



Ufuk University Erasmus Policy Statement

Established in 1999, as a foundation university, Ufuk University has started its education in 2002-2003 academic year based on the article with the number 4488, which was published in the Official Newspaper with number 23910 dated 18th December 1999 by the Traffic Accidents Aid Foundation in Turkey, and with the authorization writings numbered 13.30.0.EÖB.0.00.00.03.06.05 – 954/09006, dated 1st May 2002, which was based on the rule related to 2547 article of Council of Higher Education decision.

As the Founding Foundation of Ufuk University, Traffic Accidents Aid Foundation in Turkey was established in 1972. As stated in the third act of the settlement deeds of Traffic Accidents Aid Foundation, which was established for such reasons as the prevention of traffic, work, sports and other accidents and disasters, providing such services as emergency, medical and social aid and founding rehabilitation services which may occur as a result of such calamities as mentioned before, providing all kinds of required personnel by enabling educational foundations including Higher Educational Institutions, providing the required equipment and collaborating with the relevant institutions which deal with such academic facilities as courses and seminars, it was anticipated to provide education, research and service on such issues.

The main reasons behind our intention to establish our university are the prevention of accidents and disasters, the detection of protective and remedial approaches and methods for the physical and psychological problems, educating our public and providing them with the consciousness of public services and the relevant methodology, guiding behaviors through collaboration both with official institutions and inter-personal relations, and providing qualified and expert personnel on such issues.

For these reasons, Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Arts and Sciences (The Departments of Statistics and Psychology) Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences (The Departments of Business Administration, Political Sciences and International Relations- International Trade), and the School of Nursing and Vocational School of Health Services and Institutions as complementary units to the faculties mentioned above have been initiated.

It is the primary mission of the university to increase international exchange and cooperation in terms of education and research fields, especially with the institutions in EU countries. There were specific preparations to succeed and sustain for international exchange and cooperation, such as;

- provided courses in English for some departments,
- informed and supporting students for mobility
- informed academic staff about EPS related issues, such as students and staff mobility, Bologna process, and participation issues of lecturers in ERASMUS+ programs
- completed The European Credit Transfer System for each departments

Ufuk University, with the Research Centers for Social Sciences, Medical and Law Faculties, has a strategic plan for increasing research activities and enhancing participation to domestic and international projects within the upcoming years ahead. The ERASMUS+ Program will be important tool in order to access the international arena in research and education.

An orientation program has been prepared for the student mobility by the International Relations Office. With these preparations we are determined to facilitate outgoing student mobility, at least %15 of undergraduate students, as a first year priority of the university by participating the ERASMUS+ program. Additionally, some already existing projects are planned to be executed with domestic and international institutions, supported by multilateral framework of ERASMUS+ program.

A web-site related to the ERASMUS+ program was developed to inform the objectives of the university. Furthermore, special emphasize is put on publishing the ERASMUS mobility projects news on the boards, in the university buildings. The International Relations Office is ready to organize the academic staff and students by carrying out seminars in the academic departments and to inform them about the ERASMUS+ Exchange program Applications. Additionally, an informational booklet is prepared to publish. It is also the offices responsibility to assist them throughout their stay abroad.

Ufuk University has strict rules on the policy of Equal Opportunity for every person that is eligible to study and work in the university. We always look for more ways to develop further program to increase the awareness on the rights of the under privileged.

The International Relations Office provides;

- ECTS information material, course tutoring, language preparation, organization of accommodation and the organization of an orientation program for the prospective outgoing students and academic staff.
- The curriculum of the university's academic program is adjusted the ECTS-compatible and offers the opportunity of transfer of academic credits.
- Students information about internship opportunities in other European countries and necessary assistance will be given to carry out their placements at companies
- Academic staffs guidance in finding appropriate learning and teaching program and assist them for their applications, and conducting varies academic projects and publications.