City College Plymouth

Erasmus Charter for Higher Education Policy Statement

City College Plymouth works in partnership with Plymouth University (www.plymouth.ac.uk/academicpartnerships) to widen participation in higher education and deliver first-class degrees to the communities it services. City College Plymouth has a wide range of university-level courses including Foundation Degrees and Higher National Certificates/Diplomas, many of which can be studied on a full or part-time basis. Courses have been developed through strong partnerships with employers to ensure they are relevant and will provide students with the knowledge and skills required to be work-ready. City College Plymouth provides first class higher education teaching, learning and support.

City College Plymouth has been awarded the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) which permits it to participate in the Erasmus + Programme for 2014 to 2021. The Erasmus+ Policy Statement below forms the basis for that award.

Aims:

The City College Plymouth Policy Statement is strongly linked to the College’s strategic plan, and aims ultimately to make a difference to higher education learners, improving their employability prospects in the European labour market by providing opportunities to enhance their skills and competences.

European mobility and strategic partnership activities aim to support College’s staff to be proactive in their pursuit of knowledge and skills that are relevant to their specialisms, fostering innovation in their teaching and improving the quality of training and learning provision.

City College Plymouth’s European activities inform innovation and best practice within the College and embed a culture of continuous professional development. This policy statement aims to encourage an international attitude amongst staff and learners and focuses on the social and cultural benefits of European activities. By offering increasingly diverse opportunities for learning mobilities, City College Plymouth enhance staff and learners intercultural awareness and participation within a European society.
Objectives

The objectives which form part of the general strategy are to:

- Support the mobility of students and learners with the guarantee of continued quality
- Ensure that mobility of staff and learners continues to be strongly linked to the college strategic plan and to, where possible, inform its development.
- Stimulate the mobility of staff and students of areas of higher education that have not traditionally participated in mobility activities
- Work to build an international dimension into each curriculum area.
- Create a framework for the exchange of international experiences, for staff members and students
- Build cooperation with international partners and guarantee equal opportunities for everyone.

City College Plymouth has a strong foundation from which to deliver and take forward European programmes, with over twenty five years commitment to European Lifelong Learning initiatives. City College Plymouth’s capacity to operate at an European level is supported by longstanding co-operative networks of partners from across Europe and the College strives to work innovatively with new partners at every opportunity.

Erasmus Charter for Higher Education

The Erasmus Charter for Higher Education provides a quality framework for European and international cooperation activities that a higher educational institution may carry out within the programme. City College have been awarded the charter, a copy of which can be found with this policy statement.