

Erasmus Policy Statement – English version

a) Erasmus bilateral agreements at Czech Technical University in Prague are signed:
– either at university level, by the European Office, for student mobilities under code number 52 Engineering and Engineering, or under code no. 34 Business and Administration
– or at faculty level, mainly under codes applying to a single faculty: 582 Building and Civil Engineering (Faculty of Civil Engineering), 521 Mechanics and Metal Work (Faculty of Mechanical Engineering), 522 Electricity and Energy (Faculty of Electrical Engineering), etc. For more specialized fields, e.g. Geodesy, Cartography, Mathematics, Physics, agreements can be negotiated for individual departments.

A Contact Person is responsible for approving and monitoring bilateral agreements: for university agreements, the Institutional Coordinator, and for faculty agreements, the Faculty Coordinator. When assessing and selecting partners, the faculty coordinator works closely with the Vice-deans for Education and for International Relations, heads of department and responsible persons. The aim is to optimize the number and range of bilateral agreements for each field of study and level of study, taking into account students' language skills. Mobilities for teachers are usually agreed at department level with specific mobilities in mind. For example, the Faculty of Civil Engineering participates in two Erasmus Mundus projects, and the faculty collaborates mainly with the universities in the consortia for these master's programmes, and also with partners cooperating on or considering cooperating on double degrees.

At university level, the European Office tries to sustain bilateral agreements with high quality universities that offer a wide range of relevant study programmes, and at which CTU students wish to study. When reviewing agreements that are approaching expiry, we consider what use has been made of the agreement, especially the numbers of outgoing students and their reports on their study experience at the partner university. We then try to extend only agreements with partners offering a good study experience and satisfactory administration of the programme.

A bilateral agreement with a new partner can be initiated by an expression of interest from another university, but must be supported by personal contacts at CTU and by an expression of interest and a specific wish to collaborate from a faculty.

b) Due to the available language skills of our students and teaching staff, we prioritize partners offering courses taught in English or project supervision in English (UK, Ireland, Scandinavia, Netherlands, etc.) We also have important partner universities in Germany, France and Spain. CTU students show little interest in Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy and Turkey: we have agreements with all of these countries, but they are used mainly by incoming students.

c) The biggest proportion of our Erasmus students are in master programmes (80-84 % outgoing SMS); about 15% are in bachelor programmes; PhD students form the smallest group. The university's interest in increasing the numbers of outgoing PhD students is stated in its Long-term Plan. Teacher mobility is most used by the Faculty of Civil Engineering and by the Faculty of Nuclear Engineering; civil engineers and mathematicians make fullest use of this opportunity.

CTU participates in 11 consortia for joint/double degrees, and this activity will continue to grow in future. This type of collaboration with partners offering compatible programmes is specified as a priority in the CTU Long-term Plan.

The Faculty of Civil Engineering has 3 double degree agreements, with ENPC Paris and EC Nantes (French language), and with TU München (German language) and is negotiating with KTH Stockholm. The Faculty of Mechanical Engineering has a double degree programme with National Chung Hsing Univ., Taiwan, and is preparing a programme with the Bandung Institute of Technology, Indonesia. The faculty also has the Master of Automotive Engineering double degree programme with HAN Arnhem (NL) and ENSA Brest (FR), with studies abroad under the Erasmus programme. Students of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering can study for a double degree with Tomsk Polytechnic, with Linz or with Lulea and Würzburg. The Faculty of Transportation has double degrees with FH Technikum Vienna and with Linköping University (ITS- Intelligent Transport Systems), with instruction only in English. The faculty also offers a programme in Transportation and Logistic Systems in collaboration with the University of Zilina (SK) and the University of Texas, El Paso, USA.

While CTU's mobilities are mainly with the EU and associated countries, an increasing proportion (already about 33%) are exchanges with the rest of the world. With support from Erasmus for All, CTU looks forward to broader collaboration with leading technical universities all over the world.