



EUROPEAN POLICY STATEMENT: PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF UNIVERSITY ALFONSO X EL SABIO

Located in the centre of Spain, University Alfonso X el Sabio (UAX in what follows) since 1994 has become one of the essential Higher Education options in the private sphere. With nearly 10,000 students and a multidisciplinary campus located in Villanueva de la Cañada near Madrid, UAX has developed an advanced project with a clear European, integrative vocation that aims to train young professionals with preparation for its incorporation into the business world. The European Projection of UAX is developed from its first year of existence when it requested its participation in the old PIC - Interuniversity Cooperation Programs of the Erasmus Project. Currently, the University has more than 150 collaboration agreements with Universities spread throughout European geography.

UAX aspires to become internationally relevant, contributing to global education and traineeship programs.

Its transparency, the signing of pre-learning agreements, the consolidation of the guidelines of the Erasmus Academic Coordinator and the great institutional support received and disseminated throughout the University has made it deserving of the favourable accreditations of the National Evaluation Agency of Quality (ANECA). We can schematically summarize the main Erasmus activities planned in the Erasmus + program:

- Continue improving the quality of the study and traineeship mobility programs.
- Continue the roadmap to the EWP project, including the Erasmus Student Card Project.
- In parallel, continue with our quality mechanism in the organization (ISO 9001: 2000) and in Education (National Agency for Quality Assessment and Accreditation -ANECA).
- Encourage and promote the participation of both students, teachers and administrative staff in the Erasmus+ program.
- Increase our participation in intensive programs and thematic networks. In all these areas, it is worth pointing out UAX adherence to all the principles contained in the Erasmus Charter.
- Continue collaborating with our community and ESNUAX to create a multicultural environment.



UAX will guarantee, through all the resources at its disposal, the correct and adequate promotion of these commitments. Within the previous obligations, UAX wants to make an effort to guarantee equal opportunities regardless of the person's particular characteristics, race, religion, sex, disability, or socioeconomic circumstances. UAX commitment aims to ensure equal treatment to all university community members, especially those with fewer opportunities.

University Alfonso X el Sabio's strategy for the ERASMUS+ program is to set out viewing internationalization for quality development in all University areas. It will help UAX meet national objectives through international cooperation and recruitment. UAX will ensure there is adequate knowledge and essential expertise for the further development of the University in itself and extend it to Spanish society.

UAX will be more selective and purposeful in its institutional cooperation and prioritize long-term cooperation with highly rated institutions and enterprises. UAX's international involvement will continue to honour the principle of solidarity and self-development with a genuinely European perspective.

UAX will focus on the KA131 program for studies, traineeships, and staff mobility. All Undergraduate, Master and PhD programs will recommend mobility activities and provide the appropriate window for Erasmus Exchanges and Traineeships.

Our target groups are:

- Students - We intend to directly impact 2075 students overall during the length of the program.
- Staff for Training - The program will directly impact-Administrative staff of 75 people.
- Teaching Staff - 140 Academic staff will be directly impacted by the project.
- Research Staff - 15 researchers will be able to experience the program.

We believe we can directly impact 2305 people at our University with the Erasmus +.

However, the program's benefits go far beyond the circle of direct beneficiaries; even students not actively participating will benefit indirectly from the program.

- Participation in the program will contribute to the improvement of the University through:
- Attracting more international students and talent.
- We are improving the quality and relevance of higher education by promoting innovation
- Increasing student employability through student placements, staff exchanges, and strategic cooperation.



QUALITY OF ERASMUS TRAINEESHIPS

In addition to its European vocation, another of our distinctive features is the alliance with the business world.

Alfonso X el Sabio University gives particular relevance to the opportunity given to the student to begin their professional career within their training process at the University. For this reason, Alfonso X el Sabio University has a Professional Guidance Aid Office that is in charge of guaranteeing the realization of professional practices to those students who wish to do them. Some degrees incorporate practices in companies in their sector into their study plans. The University has a mechanism to guarantee the quality of companies, with requirements that seek to encourage students with maximum efficiency criteria. The International Office and the Professional Guidance Aid Office have developed a framework of joint actions to guarantee that students access companies nationally and from the rest of European Union countries.

All the internships carried out by the students allow them to obtain academic credits and to be part of their academic record. The student signs a specific agreement with the host institution. At the end of the internship, the student must provide a justifying memory. For his part, the tutor at the company carries out a questionnaire to evaluate the practices carried out by the student. It allows obtaining a general assessment that will appear in the student's records. Thanks to this well-defined and publicized procedure, all students are subject to the same conditions and opportunities. UAX guarantees academic recognition of the internship period carried out in 100% of the cases.