

Erasmus Policy Statement

Kristiania Professional College (KPC) will take part in Key Action 1.

Mobility for individuals is an important part of the overall institutional strategy, and naturally for strategies within education, as well as for cooperation with the industry.

All the KPC study programmes will have mobility options for outgoing study mobility. Staff and teaching mobility are highly encouraged. In many study programmes Erasmus traineeships would be ideal as industry connections are indeed valuable for any vocational education. KPC is in the process of developing course offerings in English for incoming Erasmus students, although Nordic students are already welcome if their Norwegian is up to standard.

The Department of Research Administration and Internationalisation will play an important role in making the operation of international mobilities smooth. Both in terms of application procedures and counselling of students and staff alike, including outgoing and incoming exchange.

Fagskolen Kristiania/Kristiania Professional College (KPC) is an integral part of Kristiania University College (KUC), a private independent educational foundation founded as early as 1914. Today KUC in total has more than 18 000 students annually, including 5 500 students through online learning. The main purpose of the foundation is to preserve and develop for the best of society as a teaching and cultural institution, and by doing so, also build on the idea of the founder Ernst G. Mortensen. His belief was that everyone, independent of social status, geography, gender and age, should be given the opportunity to achieve a higher education as well as personal growth in a lifelong perspective.

The overall strategy of KUC as a whole, and hence also KPC, includes internationalization as an integrated part of education, research and artistic development. Moreover, internationalization is an important asset in securing the highest academic standards of the institution. The Erasmus+ programme in this respect is considered to be one of our most valued tools.

An overall objective of Kristiania University College is becoming the first private university of Norway within the year 2030. Thus, one main pillar will be applying an international perspective to teaching, research and artistic development.

All study programmes at Kristiania University College thus also at Kristiania Professional College must include an international dimension through international student and staff exchange, international research and artistic cooperation and memberships in international networks, organizations, as well as participation in competitions, seminars, conferences, fairs, study visits and guest lecturing.

The above is true for the international strategies of the Professional College as well as for all four schools at KUC; School of Arts, Design and Media, School of Health Sciences, School of Communication, Leadership and Management, School of Economics, Innovation and Technology.

International partners must have relevant academic profiles, hence providing opportunities for mobility, research and artistic development of the highest standards, both in Europe and worldwide. The Norwegian Ministry for Higher Education and Research support the goals of the European Education Area, including that spending time abroad to study and learn should become the norm, not the exception, and that higher education qualifications increasingly should be recognized across the EU. Kristiania Professional College will work towards these goals by substantially increasing the number of students who have a semester or shorter stay abroad.

Kristiania Professional College operationalizes its overall strategy through four focus areas for the period 2020 – 2025:

- Distinctiveness
- Qualifying Education
- Lifelong Learning
- Effective Operation.

In order of obtaining all of the above it is essential for KPC to have strong collaborations with institutions internationally. The Erasmus Programme will enable KPC to make such connections through mobility and collaboration projects, subsequently broadening the international networks and international collaborations for students and staff.² Strategy, objectives and impact Kristiania Professional College aims to increase outgoing and incoming exchanges, staff and teaching mobility, and traineeship mobility.

There are several reasons behind this strategic decision:

- Mobility and cooperation across borders will be valuable for benchmarking and a contribution to academic and pedagogic capabilities.
- Students and lecturers meeting colleagues from different cultures abroad bring back valuable experiences to the learning environment of Kristiania Professional College.
- Teachers and technicians will receive input to their lab work, teaching methods, student counseling and evaluation of students' work.
- Mobility brings the participants into networks that are valuable for their work as teachers and technicians, and gives the students increased possibilities for international careers in their chosen field.
- Mobility gives valuable cultural experiences as well as language training, which again may lead to more understanding of differences, but also discoveries of common values across national borders and academic traditions.
- Kristiania Professional College aims to be one of the most attractive institutions in Scandinavia for students in selected fields, hence increasing the number of applicants from abroad and additionally encouraging more mobility among students and staff alike are all important measures of successful internationalization.

In addition, all mobilities should be, as far as possible, of high value. This is measured by the formal and informal reports provided by students/staff after the mobility. For students, their satisfaction with the exchange programme is also measured annually.

The indicators of a successful development in the Erasmus internationalization will be:

Outgoing Exchange

1. Annual Numbers KPC: 10 in 2021 / 15 in 2022 / 20 in 2023 / 25 in 2024
2. Quality reports from participants and staff involved in organizing the activity
3. Results and ECTS conversion rate

Incoming Exchange

1. Annual Numbers KPC: 0 in 2021 / 5 in 2022 / 10 in 2023 / 15 in 2024
2. Quality reports from participants and staff involved in organizing the activity
3. Results and ECTS conversion rate

Staff Outgoing Exchange

1. Annual Numbers KPC: 2 in 2021 / 5 in 2022 / 8 in 2023 / 10 in 2024
2. Quality reports from participants and staff involved in organizing the activity

Staff Incoming Exchange

1. Annual Numbers KPC: 0 in 2021 / 2 in 2022 / 5 in 2023 / 8 in 2024
2. Quality reports from participants and staff involved in organizing the activity

Traineeships

1. Annual Numbers KPC: 0 in 2021 / 5 in 2022 / 15 in 2023 / 20 in 2024
2. Quality reports from participants and staff involved in organizing the activity
3. Results and ECTS conversion rate

Kristiania Professional College (KPC) benefits from being an integral part of Kristiania University College (KUC) and having had the Erasmus+ charter since the beginning of the last project period. The experience gained through all these years provides KPC with an experienced organization including a functioning international office/Department of Research Administration and Internationalisation.

Marketing, communication, application, counseling, and monitoring are all tasks operated by the Department of Research Administration and Internationalisation. The webpage <https://www.kristiania.no/en/> includes all necessary updated information for potential outgoing as well incoming students and staff alike. In order of promoting the Erasmus programme to potential exchange students both the webpage as well information sessions with former exchange students will be utilized.