## **Erasmus Policy Statement**

Since its creation in 2003, the University of Luxembourg has made internationalization one of its priorities and considers it an essential and effective tool for achieving and maintaining excellence in its education and research programs. All its Bachelor's and Master's programs have been designed according to the Bologna Process principles. Mobility is mandatory for all Bachelor's students; it is also part of many Master's programs within joint agreements with university partners. Finally, many cotutelles are carried out at PhD level.

Students have access to ERASMUS+ scholarships as well as to the Global Exchange Program, an institutional scholarship program for students wishing to study outside Europe.

The International Relations Office reports directly to the Rectorate. In addition to being responsible for the management of student mobility, the role of the IRO is multiple:

- Contribute to a better visibility and recognition of the university, of its researchers' quality, and its academic programs, in order to increase its attractiveness to high quality students, researchers, partners or sponsors

- Support researchers in the development of international partnerships and projects
- Support students in developing their international experience and knowledge

- Support the development of international joint training courses, cotutelles and double degrees

- Support the implementation of Luxembourg government and the European Union priorities

Internationalization at the University of Luxembourg is embodied in various ways:

- More than half of its students are international, 42% of whom come from Europe, and 15% from more than 125 countries

- Teaching is done in three languages: French, English and German; Italian, Portuguese and Chinese courses are also offered to students, faculty and staff

- The university has developed and maintains a network of over 350 partner universities with whom it organizes student and staff mobility activities, research projects, and scientific and community collaboration.

Europe remains the geographical priority for international activities, accounting for over 85% of its mobility and research activities. Cross-border collaborations are also privileged, in particular with the Greater Region, within which the university is very active. The university is also involved in European university networks, including the European University Foundation, the European University Association, UNICA, and Europaeum. It also participates in regional and European activities organised by the European Commission.



Outside Europe, the university has given priority to countries that are of particular academic interest but also strategic for the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg: Canada, China, the United States, Japan, and Russia.

It has developed partnerships with universities in various countries including Singapore, Australia, Brazil, Mexico, Israel, South Korea and Thailand.

Finally, the university has implemented scientific collaboration projects in Laos, Burkina Faso and Mali.

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