

Erasmus Policy Statement (EPS)

Angelus Silesius Higher Vocational State School is located in Wałbrzych, town in south-west Poland. It is a young institution founded in 1999, offering bachelor 3 year studies at the following Departments: 1. Tourism, 2. Languages (English & German), 3. Teacher Training, 4. Polish Philology, 5. Public Administration, 6. Political Sciences.

In the academic year 2005/2006 there were 3360 students (part time and full time) enrolled in the 6 Departments. Our School also offers postgraduate 2 or 3 semester non-degree courses, which raise qualifications of graduates in various professional fields, e.g. public relations, European administration, sociotherapy, physical education, librarian studies, pedagogy, enterprise financing and taxation.

The School cooperates with Janka Kupala State University in Grodno (Belarus) and two Universities in Czech Republic (Usti nad Labem, Hradec Kralove).

Although Anglus Silesius School has never participated before in any European programs and its international cooperation develops slowly, it is very motivated to start new activities within the LLP.

The School is aware how much must be still done in the field of European and International relations. Following the new strategy based on intensifying international cooperation we are planning to create the post of international officer to deal with all the extra administrative work. We realize that participation in the program requires much preparation concerning curricula regulations, administrative tools and local facilities.

In the first year after hopefully receiving the Erasmus Charter we would concentrate on Erasmus mobility. At the moment the School is arranging to sign several Erasmus bilateral agreements with the universities in Germany and Czech Republic.

Many of our students can speak English or German and they are strongly motivated to spend a semester or two abroad.

The vocational character of our school means we are focused on the professional education of our students, which corresponds perfectly with an idea of student placement mobility. Obligatory student placements are part of each study curriculum at all the Departments.

In the second and following years we would like to extend our actions for Comenius and Leonardo da Vinci Programmes. Our students of languages, who are trained as future language teachers, could build up their experience during Comenius Language Assistantship. We also plan to extend the list of Erasmus partners.

All the information about the possibilities of mobility as well as the European Policy Statement and Erasmus Charter will be advertised on our web site and published in our brochures.

Our School television station "Zamkowa" and student magazine "Jazda Humanistyczna" will be used to promote and support the Erasmus activities.

Angelus Silesius School works against sex, race or disabilities discrimination as well as xenophobia and has an active policy of improving access and providing facilities to help disabled students.

Quality of academic mobility activities

The School has already started arrangements focused on future participation in the Lifelong Learning Programme, which are:

- establishing Erasmus Institutional Coordinator,
- introducing ECTS at all the Departments,
- creating English version of the School web site,
- signing bilateral agreements with foreign Erasmus partners in Czech Republic (Jan Evangelista University in Usti nad Labem, University Hradec Kralove) and Germany (Hochschule Zittau-Goerlitz and Philipps-Universitaet in Marburg),
- preparation of the bursary towards dealing with EU accounting requirements,

- considering the possibility of offering courses in English or German for the future Erasmus incoming students at all the Departments, at the moment the School is ready to receive incoming students at the Department of English and German Philology,
- offering preparatory language courses of English and German to outgoing students, who need to refresh their language skills,
- offering a course of Polish language to incoming students,
- information meetings with students interested in participating in student exchange,
- providing information to the University staff about possibilities of mobility,
- printing information brochures in English and German encouraging students and academic staff from abroad to come to Walbrzych for Erasmus exchange or teaching visit,
- finding resources for additional financial support for outgoing students and staff.

We declare, that all the incoming students who choose to spend their Erasmus period in Walbrzych will be given all possible assistance or tutoring and we will make every effort to help them to integrate into the local society. Angelus Silesius School has agreements with local students halls, so accommodation for future incoming students is guaranteed. The sport centre offers a wide range of sport facilities to all students.

Quality of student placement activities

Angelus Silesius Higher Vocational State School has been gaining experience in organizing student placements since its foundation in 1999. According to the vocational character of the School, student placement is an integrated, obligatory part of every study curriculum at each of the six Departments.

Office for Student Placements coordinates the schedules of placements, which vary depending on the study subject.

All the regulations concerning placements have been described in detail in a document issued by the Rector and published on the School web site and it includes conditions of placement recognition.

Students of Angelus Silesius School may choose placement from the list of agreed enterprises or find themselves a suitable enterprise, which has to be approved by the coordinators from the Office for Student Placements.

The placement can be carried out during the semester, providing it doesn't clash with the course schedules, or during 3 month summer break from June till September.

Angelus Silesius School in Walbrzych will be happy to enable their students to do their placements under new Erasmus programme at foreign enterprises which can be found and selected:

- by the Office for Student Placements,
- by interested students themselves,
- with support of partner universities abroad,
- by the agency specialized in finding student placements abroad,
- using LEONET database, after becoming a member.

Each student will be obliged to prepare work-program of the placement, which will have to be accepted by the Office for Student Placements.

The agreement between three parties: the company, the University and the student, will be signed before the student leaves their own country.

The Office for Student Placements will stay in touch with the student by e-mail and also with the hosting company.

After finishing the placement students fill in a questionnaire, which will be accessible to the other students planning their placements in the same company.