

BATMAN UNIVERSITY
ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT

Batman University (BTU) aims to become a qualified research institution which contributes to scientific developments in the region, country and world. The international strategy of the university is to promote partnership with international universities, funding bodies and other private and public organisations, to train its students/staff and to develop its programmes in compatible with international standards, to support and contribute to cooperative education, to support all student and staff mobilities, to allocate funds for international activities, to promote international scientific research and publications, to develop mutual projects and to encourage memberships to higher education institutions. The European strategy of the university is to provide students with a European experience and to facilitate their integration into Europe, to build close relations and communication links with European enterprises, institutions and associations, to support all kinds of mobilities and projects under European programmes.

a) We select our partners out of the associated institutions irrespective of the geographical area they are situated in. The academic staff of the university make contact with potential partners which could be collaborated and contribute to the development of students socially and academically. They pay attention to the quality of education, research environment, teaching staff, the compatibility of the courses with those taught at home institution and social events.

b) Geographical and linguistic coverage is taken into account when selecting partner institutions. BTU has not defined any geographical priorities for partnerships.

c) The most important objectives of the mobilities are to orient with the Bologna process and internalization, to achieve a significant increase in student and staff mobility between European Higher Education Institutions, to promote broad and lasting inter-institutional cooperation, to contribute to the economic and social development of Europe through the creation of a significant number of higher education graduates with direct experience of European cooperation and to increase the rate of foreign language proficiency in the country.

With regard to these objectives, the university puts emphasis on achieving the highest quality in mobilities and raising the number of incoming foreign students. Details are provided on: recognition and credit systems, the provision of information on curricula, information and counselling of outgoing students, tutoring and integration of incoming

students, provision of student services (in particular accommodation), preparatory and refresher language courses, support and acknowledgement of staff mobility. For student and staff mobilities, the institutional aims are welcoming the most able students, teachers, and researchers from across the world and celebrating diversity in culture and perspective by eliminating prejudices, enabling students and staff to engage international cultures to further their personal and professional development, educating students to become informed and responsible citizens and supporting them as alumni to make leading contributions internationally. For students of first cycle, the university primarily promotes traineeships in order to give them the opportunity to increase their vocational skills, knowledge and experience by practising.

BTU aims to get in touch with business world to establish partnerships. This will provide opportunities for graduates to find jobs more easily. Work/study programmes are designed through beneficiaries' personal needs and our institutions priorities such as perfection in vocational training directed to the demands of the regional small and medium size Enterprises. On the other hand, relationships with partners are viewed as long-term relationships and supported not only with mobility placements but also by partnerships in other EU funded projects. Besides, to develop double/multiple/joint degrees, our institution negotiates with other universities who are accomplished in this area and strives to correct its deficiencies from this kind of cooperations and participate in joint degrees. It is already at the preparation stage and has come a long way to reach this aim.