

Erasmus Policy Statement (EPS) – TU Kampen

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The Theological University in Kampen has a long-standing tradition of education in Reformed Theology in the Netherlands, as well as on the European Continent. Throughout the years, many international students have found their way to Kampen. Coming from different continents and cultures, many of them have an interest in, or affiliation with, the Reformed theology and tradition.

Our university wishes to share the Reformed heritage with theologians and church leaders from countries around the world. In a globalizing world it is important to stimulate and challenge our (international) students to reflect on the contextual appropriation of the formative thinking of Reformed theology and the Reformed world vision. In this way Reformed theology can be relevant to many cultural and religious contexts and for many churches and institutions.

We are in contact with institutions on every continent. In Europe, our focus lies on Eastern Europe (Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, Ukraine) but we also have contacts in Germany, Belgium, France, Norway, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Spain and Italy. We have relations with institutions in North and South America, in Africa (South Africa, Malawi, Kenya), Asia (Korea, India, Indonesia) and Australia.

Specifically, we are continually working at:

- European and non-European student mobility,
 - Our Master programmes in theology (general) can be studied in English; we have also developed a Master's programme for international students (MIRT). In this way international students can easily follow (a part of) our curriculum.
 - We encourage our Dutch students to go abroad for part of their study.
 - There is a limited number of scholarships available for Dutch students going abroad as well as for foreign students who wish to study in Kampen. In this we work together with external sponsors.
- Teaching staff mobility,
- We have an intensive exchange between teaching staff of ETF Leuven and TU Kampen.
- We receive guest lecturers from many institutions, both from inside and outside Europe.
- The recruitment of foreign Master and PhD students,
- We specifically recruit international master students for our MIRT programme.
- We encourage excellent students to enrol in a PhD programme at TU Kampen.
- The development of joint Master and Doctoral programmes
- For example, we have a joint doctoral programme with the ETF in Leuven, Belgium.

In terms of the priorities of the Modernisation Agenda set by the European Union, participation in Erasmus+ has helped us in the following respects:

- It has increased attainment levels for foreign students to join our programmes and made it possible for some of our Dutch students to broaden their horizon in other countries.

- We have been able to work at increasing the quality of our own education by exchanging administrative staff (e.g. library staff), thereby sharing know-how and experience.
- We have done our best to implement the knowledge triangle by developing Master programmes specifically aimed at the impact of theological thought in society and business (e.g. IES).
- We have worked hard to improve governance and funding by creating new partnerships with sponsor organisations.