

## Erasmus Policy Statement 2014-2020

The Norwegian College of Musical Theatre (Musikkteaterhøyskolen) hereafter called MTHS supports the EU Modernisation and Internationalisation Agenda for Higher Education. The Erasmus Charter for Higher Education is integral to the realisation of our institutional plans, strategies and aspirations.

MTHS is interested in a Scandinavian- European cooperation due to the language and the employment opportunities after graduation. Germany and England are potential countries for this cooperation, due to the language, (English and German are taught in Norwegian schools from an early age) and because they have a larger musical theater community with opportunities for further work after graduation. Other possible countries are the USA and Australia. MTHS is a small school with a sole focus in musical theater. Thus, the main objectives and target groups for mobility activity are schools with the same course combinations.

MTHS has signed agreements with schools in Russia, USA and Germany. We will in the coming years aspire to have several more especially with Scandinavian schools to create opportunities for research and exchange within these countries that are close in culture, distance and language. MTHS considers it very important that schools that educate in the genre of musical theater work together to further research to aid development of this artform.

The school works to develop double, multiple and joint degrees. This work is particularly important in connection with our wish for cooperation with other Scandinavian schools. We educate students in a specialised field in small countries and to achieve our goal to establish diverse degrees, we think good cooperation over the Scandinavian borders is of great importance.

MTHS are conducting several student exchanges both in the US and Europe and have international signed agreements with all of them. Not only will there be an exchange of students but also teachers from other institutions will be invited to teach here. These partnerships / exchanges are all currently supplements to the present program, but new projects will be applied for within the Erasmus framework by 2015.

MTHS seeks to increase the level of education by securing good contacts with internationally affiliated institutions. Increase the quality and relevance of the subject nationally, and to develop further and continuing education programs so that students get the skills they need for the job market. With our participation in the program through international mobilisation and collaboration, we want to acquire knowledge from other educational institutions and bring that knowledge back in order to increase the competence of our staff and students. MTHS engages in research and development, and with a membership in Erasmus we will be able to further develop the discipline, through internationally collaborative research and innovation in the artform.

MTHS has the following goal for its artistic and professional development:

Artistic and professional development that adds new knowledge to the field, thus providing a competent academic staff. Development towards businesses, municipalities, cultural institutions and organizations, and expanded use of artistic expertise.,

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