



INTERNATIONALIZATION STRATEGY of Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University in 2016-2020

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PREAMBLE

Under the global informatization of the society, the cross-culture unification and due to the established globalized market of labor, research and education services, the social responsibility and importance of universities as the key factors of the current civilization process are substantially growing. International organizations in which Ukraine participates pay special attention to the development of the international cooperation in higher education which must be based on solidarity and mutual respect and the promotion of humanistic values and cross-culture dialogue. Internationalization of the educational environment is one of the main tasks set by the Bologna Declaration and other agreements on international cooperation in the field of higher education.

International research, exchange of students and teachers, vivid innovation activity have always been the priorities for the Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University which possesses the experience of more than two hundred years in training of lawyers for Ukraine as well as for other countries, actively develops international academic exchange, participates in global research networks. The high international reputation of the University is caused by our permanent scientific and educational connections, joint research and publications, participation in grant programs of the EU, USAID and the US Government, presentation of the results of our University research and projects at the international forums, exhibitions, and conferences.

The University mission consists in training of professional lawyers, their personal growth by forming the human values, citizen responsibility, national identity and tolerance, corresponding to social, economic and cultural requirements of Ukraine and international community.

The activities of the University are united by **mutual values**:

- pursuit of truth;
- academic freedom;
- fairness and openness;
- professionalism and cooperation;
- exactingness and responsibility;
- political neutrality and active civic-mindedness.

The essence of the University internationalization policy lies in practicing the University integration mechanisms into global research and education environment, exhaustive stimulation of joint research and educational programs with the foreign partners. The University organizational structure, management

methods and style, IT application in all spheres of activity, strategic motivation of students and teachers are aimed to achieve the high international status of our University.

The purpose of the present Strategy is the development of the University update steps meeting the current integration and globalization processes, requirements of transition to post-industrial civilization to ensure the sustainable development and favor integration to the European and global educational environment.

ANALYSIS OF THE UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University actively develops international relations within the frames of bilateral, multilateral agreements and long-term international projects.

The partners of our University are more than 50 universities from United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Czech Republic, Poland, Belarus, United States, Uzbekistan, France, Sweden and many other countries. The international activities of the University have largely expanded for recent years.

Our University is a member of the European Association of Universities (full-fledged membership) and the European Law Faculties Association, the European Public Law Organization, has a fruitful cooperation with the International Association of Universities. The University joined the Initiative of UN Secretary General “United Nations Academic Impact” (UNAI) – an international network uniting more than 1000 universities from 120 countries. Our students are members of the European Law Students Association (ELSA) and the International Law Students Association (ILSA).

The University has participated in six joint European projects within the frames of Tempus Program and four joint projects within the frames of Erasmus+ Program, which enabled 200 our students and teachers to undertake the internship abroad, whereas more than 100 colleagues from Western universities visited our University on exchange.

The University offers the international Master degree programs in International Law, European and International Entrepreneurial Law which are taught in English and enable the alumni to obtain within two years the diplomas of Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University, Mykolas Romeris University (Lithuania) and Savoy Montblanc University (France).

The University encourages in every way the academic mobility of students, postgraduates and faculty on the grounds of agreements with foreign educational institutions. The University's Management approved the Regulation on the procedure for the enjoyment of the rights of students of the Yaroslav the Wise National Law University to academic mobility.

The University students are active at the international law contests and take award-winning places in the most famous international law contests, such as Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition and Telders International Law Moot Court Competition.

At the same time, the situation with such relative aspects as international citing, percentage of publications with international authors and some others, is not fully satisfactory.

Improvement of the University international competitiveness index strongly requires the development and realization of a system of steps aimed at the internationalization of its activities.

TASKS OF INTERNATIONALIZATION

1. Development of the international research with the involvement of leading experts from the partner universities and other institutions, devoted to urgent items which require the substantial concentration of the research potential, organizational and financial resources.
2. International standardization of teaching programs, curricula, knowledge and skills acquisition practices, on the basis of the developed academic mobility of students and teachers.
3. Improvement of the University positions at the international ratings of higher education institutions, intensification of the activities in global educational and research networks, unions and associations.
4. Establishment of Kharkiv International Legal Forum at the University basis - as a site for transparent and open dialogue of the members of world legal community aimed at the development of common approaches to solve the urgent legal problems in the context of globalization and removal of legal restraints to world sustainable development.
5. Establishment of the International Education and Innovative Development Center – the organizational system for management of the international cooperation and international academic mobility.

PLAN OF INTERNATIONALIZATION MEASURES

- development of the comprehensive program on improvement of the University international competitiveness with due consideration of the available potential as well as the financial, personnel, infrastructural and legal limitations, aimed at overcoming of the current import-export asymmetry of the educational services and the University promotion at the international market as a recognized center of legal education;

- formation of the unique, world accepted University brand, particularly, by the promotion of own Web resources and advertising, presence at the international educational events, in foreign legal press, etc.;

- ensured entrance of the University to world recognized rankings of the best world universities, of the best world universities by branches of knowledge, subjects and educational programs, of the best regional universities, of the best research universities, of the most popular university websites, of the best world universities in internationalization and academic mobility, of the best world universities in life success of alumni;

- participation in the most important programs and projects of the European Commission, the European University Association (EUA), the European Law Faculties Association (ELFA), the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA), other associations and organizations in the respective fields of research;

- active participation of the University in programs and projects effected in Ukraine by the international organizations and funds, United States Agency of International Development (USAID), American Councils for International Education, OSCE, NATO, Council of Europe, OECD, International Visegrad Foundation, etc.;

- establishment of the international partnerships for participation in international contests within the frames of programs financed by the European Commission and national charitable foundations (Horizon 2020, Erasmus+; DAAD; EduFrance; British Council, etc.);

- monitoring of the priorities in the field of education as specified in the program documents of UN, UNESCO, European Union, International University Association, European University Association, other international organizations, aimed at fast response to new tasks and challenges of time;

- introduction of the international and European standards of academic fair play by adoption of the University Academic Ethics Code, Statute of Academic Ethics Commission, the post of Student Ombudsman and comprehensive actions aimed at anti-corruption and anti-plagiary struggle;

- development of cooperation with the strategic partners meaning to attain leading positions at the markets of basic and additional legal education, in the field of research and forensic analysis;

- establishment of Kharkiv International Legal Forum at the University basis - as a site for transparent and open dialogue of the members of world legal community aimed at the development of common approaches to solve the urgent legal problems in the context of globalization and removal of legal restraints to world sustainable development.

- establishment of new international connections and partnership for mutual introduction of the innovative educational and research programs in the field of information technology law and other aspects caused by digitalization of the society;

- increase of the internationalization level of training process and research by the expanded involvement of leading foreign teachers, researchers and students;

- involvement of leading international experts in conducting external expertise and audit of the existing educational programs in order to ensure the quality of educational activities in accordance with the highest international standards as well as to improve the University's management efficiency;

- development of cooperation with the international and foreign companies and business associations, establishment of a system of stipend agreements for the probation of students and young researchers;

- development of the international academic mobility for students and teachers at the expense of extended list of the receiving universities;

- intensified cooperation with foreign partner universities on the basis of bilateral agreements, expansion of cooperation subjects in order to involve more University teachers, researchers, postgraduates in execution of joint international research projects;

- establishment of the University network of speaking-clubs, foreign law centers (American, German law, etc.), teaching of certain subjects in foreign languages;

- development of the international cooperation support information and organizational system: creation of the English language portal, regular issuance of booklets and leaflets on joint programs and projects, training capabilities at the University for foreign students;

- stimulation and support of the initiatives of students and teachers aimed at the University update, introduction of innovative projects in partnership with foreign educational and research institutions;

- formation of the efficient system for recruiting of foreign students and post-graduates;
- formation of the database of university alumni working abroad, creation of conditions for their active involvement in the academic and cultural life of their alma mater.

INDICATORS SYSTEM

Evaluation of current developments and the aforementioned activities and objectives will be carried out yearly to monitor progress and to pinpoint areas for improvement. The monitoring system is an important element of the evidence based management system of the Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University. The existing instruments for measuring institutional internationalization performance focus on student outgoing and incoming mobility and main indicators:

- the degree of satisfaction of students by the level of internationalization of education programs;
- the degree of satisfaction of graduates by the obtained global and professional competences;
- score evaluation of opportunities for the internationalization of teaching scientific activities;
- position of the University in international rankings;
- position of the University in the international scientometric base of Scopus and others;
- the h-index (Hirsh index) of the University;
- the number of publications of the University abroad;
- the number of joint international publication;
- the number of publications of foreign authors in the journals of Universities;
- the number of programs that have received international accreditation;
- the number of international events;
- the number of foreign students;
- the number of students who attended the training abroad;

- the number of joint programs and joint and dual diplomas;
- the number of students who received joint and dual diplomas;
- the number of foreign teachers and researchers

FINAL PROVISIONS

The Internationalization Strategy of Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University has been approved by the Academic Council of the University and has been introduced by the order of the Rector of the University.

Amendments and additions to the Internationalization Strategy of Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University should be approved in accordance with the procedure laid down in the University's` rules.