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Effective Mobility Flows Management in Asian Universities

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TOOLKIT - DESIGNING AND MANAGING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, EDUCATIONAL PROJECT AND MOBILITY SCHEMES IN ASIAN UNIVERSITIES

AIM: To enhance and modernize the internationalization strategies pursued by Asian universities, especially in terms of the capabilities displayed by the university governance and IRO staff in building up an “Asian way” to internationalization.



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Project Partners



Project's Timeline

3rd
YEAR

2nd
YEAR

1st
YEAR

WP1
Baseline study on International strategies in Asia and its practices

WP 2
Modernization of Asian International relations strategies

WP 3
Effective project writing and management in Asian Universities

WP 4
Effective mobility flows management in Asian Universities

WP 5
Promoting engagement in International Relations

WP 6
TOOLKIT Exploitation

WP 7
Project's results dissemination

WP 8
Quality assurance and monitoring

WP 9
Project management



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WP4 - Effective Mobility Flows Management in Asian Universities

Aim: To enhance the capacity of Asian Universities in **strategizing**, promoting and **managing** students mobility schemes

Task and Activity:

- To design a shared **mobility management model** that will be described and defined in a **Handbook**
- To hold the **cascade trainings** (Internal and National levels) and to present the Handbook

Coordinator: Uppsala University

Internationalization

The intentional process of integrating an international, intercultural or global dimension into the purpose, functions and delivery of post-secondary education, in order to enhance the quality of education and research for all students and staff, and to make a meaningful contribution to society.

(Jane Knight)



It mainly involves students/staff exchange and collaborative research programmes.

Internationalization Strategies and Mobility Schemes

- Internationalization strategies should be included in the University's strategic plan
- Each university should develop a policy framework on internationalization
- Mobility plans should be detailed in the internationalization plan



Uppsala University

We have a very concise strategy

- International cooperation and exchange will be deepened
- Internationalisation will drive quality and enhance skills
- The University will be an attractive choice for teachers, researchers and students from all over the world

It is up to us to make our own strategic context

- Why should we even have partnerships or participate in programs?
 - Foundation of more "advanced" bilateral and multilateral partnerships
 - Allow a greater/broader offering of courses
 - Create an arena for internationalisation at home
 - Not just exchange studies!
 - Intercultural competence does not just magically occur
- Choosing partners
 - Current partners: complement or compete
 - Look at the pool of potential recruits
 - Related subject areas
 - Ranking
 - Proactivity
 - Preparatory visits

Set up Internationalization strategy and Action Plan for UY in Toolkit WP2 Training



TOOLKIT WP2- TRAINING ON INTERNATIONAL STRATEGIES (Vilnius 7-11 October 2019)

No.	Activity	Responsible dept./ person	Success indicator	Due date	Resources required
2.1	Students and faculty exchange	Respective department and IRO	5 exchange program in faculty/year	Every Year	University budget and development partners
2.2	Internationally transferrable credit system	Student affair, both home and host institutes			Register's office, credit system
2.3	Internationally accredited study programs	Respective department, QA department			AUN-QA framework & NAQAC framework
2.4	Collaborate with international institutions for teaching, research and development	Respective faculty, center for research and innovation, IRO	2 international project for every year	Every Year	Researcher, research partners and funds, post-graduate students

TOOLKIT Handbook provides a basic framework and draft template for drafting policy document on internationalization and mobility.

It provides the legal and administrative instructions for the institution to streamline all of its activities.

IRO should establish its activities in a systematic way based on the objectives and expected outcomes of the university's strategic plan.



Strategies of Mobility Programmes

IRO Structure Strategy

- Responsible for fostering the internationalization of the university
- Well-functioning in the tasks of
 - formulating a proper internationalization policy
 - designing and implementing internationalization projects
 - collaborating and coordinating with international partners
 - promoting and facilitating the international mobility (students/teachers/staff)

Role of the IRO

- Develop & implement an internationalization strategy under guidance of univ. admin board
- Promote the student/staff mobility including **reciprocal exchange programmes**
- Manage the international cooperation programmes and projects (teaching/research)
- Advise and guide the students seeking international mobility opportunities
- Disseminate and exchange information between the home university and its partners through various platforms
- Draft MoUs for collaborative research/teaching activities and student exchange
- Organize the multicultural/ social activities to facilitate intercultural interactions
- Organize the international conferences, workshops etc.

Competency for IRO Staff

- Able to work effectively in English
- Have reasonable ICT skills
- Knowledgeable in intercultural communications.
- Ability to strengthen connectivity and collaboration with international partners.
- Ability to draft and process MoUs/MoAs with international partners
- Experience in event management



Key Performance Indicators (KPI) of IRO

- Time taken to process the documents.
- Number of cooperative research activities over the past 3 years.
- Effective MOU/MOA/Exchange Notes, etc.
- Number of exchange activities/programmes.
- Number of international students registered per year.
- Number of collaborative programmes/projects
- Number of international conferences, workshops, and events.
- Number of awareness programmes for students and faculty members.
- Number of scholarship and grant opportunities for academic programmes.



Quality Assurance

A quality assurance system should be systematically operationalized.

- Maintain accountability and transparency by eliminating any conflict of interest when executing its internationalization activities.
- Proper and timely dissemination of accurate information.
- Having proper guidelines to make the work easier and to ensure it's being executed properly
- Effective, efficient, and comprehensive working procedures
- Effective filing, record-keeping and knowledge management.
- Effective communication channels.



Credit Transfer Policy

Develop a model policy according to governing regulations of the university

This policy should clearly define the **key principles**, such as course content similarities, complementarities (for example about 70%), and course content overlap (for example about 40%) for acceptance, and **limits** of credit transfer if applicable.

Course content or expected learning outcomes should not overlap more than 40% with the one(s) that students have already studied.

Earn the degrees faster by offering accelerated programs, flexible scheduling options, and industry-relevant courses.

Get started in the new career earlier



TRANSFER CREDITS: EARN YOUR DEGREE FASTER

Infrastructure Development Strategy

A university should have at least sufficient basic infrastructure and facilities to facilitate mobility programmes

- **Libraries:** One main library and one library at each faculty level
- **Laboratories:** at least one fully equipped laboratory at the Faculty/Department level
- **Dormitories :** Male and female residential facilities suitable for international students
- **Washrooms** with well-maintained sanitation facilities
- **Prayer room:** It is important to assure that students have a place for their prayers
- Satisfactory **Internet** connection: provide free access to students to facilitate their learning and communication requirements
- Food court, Mini-mart, clinic, ATM, bank, gym, football ground, student corners etc.

Alumni Forum

The IRO is the focal point of establishing a special alumni forum of the mobility students and can link them with the university alumni as well.

Alumni networks

provide the long-term value to an educational institution by giving alumni the chance to stay in contact and continue to learn from each other long after they have left school.

provide a platform for alumni to stay connected, form new professional networks, facilitate business opportunities, etc.

About the Uppsala University Alumni Network

The Uppsala University Alumni Network is a global network for all former students and staff members of Uppsala University. The network offers you a way to keep in touch with the University and former classmates, as well as opportunities to meet new friends and give back to your alma mater. To date, over 27,000 alumni in nearly 130 countries around the world have chosen to become members.



International Student Association

To promote cultural appreciation and international friendships

To welcome all students to join the diverse group of people (Multicultural activities)

- share and experience different cultures, promote social pluralism, establish new networks
- Activities: international food exhibitions, cultural shows, national festivals, hiking, guided tours, etc.

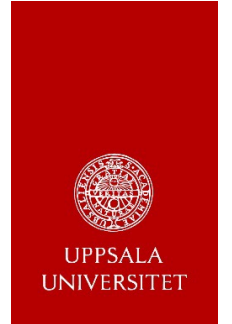


To support and assist with the welfare of students

To engage in social and educational activities, extra-curricular activities

Student Service Centre

- Arrival Days at Arlanda Airport.
- Shuttle service to Uppsala, to welcome centre where they can pick up keys and get important information.
- Shuttle service from welcome centre to their housing.



- Welcome Reception in University Main Building – welcome speech by University Vice Chancellor.
- Information sessions and workshops to help them prepare.

Welcoming of new students



Ref: the presentation of Ms. Lina Solander

Online training, September 30th - October 1st 2020

Buddy programme

- Run by the Student Unions
- Matches a current student to be a buddy to a new international student

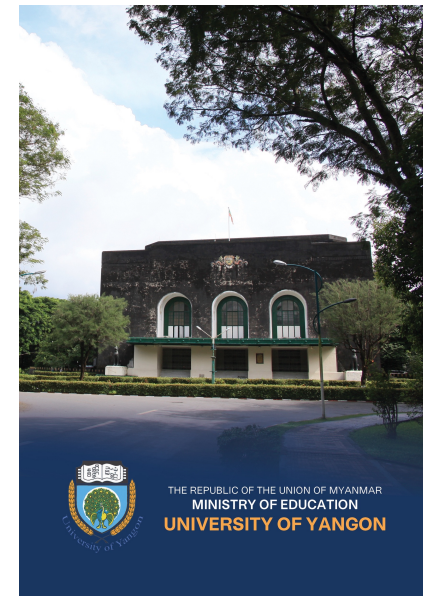
Designed for international students as a way to ease the transition into their new environment



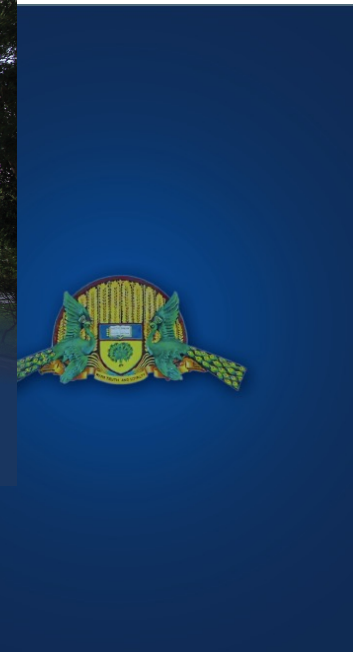
Practical Information Brochure

Online practical information brochure (as a quick guide) to provide information about application procedures, courses offered, visa regulations, insurance requirements, on-campus and off-campus accommodation, and pre-departure proceedings for mobility participants

Orientation programme
cultural do's and don'ts



UY Prospectus



Be Strategic for Success & Sustainability of the Mobility Schemes

In a mobility perspective

- Mutual interest
- Start small and allow growth
- Involve teaching/ admin staff

In an organisational perspective

- Assign a project coordinator
- Increase buy-in within the organisation
- Clear administrative structures at partner's



**Casual relationships hardly bring success.
Establish a strategic international cooperation**

**Integrate an international dimension
to our academic programs
(Increase the quality of teaching, learning and research)**

**Raise the University profile
internationally**



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