



Bayburt University

Erasmus Policy Statement (EPS)

Founded in 2008, Bayburt University aims to become a dynamic, international, multicultural and interactive university. One of the main strategic purposes of the university is to turn the excitement of being newly established into the national and international advantages for all our students and academic staff, particularly through increasing their awareness of programs and projects in the framework of international student and staff exchanges. Participating in international associations is among priorities of Bayburt University and one of its major strategic objectives. Bayburt University was founded in 2008 upon several existing units which were previously belonged to an another university and began its academic life as a separate institution. The institution has rapidly developed and has now total seven academic units consisting of three faculties (education faculty, engineering faculty and faculty of economics and administrative sciences), one health sciences school, one vocational training school and two graduate institutions (graduate school of social sciences and natural and applied sciences). Erasmus activities has been already established prior to 2008 within the scope of the university by the previous constitutive academic units of Bayburt University, the university's academic units have already gained a significant international experience on student exchange and staff exchange accordingly. Therefore, we strongly believe that this cumulative abroad experience of international student and staff exchange practices lasting over long period of time will make a significant contribution the university's next international project, program and relationships such as Erasmus. We expect that participating in the future Erasmus program, the Erasmus multilateral projects and networks will significantly increase the student and staff mobility, thus this opportunity will provide an important contribution to our institutional recognition and internationalization of university population as well as strengthening of the communications between the students and the staff of Bayburt University through their international partners. In addition, it is inevitable that the Erasmus program will give us a considerable opportunity to introduce our traditional culture to incoming students and experience different European cultures to outgoing students. So, we target to make agreements by communicating as many higher education institutions as possible. The posters and information brochures will be distributed to the libraries and the departments to inform students and staff as well as the meetings and the conferences will be held aiming to create more consciousness about the Erasmus program in the university. A website is made to provide information for the incoming and outgoing students and staff about the Erasmus University Charter (EUC), EPS and ECTS information packages. We believe that it may induce visibility to our Erasmus activities and make the EUC and EPS more public. Moreover, our Erasmus office will continue to be open for students and staff through the week to answer their questions and increase communication within existing and potential students and staff. The university adopt the criteria that avoids any discrimination during Erasmus applications and selections. Anyone who meets with the essential requirements disregarding the differences within

applicants such as gender, racism, social and cultural backgrounds will be have a right to apply to the Erasmus program. The measures required for disabled staff and students to be able to easy-access to any units of the university and Erasmus office will already be taken. To make all Erasmus activities accessible for the disabled students, all activities will be publicized on the website. Moreover, Erasmus office was moved to a hub building of the university with an infirmary, a library, many activity rooms and coffee shops.