

ERASMUS POLICY DECLARATION

The Menéndez Pelayo International University (UIMP) currently has a catalog of 30 master's degree programs with over 1500 registered students and 2 doctoral programs that cover over 25 lines of research. These programs are adapted to the European Higher Education Area and created as a part of academic alliances with Spanish institutions of international prestige such as the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), the Cervantes Institute, the Spanish Foreign Trade Agency, the Bank of Spain, etc. in which a significant number of foreign professors and students participate.

However, the concept of internationalization goes beyond the presence of foreign students in our classrooms. At the UIMP we understand internationalization as a key factor to improve the quality and excellence of our programs and as a necessary element to be able to contribute and advance towards a society and economy of knowledge that provide a model of development and solid and stable growth in our surroundings.

In this context, one of our most important objectives is encouraging the modernization and internationalization of our university with the help of promoted action at the European level in the framework of the Europe 2020 strategy and putting a new generation of programs in education (Erasmus+) and research (Horizon 2020) into place. To achieve this, our objectives are:

1. Increase the internationalization of our academic offering by promoting joint degrees with foreign universities, incorporating foreign professors and fostering foreign language programs (English, French, etc.).
2. Consolidate a highly internationalized university system by increasing training and competences to work in an open international environment, fostering quality education in priority topics of global interest.
3. Increase the international appeal of the university, improving our international visibility and recognition, offering support services for foreign students and visitors during their arrival, stay and departure, and participating in international education and research networks, projects and programs.

Our participation in the Erasmus+ Program is an extraordinary opportunity to reinforce the institution's international vocation. Thanks to the Erasmus+ mobility program, the UIMP will be able to focus its internationalization strategy on the exchange of professors, students and support staff for student internationalization. At the same time, this program will help us to foster the mobility of training research staff, the completion of pre-doctoral stays that lead to obtaining the International Supplement for doctoral degrees and international co-supervision.

All of these actions will be structured within the framework of signed agreements with foreign university institutions that are linked to said Program. At the same time, in the framework of these agreements, the UIMP will be open to taking on stable bilateral or multilateral projects or collaborations with said university institutions.

In the end, this multilateral mobility process will allow for the exchange of better practices and will entail yet another contribution to the construction of the European Higher Education Area.