



NİĞDE ÖMER HALİSDEMİR UNIVERSITY



INTERNATIONALISATION STRATEGY DOCUMENT

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INTRODUCTION

Founded in 1992, Niğde Ömer Halisdemir Üniversitesi (NÖHÜ) has a total of 149 undergraduate, graduate and doctorate level programmes within the scope of 13 Faculties, 4 Institutes, 1 Conservatory, 2 Schools, 6 Vocational Schools, 4 Departments and 11 Application and Research Centers. The program continues its educational activities with 25.505 students, 972 academic and 508 administrative personnel registered in the program. Our current full-time international students' number has reached 705 by 2019.

As being adopted by Our University in the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan, NOHU has focused on regional development, specialized in priority areas in line with its vision of being a pioneering and innovative university in service to society, the strategy of differentiation with a common mind has been determined as the position preference to be a research-oriented university. The preferred areas of success region are energy, nanotechnology and agri-food.

Within the scope of our goals and objectives we determined as a result of meetings with our stakeholders, to contribute internationally and contribute to our education, research and development activities, we aim to increase the number of international students and mobility of international students and academic staff and adopt an internationalization-based approach, such as being a research university of international standards, and improving its recognition and processes for corporate sustainability to achieve smart transformation for sustainable quality and efficiency.

Since 2005, many activities towards internationalization have been carried out at our university. In this context, the European Union Erasmus+ exchange programs, Erasmus+ the International Credit Mobility (ICM) and Mevlana Exchange Programs supported by YÖK have been carried out at NOHU. Orhun Exchange Programs have been implemented by Turkic Council, Turkish Universities Union, and we have received many visitors under the Fulbright Program, within the framework of bilateral Academic Cooperation and Exchange Protocols, administrative staff exchanges and project-based exchange programs have successfully been carried out..

In order to expand, diversify and deepen the existing capacity of our university in terms of quality and quantity, it is important to determine the vision, mission, goals and actions of the internationalization and evaluate its performance. In order to achieve the internationalization targets set in our Strategic Plan, NOHU has prepared Internationalisation Strategy Document to develop all kinds of international cooperation, to increase the number of international students, to carry out research and development activities at international standards and to make the internationalization effort into a corporate culture, in order to determine a road map and take the concrete steps.

1. MISSION

With the aim of internationalization providing international experience to students, researchers and administrative staff NOHU aims to train innovative and researcher individuals who can meet the needs and expectations of the changing world.

2. VISION

To be a research-oriented university that increases the level of internationalization in terms of quantity and quality.

DIFFERENTIATION STRATEGY

- To promote research-oriented, entrepreneurial, international studies.
- To focus on international R&D projects.
- To develop collaborations with international expert institutions and organizations in priority areas determined as energy, nanotechnology and agri-food.
- To increase the number of internationally qualified undergraduate and graduate students, as well as staff and researchers.
- To increase the number of undergraduate and graduate courses and number of programs providing education in a foreign language.
- To increase the number of double diploma programs available at the international level.
- To strengthen existing international relations and activities within the framework of bilateral cooperation, international exchange programs and multilateral scientific activities by focusing on the Turkic World countries.
- To develop relations with the Balkans, African and Asian countries within the framework of bilateral cooperation, international exchange programs and multilateral scientific activities.
- To increase the activities within the scope of the priorities of the scholarship programs (YTB, TİKA, YÖK, Fulbright, etc.) carried out by national and international institutions and organizations.
- To strengthen the orientation programs, social and cultural activities, scientific and academic activities carried out by the relevant units for international students and to ensure their sustainability.
- To increase the awareness of our university's international identity in regional, national and international platforms.
- To increase the number and qualified activities of our existing training, research and application centers operating at an international level.
- To develop and improve the accommodation opportunities for our international students and staff.

1. OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

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O1. To increase the number of incoming and outgoing students, staff and researchers within the scope of international exchange programs, academic and bilateral cooperation agreements.

O2. To increase the number of international full-time undergraduate and graduate students and academic staff.

O3. To open new programs at the undergraduate levels in foreign languages by developing the existing curricula.

O4. To develop accommodation, adaptation and socialization opportunities in order to improve the satisfaction levels of international students and staff.

O5. To increase the visibility of our university at the international level.

O6. To ensure the sustainability of the current activities of International Relations Office and to improve its institutional capacity.

O7. To improve the existing institutional infrastructure for internationalization and to harmonize with the relevant legislation.

1.2. STRATEGIES RELATED TO THE OBJECTIVES

O1. To increase the number of incoming and outgoing students, staff and researchers within the scope of international exchange programs, academic and bilateral cooperation agreements.

- Increasing the variety of exchange programs in our university,
- Organizing information meetings to increase the number of mobility applications within the scope of collaborations of students, academic and administrative staff,
- Increasing internship opportunities in our university in order to increase the number of incoming students, updating the curriculum in foreign languages and increasing their numbers,
- Organizing organizations such as “staff week” to make the exchange programs meaningful and efficient for incoming staff,
- Inviting scientists from international institutions and organizations and preparing the ground for active implementation of these people,
- Inviting scientists from universities that we have an agreement with, especially to international conferences and symposiums,
- Increasing the number of promotions in universities that we have agreements in the strategic areas where our university is a pioneer,
- Providing joint research opportunities to the academic staff who come within the framework of teaching mobility programs,
- Ensuring that the dormitory fees are paid from the organizational support to increase the number of Erasmus + program students,
- Ensuring that the current connections of academicians of our university are actively used,
- Implementing student and staff mobility projects from the Balkans, Asian and African countries and the Turkish World within the scope of International Credit Mobility (ICM Erasmus) projects.

O2. To increase the number of international full-time qualified undergraduate and graduate students and academic staff.

- In order to ensure qualified international students come to our University, carrying out promotional activities by increasing the fair activities,,
- To evaluate the results of the YÖS exams conducted by the universities in Turkey and to ensure the possibility of the YÖS exam conducting by our University by establishing the necessary infrastructure at our University
- Increasing the visibility of our University through international conferences, symposiums and panels,
- To increase the employment of full-time international academic staff by making use of the existing connections of our university staff and supporting the return activities for the personnel who are citizens of our country and work abroad,
- Increasing interdisciplinary programs carried out in a foreign language, especially at postgraduate level by providing employment of foreign academic staff in these fields,
- Encouraging the development of projects with competent foreign scientists in strategic areas, ensuring the combined use of our university's existing resources and establishing a center of attraction for international scientists,
- Enabling scientists to come together with joint programs by implementing projects supported by the European Union,
- Providing experience sharing of personnel carrying out international projects and research.

O3. To open programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels providing education in foreign languages and to develop existing curricula.

- Increasing the variety of courses that can be given in foreign language in Erasmus information packages,
- Opening post-graduate programs that can provide education in interdisciplinary fields in any foreign languages,
- Carrying out studies for institutional accreditation,
- Creation of common lesson pools that can be taught in a foreign languages,
- Increasing the number of foreign language courses that can be given by education, research and application centers,
- Increasing the number of elective foreign language courses for international students,

O4. To develop accommodation, adaptation and socialization opportunities in order to improve the satisfaction levels of international students and staff.

- For international students and staff, Organizing orientation meetings at the beginning of each academic year,

- To support cultural interaction by increasing the number of cultural events, organizing sports events and supporting other activities in this context,
- Continue to support the activities organized by international student communities,
- Increasing in-kind supports for existing exchange programs,
- Development of scientific, cultural and social responsibility projects with international students.

O5. To increase the visibility of our university at the international level.

- Support the international students and staff participation of the funds such as; TIKA, EU, TUBITAK etc in order to benefit from national and international funds and promotions,
- Visiting universities in the scope of bilateral cooperation agreements in order to increase the quality and quantity of those who benefit from mobility within the scope of Erasmus exchange programs and taking place at ERACON (Erasmus Coordinators Meeting) and EAIE (International Education Association) fairs,
- Ensure Our university to take part in international fairs and various events,
- Sharing the current news on the English website of our University,
- Supporting activities aimed at increasing the quality of academicians and students in order to increase Our University ranking to higher levels by using the world ranking of universities rating agencies such as, QS, URAP etc.
- Shooting the promotional film of our university in different languages and sharing them on various platforms as promotional material,
- Increasing high-level visits to Our University,
- Digitizing the scope of international agreements and ensuring the digitization
- In order to gain corporate belonging of the international students to ensure participation in various activities and events.

O6. To improve the institutional capacity of the International Relations Office and to ensure the sustainability of its current activities.

- Keeping the University International Relations Office website up-to-date,
- Increasing expert personnel within the International Relations Office,
- Encouraging the participation of international students in the graduate tracking system,
- To be held International student registrations within the International Relations Office,
- Adding new ones to existing agreements within the scope of bilateral cooperation programs carried out at our university.

O7. - To improve the existing institutional infrastructure for internationalization and to harmonize with the relevant legislation.

- To prepare In-campus direction signs in English and Turkish and develop on-campus navigation systems on the website,
- Updating all our units' English websites and providing access to the English catalogs of all courses.