National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy: Steps Towards Internationalization at Home

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NaUKMA in a glance...

Basic Facts about NaUKMA:

- established – 1615 (400+ years old)
- reestablished – 1991 (25+ years old)
- comprehensive (classical) state funded university (National, Research status)
- 4000 students (Bachelor, Master, PhD programs), highly competitive admission
- 6 Faculties (Humanities, Social Sciences and Social Technologies, Economics, Law, Computer Sciences, Natural Sciences)
What is different at / around NaUKMA:
- multiple educational novelties in Ukraine – first at NaUKMA!!!
- student-centered approach
- pro-active educational and critical thinking discourse
- “close distances”
- corruption is not possible a priori!!!
- fight to plagiarism!!!
- students have to influence the study track
- students have their right to choose elective courses
- students have their right to change their specialization for their Master’s degree program
- Ukrainian and English as the University Statute languages
- First draft of the University Language Policy
- students have to know English - admission requirements plus 2 years of English for all students
- faculty members have their right to teach in English
- students of all specialization have their right to study other foreign languages
- students have their right for the mobility, while university has to recognize what is learnt (even the courses which do not exist at NaUKMA!)
- students with special needs have their right for the virtual mobility
- faculty members have their responsibility to use innovative teaching methods
- faculty members have responsibility to provide students with global competences
- faculty, students, others involved have responsibility to use international students’ presence in classrooms to maximize learning effects
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National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy,
Kyiv, Ukraine
- Joint Master's Program in German and European Studies with Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena

- Institute of German Law

- Annual Summer School in German Law in cooperation with Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg and Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz (supported by DAAD)

- "Zones of Cultural Contact and Conflict in Eastern Europe" DAAD Thematic Network with Gissen Center for Eastern European Studies (GiZo), Justus-Liebig-Universität Giessen

- Erasmus+ KA 107 with:
  - Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena
  - Justus-Liebig-Universität Giessen
  - Freie Universität Berlin
  - Ruhr-Universität Bochum
  - Europe-Universität Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder)

- "Go East" Summer School and many others…
Challenges in internationalization as reflection of Ukrainian education system challenges:
- freedom is responsibility
- education versus research
- autonomy, but control – limits of flexibility
- ok, autonomy, but finances are all controlled by the state!!!
- academic integrity!!!
- strategical thinking
We are open for cooperation! Thank you for your attention!

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