



*ERASMUS+ POLICY STATEMENT*  
*IN THE MAZOVIAN STATE UNIVERSITY IN PŁOCK*  
*FOR YEARS 2021/2027*

The Mazovian State University in Płock was established in 1999 under the name of the State University of Applied Sciences in Płock. The priority during the two decades of the functioning of the University has been acquiring knowledge and experience which allowed using them in actions for further development. The Mazovian State University in Płock is oriented towards practical training. The university is closely related to the labor market, corresponds to its needs, closely collaborates with companies, institutions, organizations - broadly understood socio-economic environment. The university employs practitioners who enrich the education process with their professional experience. In addition, the partners support the Mazovian State University in Płock by organizing internships and placements, conducting professional mentoring as well as by employing graduates. The university places emphasis on equipping students with practical skills and knowledge that will form a solid foundation in professional development. Considerable importance is attached to the development of soft skills on the realization that they largely constitute a component of success. In addition, it implements innovative teaching solutions. The teaching process at the Mazovian State University in Płock is aimed at making graduates prepared both theoretically and practically to work in their professions.

The offer of the Mazovian State University in Płock includes the first and second degree studies, uniform master's studies, a wide range of postgraduate studies as well as specialist courses and industry trainings. The offer is constantly expanded and adapted to the needs of the labor market.

**First and second degree studies are conducted within three faculties**

- Faculty of Health Sciences
- Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Faculty of Economics and Information Technology

### **The faculties' activities are complemented by the following units**

- Foreign Language Study Centre- conducts foreign language classes to students in all fields of study.
- Physical Education and Sports Centre - conducts sports activities as elements of studies and within Student Sports Association

One of the most important areas of activity for the upcoming years is scientific development. That is why, the University intensively supports its employees in that area - it creates favourable conditions for scientific and research activity, focuses on inter-university cooperation and participation in scientific life. In addition, the University cooperates with Polish and foreign universities engaging in joint educational, scientific and research projects.

The Mazovian State University in Plock is in possession of high-level infrastructure: modernized facilities, which include modern auditoriums, language laboratories, specialist laboratories (a medical simulation center), a thriving library, recreational and sports facilities. Specialist workshops are equipped with high-class equipment enabling practical training. The university is intensively working on its development - it increases the quality of education, develops its offer and its teaching facilities.

Besides, the Mazovian State University in Plock is inextricably linked to the region of northern Mazovia. It considers it its responsibility to work for the development of the local community, which is why it initiates and supports educational and social projects for children, youth and the elderly. In addition, it runs the Academic High School as well as supports and patrons the Mazovian Children's State University and the Association of the University of the Third Age.

The University operates in accordance with the internationalization policy introduced to increase the level of internationalization of the education process. The main policy goal is to ensure that the University becomes a leading local scientific and educational center that is actively present in the international arena of higher education.

The specific objectives of internationalization of the education process involve:

1. **Employing competent scientific and didactic staff** able to efficiently navigate in the international environment of higher education, having high language competence as well as taking part in trips for scientific and didactic training within the Erasmus + program.
2. **Ensuring a high level of didactic process and its service** by expanding the offer of subjects taught in a foreign language in non-philological fields of study for the needs of the Erasmus + program; expanding the University's educational offer with fields and specialties enabling



graduates from those fields to find their place on the international labor market; using knowledge and experience of foreign partners in order to improve the teaching process as well as sharing knowledge and experience with partners in the international arena of higher education and improving methods of providing information on international scientific and didactic activities..

3. **Conducting scientific-research and training activities** by expanding and strengthening scientific and research cooperation with European and non-European academic centers; exchanging scientific and didactic staff as well as undertaking student exchanges within the Erasmus + program; organizing international conferences, projects and preparing publications together with foreign partners; issuing (printed and electronic) publications in English and international transferring the experience of the University in the field of activities for the benefit of the broadly understood local environment.
4. **Modern organization and development of the University**, through constant implementation of actions aiming at creating equal chances for students from towns and villages to succeed in the international higher education and labor market scene, through implementation of actions against discrimination based on race, nationality or language; through trainings of the administrative staff of the University aimed at international cooperation, adjusting the University infrastructure for the special needs of disabled students, smooth coordination and constant improvement of the organization on international activities within Erasmus + as well as the implementation of actions aimed at full digitalization of the new program Erasmus + (2021-2027), that is the electronic flow of the documents connected with the mobility of students and employees of the University and partner universities.
5. **High ranking and image of the University** through identification with broadly understood internationalization policies; through respect for the assumptions of agreements and international programs; through promotion of international cooperation in the field of higher education and broadly understood socio-professional life in international structures; through promotion of the University and its foreign partners in the national and international areas as well as the creation of the atmosphere that encourages development and tightening of international cooperation within framework of the Erasmus+ program and beyond.
6. **Creation of active student environment**, through students' engagement in scientific, didactic and organizational activities resulting from international cooperation of the University; through expanding groups and scientific circles activities with issues of international nature; through engaging former participants, students and employees into the promotion of participation in the Erasmus+ program, as well as engaging them into other



activities that aim at breaking stereotypes regarding cultures and traditions of different countries.

Erasmus+ program has been realized at the Mazovian State University in Plock since 2011. It constitutes the main part of raising the internationalization level within the education process.

The main goals of the Erasmus+ program of the Mazovian State University in Plock are:

1. raising the internationalization level of the University through the development of cooperation with foreign partners,
2. increasing the international mobility of students as well as the didactic and administrative employees,
3. exchange of good practices and experiences,
4. development of the syllabi in English,
5. raising the sensitization to and the awareness of academic society within framework of functionality of the University in the broadly understood academic world, i.e. in relation to multiculturalism, multicultural communication, the need for constant self-improvement (e.g. linguistic) and openness to others.

Due to the Erasmus+ program, students and employees can share and expand their knowledge, exchange experience as well as improve their abilities abroad. The impact of the project is, first and foremost, perceived within the context of raising the internationalization level of the University, but it also creates opportunities for cooperation within the international environment. Participation in the Erasmus+ program enables students to verify assumptions they have made regarding their studies, as well as enables comparing the assumptions with the reality of foreign partner institutions,. It also gives chances for better planning of the professional and personal development. In the long-term aspect of participation within the Erasmus+ program, beyond the personal benefits of its scholars, the program enables the realization of the mission adopted by the University and the strategy associated with promoting the pro-European postures and openness to global society development.

The Rector and the Vice-Rector for Didactics and Student Affairs of the Mazovian State University in Plock are the supervisors for the proper realization of the Erasmus+ program; however, all the organizational measures related to the program are managed by the Coordinator for the Erasmus+ Program in collaboration with the department coordinators and with all the departments whose participation is essential for the realization of those activities. There is an annual report prepared on the activities conducted by the Section for Erasmus+ Program to monitor and measure the internationalization process of education as well as the improvement of conditions supporting the increase in its level,.



The Mazovian State University in Plock conducts a number of activities aimed at guaranteeing the high quality of academic exchanges within the framework of Erasmus+ program, i.e.:

- Coordinated, informative, organizational and promotional activities related to the program,
- Usage of understandable criteria for recruitment within the program,
- Mobility realization based on agreements made and approved of prior to departure, support provision for all the participants of the mobility – for the preparatory aspect of departure, granting financial support, monitoring progress as well as guidance within the preparation of documentary and all the formal aspects of the departure.
- Acknowledgement of all the student activities realized with positive results and listed in the syllabus agreements,
- Acknowledgement of didactic and training activities undertaken by the University employees in accordance with the concluded agreement,
- Support for the reintegration of the returning participants as well as allowing them to use experience gained for the University, employees and students' benefit – following the mobility period,
- Undertaking activities enabling the usage and promotion of digital tools for mobility management,
- Engaging former scholars of the program (students and employees) for the promotion of the participation within the Erasmus+ program, as well as the participation in activities aimed at breaking stereotypes regarding cultures, customs and traditions of different countries.

The Mazovian State University in Plock declares that all the undertaken activities within the Erasmus+ program shall be carried out in accordance with the Erasmus charter for higher education for years 2021-2027 granted to the University under the rules of ECHE.

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