

In the following period UPJŠ will continue with the process of internationalization by means of inter-university cooperation in order to improve quality of education and research with primary focus to its commitment to student and staff mobility enhancement. UPJŠ is open to cooperation with EU and non-EU countries in research and education.

Our emphasis will be on raising quality of already existing cooperations with universities abroad, in EU and non-EU area. New partnerships with universities abroad will be targeted at student and staff exchanges, project participation, research and educational activities which will enrich both parties curricula and staff professional development. The university is fully aware of the fact that partnerships contribute to the university international reputation as well as they lead to improvement of the institution curriculum development which effects quality of education at our institution. UPJŠ will further promote Erasmus activities in order to make them more attractive both for students and staff since they form an important element in academic and professional career development. The Erasmus programme is well established at UPJŠ and increasing quality of mobility will be in our focus. We will support and enhance recognition of studies and diplomas since we understand it as a pre-condition for the creation of an open European area of education and training. ECTS as an instrument which guarantees transparency by means of recognition the learning achievements will be further improved in order to reach full academic recognition. It means that the study period abroad (including examinations or other forms of assessment) will fully replace a comparable period of study at the home university (including examinations or other forms of assessment), though the content of the agreed study programme may differ.

Recognition of all mobility achievements is an integrated part of the curriculum and is an obligation for our institution. Credit recognition is guaranteed by the Art. 9 (Credit-based System of Study) of the Study Rules of Procedure at Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice.

UPJŠ will also strive for a more balanced mobility with the aim to reach a higher number of incoming students. We will also focus on balanced participation of faculties and departments UPJŠ in mobility, international scientific research and educational activities.

UPJŠ will guarantee to support promotion of mobility of students to study at a foreign university and student mobility for placements to a foreign company, which immediately allows enhancing employability through the acquisition and exchange of knowledge, experience, development of language and intercultural competence and promoting personal contacts. Hence we will:

- continue to promote mobility in the workplace
- increase recognition of obtained credits for study and recognition of credits for internship mobility
- support the activities of students in the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) and create conditions to improve the quality of their work.
- continue to improve the administration and implementation of the mobility of students and staff
- encourage mobility of PhD students

We will focus on raising attractiveness of mobility to foreign students for study at UPJŠ, which is one of the indicators of the attractiveness of universities and provides intercultural learning and research dialogue. Hence we will:

- improve the information and informational materials for mobile students from abroad for students. Add information about study opportunities in English on the university website
- gradually create a wider range of subjects taught in English at UPJŠ
- improve the quality of services provided to foreign mobile students
- open UPJŠ to the mobility outside the Erasmus programme (eg Free Movers)

We will continue to promote UPJŠ at foreign universities, recreating information and informational materials for the mobility of foreign students.

We will continue to improve services for incoming students in cooperation with ESN and will continue to offer extracurricular activities for incoming students as well as buddy-system.

Teacher and staff mobilities will be further encouraged as part of the university policy as the mobility for staff and teachers contributes to professional, career and personal development of participants. UPJŠ also welcomes visiting academic and non-academic staff. Visiting academic staff supports curriculum and teaching programme development and both type of mobilities contribute to internationalization process of the university.

We will continue to support and promote the creation of joint degree programs leading to a double or joint diploma. In addition to existing projects we encourage the conclusion of individual contracts of 'co-tutelle de thèse'.