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## ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT

*(Submission included in University of Warwick application for Erasmus+ Charter Summer 2013)*

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Erasmus programmes are part of the University's overall strategy for engaging more closely with Europe. Professor Stuart Croft is the Pro-Vice Chancellor with overall responsibility for Europe.

The University's previous European Policy Statement is available in full on its website for open reference. The proposed Erasmus Policy Statement for the 2014-2020 period will be made fully accessible through its website.

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/study/studyabroad/institutions/eu/>

Warwick is a research-intensive institution, consistently ranked among the top ten UK universities in national league tables. It is committed to promoting the European and International dimensions of its programmes and continuing to ensure that students and staff have full and equal access to mobility opportunities. International students represents one-third of the student population from over 120 countries, the University encourages international collaboration at all levels.

Within the context of the new Lifelong Learning Programme the University is committed to continuing its on-going annual increase in mobility opportunities. The strategic selection of partners to meet individual academic departmental policy and study abroad objectives is paramount. Substantial work is being done to enable wider university agreements and alternative means of collaboration. All agreements are signed off departmentally and centrally to ensure a cohesive approach. New opportunities will continue to be widely publicised. The University will continue to promote staff mobility opportunities to perpetuate its well established community of actively mobile staff

Warwick has an excellent record of participation in Erasmus Mundus programmes. Warwick co-ordinates the MA in International Performance Research, in Theatre Studies, and the Masters in Complexity Systems Science, based in the Centre for Complexity Science. In addition, Warwick participates in two other Erasmus Mundus programmes. In total, Warwick is involved in three Masters level programmes and one Joint Doctoral programme.

Erasmus Mundus MA in International Performance Research (MAIPR) was aimed at students with interest in the performing arts. MAIPR was designed to develop and enhance students' theoretical knowledge about performance-related issues and to add value to students' already existing skills base.

Erasmus Mundus MSc in Complex Systems Science, addresses the key challenge for our society to better understand, adapt, design and control complex systems.

Warwick participates in two other Erasmus Mundus programmes, the Masters in Economic Development and Growth with partners Universidad Carlos III de Madrid and the University of Lund, and the Joint Doctorate on Globalisation, the EU and Multilateralism.

With c.300 incoming and c.300 outgoing Erasmus students and 150+ exchanges, Warwick's funding enables 25-30 staff to take part in teaching exchanges each year, 15-20 members of staff (including non-academic staff) to take part in training placements in the EU and 30 additional staff to undertake pastoral care or exploratory visits.

A central team within the registry to enhance widening participation, together with departmental teams to direct admissions help to maintain and improve our excellent record in teaching and research by ensuring there is equality of opportunity for all. Commitment to a fully inclusive institution necessitates ensuring that current Equality and Diversity Policies/Disability Action Plans are developed and updated to meet national and EU guidelines. This allows for the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of gender, nationality, ethnic origin, political or religious beliefs or disability.

The International Office leads all aspects of Erasmus mobility administration, publicity and student support as part of its worldwide activities. In cooperation with a network of Erasmus academic coordinators and administrative services it will continue to act as the central coordination point, to ensure high quality and consistency in all aspects of Erasmus actions under the Lifelong Learning Programme.

Information regarding mobility application procedures, accommodation provision, pre-arrival preparations, academic curricula and credit recognition will continue to be widely promoted through the University's website, and by dissemination of materials to Erasmus partner institutions and to incoming students direct to facilitate their full integration.

The world@warwick society provides support on student lead activities – buddy schemes, language cafes, cultural visits etc. Members of this society together with student ambassadors, work with the International Office on mobility presentations and publicity.

The University continues to be dedicated to language learning and the offers made by its modern language departments, Centre for Applied Linguistics and Language Centre providing its students with excellent learning environment.