

Erasmus+ Programme

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

Inter-institutional¹ agreement 2016/17-2020/21 between programme countries

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 ² (email, phone)	Website (eg. of the course catalogue)
Vilnius Academy of Arts	LT VILNIUS03	Head of the international relations office: Ieva Skauronė ieva.skaurone@vda.lt +370 5 2105 463 Address: Maironio g. 6, LT-01124 Vilnius, Lithuania	www.vda.lt/en http://www.vda.lt/lt/tarptautiniai-ryusiai/course-catalogue
Uniwersytet Mikołaja Kopernika w Toruniu (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń)	PL TORUN01	International Office, Nicolaus Copernicus University ul. Gagarina 11, 87-100 Toruń, Poland; tel/fax. +48 56 6114929, tel. 611 -4928, -2246, -4788 Karolina Chojnacka (kdabrowska@umk.pl) Head of International Office	ERASMUS incoming information: http://www.umk.pl/en/erasmus/ Lecture catalogue: http://www.umk.pl/en/erasmus/courses/ Semester dates: http://www.umk.pl/en/erasmus/downloads/

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

² Contact details to reach the senior officer in charge of this agreement and of its possible updates.

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B. Mobility numbers³ 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 [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*]
LT VILNIUS03	PL TORUN01	03	Art and Design	1, 2, 3	2 (2x5 months)
PL TORUN01	LT VILNIUS03	03	Art and Design	1, 2, 3	2 (2x5 months)

*[*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 [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*]
PL TORUN01	LT VILNIUS03	03	Art and Design	5
LT VILNIUS03	PL TORUN01	03	Art and Design	5

³ 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>)

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 ⁴	
				Student Mobility for Studies [Minimum recommended level: B1]	Staff Mobility for Teaching [Minimum recommended level: B2]
PL TORUN01	03	Polish	English	B2 English	B2 English
LT VILNIUS03	03	Lithuanian	English	B2 English	B2 English

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

PL TORUN01:

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

⁴ 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>

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]
PL TORUN01	1 June	1 November
LT VILNIUS03	15 May	15 November

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

2. The receiving institution will send its decision within 5 weeks.
3. 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. *[It should normally not exceed five weeks according to the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education guidelines]*
4. Termination of the agreement
This agreement will come into effect for the whole period of the ERASMUS+-Programme until 2020, unless one of the institutions informs the other in writing, six months before the start of the academic year, of their intention to withdraw.
The partners in the agreement will consult each other as often as necessary, at least once a year, in order to evaluate their cooperation. Any alteration to the present agreement of cooperation must be consented to by authorized bodies of both institutions.
Details of this agreement may be altered as a result of the experience acquired by both institutions and developments in their respective course programs.
Neither the European Commission nor the National Agencies can be held responsible in case of a conflict."]

PL TORUN01:

1. 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>
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.
3. 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.

4. 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

LT VILNIUS03

Excellent 10 (ECTS indicative grade: A)
 Very good 9 (B)
 Good 8 (B or C)
 Highly satisfactory 7 (C or D)
 Satisfactory 6 (D)
 Sufficient 5 (E)
 Insufficient 4 (F/FX)(fail)
 highly insufficient 3 (fail)
 poor 2 (fail)
 very poor 1 (fail)

When grading is marked only by passed, there was no numeric evaluation.

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	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
PL TORUN01	incoming@erasmus.umk.pl Tel. Toruń campus (+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/
LT VILNIUS03	Vygintas Orlovas International coordinator vygintas.orlovas@vda.lt +370 5 210 5463	http://www.migracija.lt/index.php?1015128441

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. Toruń campus (+48 56 611 4928)	http://www.umk.pl/en/erasmus/life/guide/issues/#A2
LT VILNIUS03	Vygintas Orlovas International coordinator vygintas.orlovas@vda.lt +370 5 210 5463	Please contact the coordinator

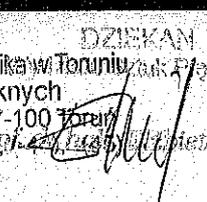
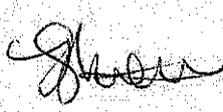
4. Housing

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. Toruń campus (+48 56 611 4928)	http://www.umk.pl/en/erasmus/life/guide/accommodation/
LT VILNIUS03	Vygintas Orlovas International coordinator vygintas.orlovas@vda.lt +370 5 210 5463	Please contact the coordinator

G. SIGNATURES OF THE INSTITUTIONS (legal representatives)

Institution [Erasmus code]	Name, function	Date	Signature ⁵
	Uniwersytet Mikołaja Kopernika w Toruniu Wydział Sztuk Pięknych ul. Sienkiewicza 120/128 87-100 Toruń tel. 56 611 3800(-01), (-0 561 44 111) 44 111 (2105)	2018 12 17	DZIEKAN Zak. Pięknych 
LT VILNIUS03	Ieva Skauronė Head of the international relations office	2018 12 17	

⁵ Scanned signatures are accepted