

Erasmus Policy Statement and International Strategy

The Academy of Music in Krakow (AMK) conducts extensive activity within international dimension that leads to increase the efficiency and quality of education, research and Art in order to equip beneficiaries with the necessary knowledge and competence.

The Academy of Music in Krakow consists of three Faculties: Composition, Interpretation and Music Education; Instrumental; and Voice and Drama. We educate in classical, early, contemporary, electronic and jazz music.

We aim to provide to students and staff of our institution and our partner institutions – multifaceted development at the didactic, artistic and scientific level.

This attitude is confirmed by membership in two prestigious organizations of music universities: AEC - The European Association of Conservatoires and ABAM - Association of the Academy of Music of the Baltic Countries.

We support the implementation of the Bologna process postulates, including the use of diploma supplements, three-cycle studies and ECTS. With the European University Charter, we successfully implement our mission of internationalization and organize the mobility of students, educators and staff, as well as we carry out activities disseminating and promoting Erasmus + and Higher Education on a local and international forum.

With good infrastructure, excellent human resources and an indisputable reputation on the international stage, our institution signed over 100 cooperation agreements, but the main emphasis is put on the quality.

We analyze the possible results of bilateral cooperation, as well as dealing with the risks arising from it. The priority is a responsible selection of partner universities through curriculum analysis, professors' relations and previous experience with master courses and project organization. We select partners with whom we can work out balanced cooperation based on the interests of all parties, including extending mobility, exchange in the triangle: knowledge - education - development, and improving the quality of education. The priority are the HEIs that, on one hand, share rich experience resulting from their traditions and history, and on the other, gain knowledge and experience from AMK traditions and methodology.

The Academy of Music in Krakow builds cooperation with higher education and culture institutions not only in Europe but also in North America, South America, Asia, Africa and Oceania, because in the field of Musical Arts, each region has something interesting and innovative to offer resulting from its tradition and culture, which is essential in the comprehensive education and development of musicians.

To implement such goals it is necessary to analyze European and world education system and the global music market through practice. Special actions are taken in the field of Instrumental Studies, Music Theory, Composition and Vocal Studies, due to specialized staff, original and well-designed curricula and educational opportunities, continuous curriculum evaluation, raising professional qualifications, and the development of academic use of foreign languages.

Through participation to the Erasmus + program, our Institution supports:

- giving a new context to international cooperation,

- testing and developing methodologies enabling the provision of tools necessary to develop and improve the quality of education,
- gradual expansion of the educational offer with valuable elements, among others by organizing specialist master courses and accompanying artistic events,
- constant improvement of the quality of educational services at all levels of study,
- developing the quality of services offered to international students and foreign language communication and academic skills,
- teaching respect, tolerance and broadening horizons,
- disseminating native culture and music of Poland and the culture of partner countries,
- involvement of students, academic staff and other employees in the exchange of educational, artistic, scientific and organizational experiences,
- building platforms for the exchange of knowledge and experience in the field of new methods of learning and teaching,
- correlation with specialists,
- acquiring knowledge about professional literature,
- helping talents to develop their artistic passions,
- preparing students for life on the stage and in the contemporary realities of the music labor market,
- motivating educators and talented students to cross geographical and cultural boundaries, and achieve educational and artistic goals.

Participation in the Erasmus + project ensures:

- recognition of education,
- reaching new labor markets,
- increasing the attractiveness of universities in Europe and in the world,
- raising the level of education.

Bearing in mind the goals and priorities of European policy, the Academy of Music in Krakow declares that it will continue the following activities:

- encouraging increased mobility of students and educators in the activities of the Erasmus + program,
- introducing and updating the content of the ECTS catalog in Polish and English,
- intensifying efforts to implement the Bologna Process,
- improving the quality of education of all study programs at three levels: bachelor, master and doctoral,
- constant monitoring and evaluation of all mobility,
- striving for internationalization by introducing and extending the offer of studies in English at all study levels,
- developing cooperation with foreign universities and cultural institutions based on quality,
- intensifying promotional and information activities on mobility and exchange.

The Academy of Music in Krakow guarantees equal treatment of students and employees irrespective of their age, gender, race, religion, disability and socio-economic situation and declares achieving high quality activities related to academic mobility by:

- better mobility management, coordination and external exchange activities through the International Cooperation Center,

- regular collaboration with international coordinators at partner institutions and participation in information and training meetings,
- disseminating information of Erasmus program among the academic community,
- individual advice and assistance for all students and educators regarding the possibilities and requirements for exchange, offer of partner institutions and other issues related to the organization of mobility,
- usage of the ECTS system in all fields of study,
- fair recruitment of students intending to participate in the Erasmus program based on their academic achievements, professional skills, motivation and foreign language level,
- full recognition of study and work period on the basis of *Mobility Agreement*, list of achievements and confirmation of the period of study at the partner university,
- assistance in accommodation for incoming students and employees from foreign universities, and all necessary assistance during their stay,
- information meetings for incoming students,
- help for incoming university staff provided by our teachers and administrative staff,
- all assistance in the organization and recognition of mobility for our outgoing academic staff, university employees and students.

Erasmus Policy Statement and International Strategy and other information on Erasmus+ program are available on our website <https://www.amuz.krakow.pl/en/erasmus/dokumenty/>

We disseminate the Project through academic internet site <https://www.amuz.krakow.pl/en/>, academic Facebook, posters and other media.