



University of Social Sciences and Humanities

Erasmus Policy Statement

I. Internationalisation of studies at three levels: student mobility, academic staff mobility and administrative staff mobility is one of the elements of the development strategy of the SWPS. In 2012, SWPS carried out substantial curricular reforms and re-structured all degree programmes, according to the principles of the Bologna process and national legislation on higher education.

In the framework of the Programme, SWPS strives to improve the curriculum development further, in terms of structures, systems and content, in cooperation with its EU and non-EU partners. Developing innovative and flexible learning environments is a particular area of interest for project collaboration, with the aim of enabling different groups of learners to proceed in their studies in an adaptable manner.

SWPS seeks partner institutions of higher education in the area of the European Union. Selecting a partner is based on the following criteria:

- * the institution holds the valid Erasmus Charter for Higher Education 2014-2020,
- * the institution runs courses similar to courses run in the SWPS,
- * courses are run in modern languages, in particular in English.

Outside of the European Union, the SWPS is seeking partners according to the following criteria:

- * the institution is a legally established Higher Education Institution accredited by the relevant authorities,
- * the institution runs courses similar or complementary to courses run in the SWPS,
- * courses are run in modern languages, in particular in English.

Establishing relations with partner institutions is also effected through personal contacts of the members of academic staff who, thanks to their openness and mobility, expand the existing agreements to explore new areas of cooperation.

The main objective of the SWPS is to increase the number of outgoing students and to create a good offer for incoming students.

The SWPS applies the equal opportunities policy towards all Erasmus participants and facilitates integration of incoming students and academic community in Warsaw. The SWPS charges no extra fees for taking part in the Programme.

II. The SWPS shall integrate the programme of students, faculty and staff exchange according to the principles of the Erasmus Programme, the Bologna Process and relevant national legislation to ensure the highest quality of international academic mobility. In particular:

- * Ensuring transparent selection criteria
- * Ensuring transparency in curriculum information and recognition (including applying the ECTS as the credit and transfer system)
- * Ensuring recognition and inclusion of the realized academic programme into the students' curriculum (according to the Learning Agreement)
- * Providing incoming students with academic transcripts containing full information on the activities completed at SWPS
- * Ensuring full recognition of teaching activities abroad as part of the academic career
- * Ensuring full recognition of training abroad as part of the staff development programme

III. Mobility of students and academic staff contributes to raising the quality of education. Thanks to taking part in international programmes, the SWPS not only strengthens the existing quality control mechanisms but it also improves and changes them adjusting the education process to the highest international standards.

As according to the MODERNISATION AGENDA participation in the Programme would allow SWPS to attract more students and therefore increase the number of university graduates. A graduate, who is also an Erasmus Programme participant, is expected to be well-prepared to work in international environment, with people of various cultural and social backgrounds.

Furthermore, running classes by teachers and business professionals from other countries and the possibility to study in an international environment improves the students' professional, social and intercultural competencies. Participating in international programmes enhances the SWPS's prestige, attracts good students and active academic staff. Mobility of administrative staff, attending international training events is an opportunity to exchange experiences and knowledge about good practices.

In addition, the opportunities offered by the programme strengthen the research potential of SWPS faculty through facilitating knowledge and methodology exchange as well as the applicability of research results in modern and innovative business practices.

SWPS strives to apply the best practices in governance and financial management, reinforced by the programme through enabling exchange of good practices and cooperation with businesses and other European academic and research institutions.