

Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine

Ivan Franko National University of Lviv

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Internationalization Strategy of the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv

The internationalization strategy of the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv (hereinafter referred to as the University) is in line with the legal framework, namely:

- The Law of Ukraine "On Higher Education";
- Law of Ukraine "On Education";
- Statute of the University;

Goal

The University must take leading place among the universities of Europe and the world through the development and deepening of educational, scientific and information cooperation with foreign universities, international scientific and educational institutions and foundations.

Strategic goals of the internationalization of the University:

- Increasing the competitiveness of the University in the international educational and scientific space;
- Increasing the attractiveness of the University for foreign students, teachers and scholars;
- Strengthening the reputation of the University as one of the leading centres of Ukrainian studies in the world; support and establish cooperation with centres of Ukrainian studies abroad;
- Entry of the University to the world university rankings and gradual improvement of its positions in them;
- Development of the effective system of international academic mobility of students, professors and scientists of the University;
- Effective integration of the University's scientists into the international research community aimed to improve the quality of scientific research;
- Increasing the level of success of project applications and their implementation with the financial support of Erasmus+, Horizon 2020, Visegrad funds and other funds of the European Union, USA, Canada, Japan, China, etc.
- Entry of the University to the leading international educational and scientific societies, associations and organizations on the right of full or associate membership.

The main directions and objectives of the University internationalization

- Promote participation of students, postgraduates, teachers and scholars in the international academic mobility programs; consider student academic mobility as an integral part of the studies at the University, recognize credits and results obtained within academic mobility;
- Promote internship of pedagogical and scientific staff of the University abroad;
- Introduce joint double degree programs with our partners, in particular at the Master's and PhD levels;
- Promote development and implementation of short-term international programs (summer schools, scientific and educational visits, etc.) for foreign and Ukrainian students with the possibility to obtain credits for participation;
- Introduce educational programs with opportunity to receive internationally recognized certificates;
- Initiate joint international educational projects with the opportunity to receive financial support from leading international funds and foundations;
- Facilitate student internship in foreign companies and international organizations;
- Extend practice of attracting foreign teachers to the educational process at the University;
- Ensure availability of world educational and scientific resources on the Internet through access to specialized and universal foreign science databases;
- Increase number of courses and educational programs in foreign languages;
- Maintain connection with foreign graduates and citizens of Ukraine who work abroad;
- Conduct regular exchange of experience between university professors and researchers who implement international projects (educational, research); conduct trainings on participation in international grants projects;
- Ensure maintenance and regular updating of the University website, key webpages on the main languages of the European Union as well as University scientific publications in foreign languages;
- Promote practice of inviting famous foreign professors and representatives of foreign companies for giving public lectures at the University;
- Publish, jointly with foreign partners, scientific monographs and scientific articles in the editions included in the international scientific databases such as Web of Science, Scopus;
- Promote activation of the University scientists publications in the internationally recognized editions; recognize the critical importance of incorporating of the University's scientific editions into the international scientific databases, bring its editorial and publishing policies in line with the requirements of international scientific databases.

System of Indicators:

• Absolute indicators:

- Number of foreign students;
- Number of students who have been studying abroad;
- Number of joint and double degree programs;
- Number of students who have received joint and double diplomas;

- Number of students who participated in scientific and educational events abroad;
- Number of students who participated in international scientific and educational events in the university;
- Number of foreign teachers and researchers;
- Number of international events, namely:
 - Conferences;
 - Round tables;
 - Presentations;
 - Seminars, workshops;
- Place of the University in international rankings;
- Place of the University in the international scientific center Scopus, Google Scholar etc.;
- Number of citations in the international scientific databases Scopus, Google Scholar and others;
- h-index of the University;
- Number of publications of University employees in foreign editions;
- Number of joint international publications;
- Number of publications by foreign authors in the University's editions;
- Impact factor of scientific publications of the University according to international scientific databases;
- Number of programs that have received international accreditation;

• **Relative indicators:**

- Number of foreign scientific and pedagogical employees at the University;
- Number of university lecturers who have received a degree abroad;
- Number of foreign students at the University;
- Quota of disciplines taught in foreign languages;
- Quota of publications with international co-authorship;
- Quota of revenues from international educational activities;
- Quota of foreign income from research activities.

FINAL PROVISIONS

The University's Academic Council approves the strategy of international activity of the University and it comes into force upon the Rector's order.