



Erasmus+ Programme

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

Inter-institutional¹ agreement 2016-2021² between programme countries

[Minimum requirements]³

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 ⁴ (email, phone)	Website (eg. of the course catalogue)
Nicholas Copernicus University in Toruń Faculty of Economic Sciences and Management	PL TORUN01	International Programmes Office , Nicolaus Copernicus University, ul. Gagarina 11, 87-100 Toruń, Poland; tel/fax. +48 56 6114929, tel. 611 -4928, -2246, -4788	http://www.umk.pl/en/erasmus/students/ /

¹ Inter-institutional agreements can be signed by two or more higher education institutions

² Higher Education Institutions have to agree on the period of validity of this agreement

³ Clauses may be added to this template agreement to better reflect the nature of the institutional partnership.

⁴ Contact details to reach the senior officer in charge of this agreement and of its possible updates.

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<p>BALTIJAS STARPTAUTISKĀ AKADĒMIJA (Baltic International Academy)</p>	<p>LV RIGA28 PIC 948816365</p>	<p>Viktorija Petlak, Interinstitutional Mobility Center, ERASMUS programme coordinator -4 Lomonosova str., Riga, Latvia, LV 1003 00 371 67100603 viktorija.petlak@bsa.edu.lv</p>	<p>www.bsa.edu.lv</p>

B. Mobility numbers⁵ 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.

FROM	TO	Subject area	Subject area	Study cycle	Number of student
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⁵ Mobility numbers can be given per sending/receiving institutions and per education field (optional*:
<http://www.uis.unesco.org/Education/Pages/international-standard-classification-of-education.aspx>)

[Erasmus code of the sending institution]	[Erasmus code of the receiving institution]	code * [ISCED]	name *	[short cycle, 1 st , 2 nd or 3 rd]	mobility periods	
					Student Mobility for Studies	Student Mobility for Traineeships *
					[total number of months of the study periods or average duration*]	
PL TORUN01	LV RIGA28	041	Business and administration	1 st , 2 nd 3 rd	2x5=10	
		0412	Finances	1 st , 2 nd	2x5=10	
LV RIGA28	PL TORUN01	041	Business and administration	1 st , 2 nd 3 rd	2x5=10	
		0412	Finances	1 st , 2 nd	2x5=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.]*

FROM	TO	Subject area code * [ISCED]	Subject area name *	Number of staff mobility periods	
[Erasmus code of the sending institution]	[Erasmus code of the receiving institution]			Staff Mobility for Teaching	Staff Mobility for Training *
				[total number of days of teaching periods or average duration*]	
PL TORUN01	LV RIGA28		All mentioned in B. block	5 days	5 days

			for students		
LV RIGA28	PL TORUN01		All mentioned in B. block for students	5 days	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 ⁶	
				Student Mobility for Studies [Minimum recommended level: B1]	Staff Mobility for Teaching [Minimum recommended level: B2]
PLTORUN01	Business & Administration	Polish *	English	B2	B2
LV RIGA28		Latvian	Russian English	B1	B2

* The language of instruction at the Nicolaus Copernicus University is Polish. Nevertheless, international students who wish to pursue studies within ERASMUS+ programme may find a number of modules in English. The list of courses in English: <http://www.econ.umk.pl/S32.program.html?lang=2>
Students applying for an Erasmus at NCU should meet the following language requirements: B2 of English (both in writing and speaking). Students should present a language certificate proving their language competences. We accept official proficiency language certificates or "internal" University proficiency tests (certified by a Language Teacher at the Sending Institution - you can download Language proficiency form from here http://www.umk.pl/en/erasmus/downloads/Lq_requirements_Erasmus_plus.pdf). Important! Confirmations by private teachers are not valid.

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

D. Additional requirements

ISMAI welcomes students and staff with disabilities, together with their helpers and carers.

⁶ For 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>

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/erasmus/students/applying/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/erasmus/life/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

- 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.

E. Calendar

1. Applications/information on nominated students must reach the receiving institution by:

Receiving institution [Erasmus code]	Autumn term* [month]	Spring term* [month]
PLTORUN01	June, 1st	November, 1st
LV RIGA28	15 th April	15 th November

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

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/erasmus/students/applying/application>

2. The receiving institution will send its decision within 1 week.
3. A Transcript of Records will be issued by the receiving institution no later than 4 weeks after the assessment period has finished at the receiving HEI.
4. Termination of the agreement

The above mentioned parties agree to cooperate in the following activities under the terms and conditions of the Erasmus+ Programme. Both parties agree to abide by the principles and conditions set out in the Erasmus+ Guidelines for Applicants and – if the application is successful – the financial agreement, and will work according to the principles of the Erasmus University Charter. Both parties undertake to abide by the bilaterally agreed terms of this co-operation agreement and will endeavour to carry out the agreement to the best of their abilities. Cancellation of the agreement, additional activities and changes in mobility data can be made annually, if communicated before January 1st.

F. Information

1. Grading systems of the institutions

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.	

LV RIGA28 <http://bsa.edu.lv/lang/eng/erasmus.html>

ECTS Grade	Latvian Grade	Definition	
A	10	EXCELLENT	outstanding performance with only minor errors
B	9	VERY GOOD	above the average standard but with some errors
C	8	GOOD	generally sound work with a number of notable errors
D	6, 7	SATISFACTORY	fair but with significant shortcomings
E	5	SUFFICIENT	performance meets the minimum criteria
FX	4	FAIL	some more work required before the credit can be awarded
F	1 + 3	FAIL	considerable further work is required

ECTS credits:

one semester
30 ECTS credits

one full academic year
60 ECTS credits

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
PL TORUN01	incoming@erasmus.umk.pl Tel. +48 56 611 4928	http://www.umk.pl/en/erasmus/life/guide/issues/#A1 Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs www.msz.gov.pl/en/travel_to_poland/

LV RIGA 28	visa@bsa.edu.lv +371 67100610	http://www.pmlp.gov.lv/en/pakalpojumi/uzt-uresanas.html
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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:

Institution [Erasmus code]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
PL TORUN01	incoming@erasmus.umk.pl Tel. +48 56 611 4928	http://www.umk.pl/en/erasmus/life/guide/issues/#A2
LV RIGA 28	Free Information line: +371 80001234 Fax: +371 67043701 E-mail: nvd@vmnvd.gov.lv	www.vmnvd.gov.lv

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
PL TORUN01	incoming@erasmus.umk.pl Tel. +48 56 611 4928	http://www.umk.pl/en/erasmus/life/guide/accommodation/
LV RIGA 28	LV RIGA 28 does not have onsite accommodation facilities. Erasmus Office is pleased to support with information about accommodation in Riga. Erasmus Office erasmus@bsa.edu.lv	https://www.facebook.com/groups/227044737325637/ http://bsa.edu.lv/lang/eng/erasmus.html

G. SIGNATURES OF THE INSTITUTIONS (legal representatives)

Institution [Erasmus code]	Name, function	Date	Signature ⁷
PL TORUN01	dr hab. Jerzy Boehlke, prof UMK Dean for Research and Foreign Cooperation	31.05.2016	
LV RIGA 28	S.Buka Member of the Board	20.05.2016	



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Dr hab. Jerzy Boehlke, prof. UMK

⁷ Scanned signatures are accepted

