THE MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY
ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT (2014-2020)

The University is dedicated to developing and maintaining a high international reputation and standing. MMU International Office coordinates, promotes and supports all overseas activities to make effective use of the University wide resources. We encourage active participation in appropriate international programmes to increase its exposure, build its reputation and identify new opportunities for the University. The University continues to strengthen links with Europe by its effort to increase student and staff mobility, developing joint courses using ECTS, extending a European and International dimension across its courses and continuing its cooperation with European Institutions. Identifying an Erasmus Coordinator in each Department helps provide provision on curricula and credits as well as support for both incoming and outgoing students, and also to advertise teaching activities at our partner institutions. The University also provides free English Language Support for International Student (ELSIS) during term-time to encourage incoming students to make the most out of their experience in the UK, as well as providing an orientation session to integrate home and overseas students together to provide a stimulated and cultured environment to the classroom and to the University. Working closely with the accommodation office, we are able to provide incoming students with both long term and short term contracts at the University's Halls of Residence which provides them with a secure and safe accommodation. The University also assists in building confidence within its staff when travelling overseas by providing assistance and information to help develop international academic partnerships. As a major European and International University, we will continue to encourage collaboration through Erasmus and other European Programmes, as well as developing further exchange links through our non-European Exchange Programmes, currently in the US, Canada, Australia and Hong Kong.

The University has well developed administrative and academic support arrangements to accompany the processes of securing a placement, assessing its appropriateness, monitoring performance of students and, where applicable, overseeing arrangements for their assessment. The University provides appropriate guidance on Criminal Record checks, occupational health considerations, additional language or skills preparation, cultural orientation and work expectations. An effective placement learning opportunity is one in which the aims and intended learning outcomes are clearly defined and understood by all parties where the responsibilities of the University, placement provider and student are made explicit. The University is able to advise students on the style and content of correspondence requesting a placement, in the case of a student negotiated placement. In cases where a large-scale placement is made with a single employer, the University will normally enter into a written agreement setting out the respective responsibility for all parties. In approving placements, the University will have regard to the placement providers' ability to provide opportunities for intended learning outcomes to be achieved, support students on placement and fulfil responsibilities under health and safety legislation. Monitoring and Evaluation is high priority and the University will periodically review students' progress and use feedback from institutional placement staff, placement supervisors and students. The University is responsible of ensuring that all staff involved in placement learning are competent to fulfil their role through appropriate training to help them identify, develop and supervise placement learning opportunities. This will then encourage individuals to acquire a specific skill and enhance understanding of the social and economic culture of specific countries, which will help improve the quality of multilateral cooperation between the University and enterprises in Europe.