

## Anglo American University: Erasmus Policy Statement 2014 21

AAU is a very international university, with an unusually diverse student body (typically more than 60 nationalities represented; only about 30% of students are Czech or Slovak). This is a result of using English as a medium of instruction, which allows us to recruit very widely, but at the same time predisposes our international activities in certain specific directions. Our international strategy emerges from and develops this demographic reality, while also building on our mission statement:

*“Graduates of Anglo American University are prepared to make a positive difference addressing local, national and international challenges through the analysis and application of current and developing knowledge in the context of a globalized world.”*

The diverse ethnic and cultural mix of our

Effective international contacts are an essential part of any dynamic modern university. Our most important objectives are:

1. Allowing staff and students to gain direct hands on experience with diversity internationally, thereby improving academic quality.
2. Teaching students to observe and analyse the national and international challenges of other countries.
3. Training individuals to employ different perspectives to solve the challenges at hand and thus to become better citizens, always in a global context.

Our international priorities for 2014/20 are to:

- Consolidate the number and quality of our partnerships, so we can offer a balanced portfolio of partners in all relevant geographic regions and for all programs and levels of study;
- Balance the number of incoming and outgoing students;
- Ensure that 20% of students enrolled in AAU degree programs have direct experience of international study before graduation (with priority for students who have not previously studied

*Expected impacts (in relation to the 5 priorities of the EC Modernisation Agenda):*

1. Increasing