

F. Information

1. Grading systems of the institutions

LV JELGAVA01: www.llu.lv – English version – Studies – Erasmus – Study guide – Teaching system and evaluation. The grading scale used by Latvia University of Agriculture is based on the 10 point scale:

Achievement level	Grade	Meaning		ECTS grade
very high	10	with distinction	Knowledge of the students is substantially higher than the estimated normal level	A
very high	9	excellent	Knowledge of the students is higher than the estimated normal level	A

high	8	very good	Knowledge corresponds to the highest expected level	B
high	7	good	The student has mastered the subject deeply and with understanding, is progressing within the expected limits, but makes minor mistakes	C
medium	6	almost good	The student has generally succeeded in the course within the required limits, but he or she is either merely reproducing the knowledge rather than actively using it, or making more substantial mistakes	D
medium	5	satisfactory	Awarded to students, who are progressing within the limits of their individual abilities, generally are not behind the appropriate age group, but make substantial mistakes and reproduce the facts rather than analyze them	E
medium	4	satisfactory	The very last positive grade. Awarded to students, who do their best but still make grave mistakes and just reproduce most of the relevant material	E/FX
low	3-1	unsatisfactory	Marks of different levels for students whose records are below the expected	Fail

PL TORUN01:

The Nicolaus Copernicus University follows the ECTS scheme, which means that ECTS credits are allocated to course units, lectures, practical works, etc. at each faculty. In ECTS, 60 credits represent one year of study (in terms of workload); normally 30 credits are given for six months (a term/semester).

The Polish grading system in higher education is based on the 5 to 2 scale, where 5 is the best mark and 2 is the worst.

Moreover, students can also be marked with additional signs of + and -. Each of them equals half a point: + means 0.5 more. Some courses, however, are not evaluated on such a marking scheme and for these a student may simply obtain *zal.* or *zaliczenie* (EN. 'pass') which means that their workload was satisfactory and they have passed the course.

Uniwersytet Mikołaja Kopernika w Toruniu	ECTS	
Grade	Grade	Predicate
5	A	Very Good
4,5	B	Better than good
4	C	Good
3,5	D	Better than satisfactory
3	E	Satisfactory
2	F	Unsatisfactory / Fail
Zal / Pass	Participation; i.e. the student has successfully and regularly attended the course.	

2. Visa

The sending and receiving institutions will provide assistance, when required, in securing visas for incoming and outbound mobile participants, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education.

Information and assistance can be provided by the following contact points and information sources:

Institution [Erasmus code]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
LV JELGAVA01	Ms. Zinaida Jurševska erasmus@llu.lv +371 63005698	http://eng.llu.lv/erasmus
PL TORUN01	incoming@erasmus.umk.pl Tel. Toruń campus (+48 56 611 4928) erasmus@cm.umk.pl Tel. Collegium Medicum in Bydgoszcz (+48 52 585 3691)	http://www.umk.pl/en/cooperation/guide/Issues/#A1 Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs www.msz.gov.pl/en/travel_to_poland/

3. Insurance

The sending and receiving institutions will provide assistance in obtaining insurance for incoming and outbound mobile participants, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education.

The receiving institution will inform mobile participants of cases in which insurance cover is not automatically provided. Information and assistance can be provided by the following contact points and information sources:

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LV JELGAVA01	Ms. Zinaida Jurševska erasmus@llu.lv +371 63005698	http://eng.llu.lv/erasmus
PL TORUN01	incoming@erasmus.umk.pl Tel. Toruń campus (+48 56 611 4928) erasmus@cm.umk.pl Tel. Collegium Medicum in Bydgoszcz (+48 52 585 3691)	http://www.umk.pl/en/cooperation/guide/Issues/#A2

4. Housing



The receiving institution will guide incoming mobile participants in finding accommodation, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education.

Information and assistance can be provided by the following persons and information sources:

Institution [Erasmus code]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
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LV JELGAVA01	Ms. Zinaida Jurševska erasmus@llu.lv +371 63005698	http://eng.llu.lv/erasmus
PL TORUN01	incoming@erasmus.umk.pl Tel. Toruń campus (+48 56 611 4928) erasmus@cm.umk.pl Tel. Collegium Medicum in Bydgoszcz (+48 52 585 3691)	http://www.umk.pl/en/cooperation/erasmus/students/application/#Accommodation http://www.umk.pl/en/cooperation/guide/accommodation/

G. SIGNATURES OF THE INSTITUTIONS. (legal representatives)

Institution [Erasmus code]	Name, function	Date	Signature ²
LV JELGAVA01	Prof. Irina Pilvere Rector		
PL TORUN01	Prorektor ds. kształcenia <i>prof. dr hab. Eżata Przyborowska</i>	09.12. 2014	



* At PL TORUN01 single-subject agreements are signed by the dean of the respected faculty, while multi-subject agreements by the Vice-rector for Education.

²Scanned signatures are accepted