Kühne Logistics University Erasmus Policy Statement (EPS)

KLU is maybe the most international university in Germany. We think that this is a distinct asset that we want to develop into a core competence. We have established exchange relationships with around 25 highly reputed universities around the world and are seeking to expand this network constantly. Our development plan focuses first on student exchanges but also encourages faculty and staff exchanges. All interaction, e.g. cooperation projects, in this field is highly welcomed. The KLU is searching for opportunities for long-term relationships that help us in educating a new generation of globally minded managers. The focus of all exchange partnerships is cooperation, not competition and this relates to all areas including faculty and marketing. The KLU has established the position of the Associate Dean for International Affairs to actively promote the internationalization of the KLU community.

The KLU is located in the center of Europe and thus wants to promote European citizenship to its students and staff. The participation in the Erasmus program reflects our goal to provide the students and all members of the KLU community with the opportunity to have an international and intercultural experience. Reflecting the goals of the Bologna process, our bachelor and master programs all include mandatory exchange semesters. The credits obtained during the exchange fully count towards their KLU degrees.

The International Exchange Strategy of the KLU has specified the following criteria for our partners:

· Structural fit: Students of the KLU should be able to complete a full semester at the partner institution, including all preparatory activities as well as the taking of the necessary exams.

· Content fit: The curriculum offered at the partner university should allow our students to take classes in the fields of logistics, management and economics as well as leadership. Bachelor students need courses in general management or logistics management, depending on the specialization they have chosen. Course contents are made comparable by the usage of the ECT system. Whenever this system is not applicable equivalence will be evaluated based on workload and course content by the board of examiners.

· Formal fit: Students of the KLU should be enrolled as non-degree students at the partner institution and receive a transcript of records. Students should take classes in programs equivalent in terms of content and standards to the KLUs programs. Moreover, degrees awarded by a partner institution should be accepted by the Central Office for Foreign Education Systems operated by the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs, Germany.

· Language: Classes at partner universities have to be taught in English. If the student is able to speak the host countries’ language well enough to follow classes in this language he/she is also eligible to participate. Students should not attend partner universities located in their home country.

· Spirit of reciprocity: Exchange agreements will follow the spirit of reciprocity, meaning that in return for one outbound student the KLU will receive one inbound student. Reciprocity also applies for services being offered to exchange students. Exchange balances should be equalized within reasonable time at least at the end of the agreements duration.
As the global nature is inherent to logistics and the global streams of goods follow economic booming regions, it is the aim of the Kühne Logistics University to offer to their students exchange programs not only at institutions of academic excellence but also in regions of practical relevance for their future professional life. It is the goal to enlarge the European partner institution network of the KLU substantially within the next years.