

## Middlesex University's Erasmus Policy Statement (2014-2020)

Middlesex has been developing its network of European partners since its first European joint degree with universities in France and Germany in 1971. Middlesex currently holds 100 ERASMUS agreements for staff and student mobility. This includes at least one partner in every ERASMUS participating country. The University also has 30 student exchange agreements with partners across the world, including partners in Australia, China, India, South Korea, USA and others. Additionally, a growing number of new partnerships match our programme requirements, meet our quality criteria, and provide a range of destinations to meet our students' ambitions and recognise the global character of modern higher education.

The majority of student mobility at Middlesex is undertaken as undergraduate study or work placement. Outward first cycle student mobility is an option in the second year of three year programmes or the third year of four year programmes. While a period abroad is a compulsory element of some of our programmes such as Business with Spanish or Mandarin or European Nursing mobility is also available in some other programmes.

The University aims to maximise our students' options for studying and working abroad and hence ensure we continue to build our first cycle student mobility numbers. The importance given to helping our students to fully develop their employability skills means that the University expects to see an increase in the number of students taking up work placements abroad in particular.

The University's focus on developing internationally recognised research is also expected to lead to a growth in the numbers of students studying abroad at second and third cycles over the next period. In particular, all doctoral students are made aware of the possibility of conducting a period of their research at one of our partner universities and the University will see this as a priority in the future to enhance the international character of our research training.

ERASMUS staff mobility is encouraged in all the University Schools. Visits are prioritised which directly support the student exchange programme, or contribute in other ways to enhancing the University's cooperation with its ERASMUS partners, or complement the University's strong commitment to



experiences and the extended personal and academic contacts, contribute to enhancing mutual understanding and quality in higher education across Europe.

As a regional leader in North London in developing the interface between higher education and business, social enterprise, research and community life, the University will encourage cross border knowledge exchange through educational, social and enterprise partnerships, including local, regional and cross border partners. Through such partnerships, the University will encourage and develop the engagement of local and regional stakeholders in its governance and advisory bodies, and seek to maximise effective use of funding from enterprise, national and trans national funding agencies for positive impact and the mutual benefit of the knowledge society within Europe.

*Middlesex University's Erasmus Charter for Higher Education 2014-2020 was awarded on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013*