

## ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT

At the American College, quality of teaching and research is of paramount importance. The creation and maintenance of international collaborations and partnerships helps the institution and its members to develop the knowledge, experience and skills related to teaching, learning and research. Therefore we are committed to promote and expand our international collaboration network providing the opportunity to all interested parties to work together, exchange experiences, skills and knowledge.

Participation in the Programme is a promising opportunity to combine institutional teaching and research with the European Dimension initiatives of the EC and the European Area of Lifelong Learning.

New partnerships are decided and initially formed at departmental level since faculty members and department heads are the ones who possess the necessary knowledge and understanding to ensure quality collaborations that will ultimately be utilised in teaching and learning. Once both parties express their interest in forming an agreement the request is then forwarded to the appropriate office for finalization. Office of Administration and Finance in general processes student and faculty exchange – mobility agreements whether the International Office handles agreements in the field of research and academic cooperation.

Partners are chosen based on current needs of students and faculty members in various fields such as Business Studies, IT and Hospitality and Tourism Management, Human Resource Management etc.

Quality of teaching, balance of mobility, mutual interest and shared research interests are some of the main characteristics that the college seeks to find and provide in a successful and hopefully long lasting collaboration that extends in the First and Second Cycle programs.

As a general policy the college has not defined any limitations geographically or linguistically. Our network of collaborations and research partners although mainly focused in Europe, extends from Asia to Africa and United States depending on the field of interest and collaboration opportunities. For example, European Collaborations are very helpful in the field of Business Studies due to sociodemographic similarities and collaborations from the United states are mainly focused on Information Technology and Computer Science fields.

The main objective of the American College at this field is to increase all forms of mobility, for teaching, training, studying in the first and second cycles within the next few years. Emphasis is going to be given to the organization of informational days and distribution of informational material, factors that will increase interest on behalf of staff, faculty members and students.

Furthermore, efforts are made for simplifying the application procedure for mobility procedures in the near future with the help of technology. Through the college website for example, students will be able find all the necessary information regarding mobility opportunities, fill most of the application forms and learning agreements online and browse through our network of collaboration for possible destinations. Also an online discussion thread is going to be created where past and future participants will have the opportunity to discuss various matters related to the mobility, exchange opinions and share experiences, promoting this way exchange programs and collaborations.

For the time being, American College does not participate in the development of double/multiple/joint degrees.