

Guidelines for the Internationalisation of the Catholic University of Applied Sciences Mainz 2019 - 2024

For the Catholic University of Applied Sciences Mainz, internationalisation is an expression of consistent profile development and quality assurance. In order to successfully assert itself and build a stronger profile in the international comparison of teaching, research and further education, it is intended that an international teaching and working environment shall be established for all members of the university.

At the forefront of efforts in this regard lies the expansion of the academic and knowledge horizon of all university staff. In a world that is becoming ever smaller (global perspectives), and in which individual societies and cultures are becoming increasingly differentiated (multicultural perspectives), it is intended to strengthen the quality of studies, teaching and research through intensification of foreign contacts and university collaborations work.

With the new internationalisation guidelines, the Catholic University of Applied Sciences Mainz sets a visible signal that stays abroad of students and university staff constitute a significant aspect for the international orientation of the university. Furthermore, the Catholic University of Applied Sciences Mainz warmly welcomes students and staff from other universities and countries and sees itself as a meeting place for people with different cultural backgrounds and perspectives.

The aim of these internationalisation guidelines 2019 - 2024 is to sustainably develop the international and intercultural orientation of the university. For this purpose the following guidelines, which build on the level attained to date, are being produced and internally implemented through concrete measures. Because internationalisation is a cross-sectional task that comprises all functional areas of the university, the measures are being promoted on all levels (in the fields of research, teaching, administration, training and development), and in cooperation with external players.

The Guidelines for the Internationalisation of the Catholic University of Applied Sciences Mainz are:

1. International partnerships

The Catholic University of Applied Sciences Mainz is intensifying existing contacts and further developing the international network. The principle of equality forms the basis for cooperation: The partners ensure that they mutually promote research, teaching and further education.

2. International studies

In light of the globalisation and internationalisation of the employment market, internationally oriented courses with a focus on intercultural skills are becoming increasingly important for the students. The Catholic University of Applied Sciences Mainz is therefore increasingly establishing an international focus in its individual study programmes. The appeal of the courses on offer at the Catholic University of Applied Sciences Mainz to international students should be further strengthened. In some areas, the courses offered should be made fundamentally accessible to exchange students.

3. International competence

The staff at the Catholic University of Applied Sciences Mainz should receive targeted training within the framework of personnel development. Furthermore, the Catholic University of Applied Sciences Mainz is recruiting internationally experienced, multilingual employees and academics with access to international networks. Efforts are also being made to attract personnel with intercultural skills in the administrative area.

4. International mobility

Support is given to staff of the Catholic University of Applied Sciences Mainz in gaining international experience and with stays abroad, whilst focus is also placed on hosting visiting international academics. Staff of the university are encouraged to spend time on placements abroad as part of personnel and organisational development.

5. International students

The Catholic University of Applied Sciences Mainz is encouraging an increase in the numbers of international students. The Catholic University of Applied Sciences Mainz is therefore also supporting measures to improve the course options for international students. Students of the university also provide support through companion programmes, e.g. for the integration of international students.

6. Funding opportunities

The Catholic University of Applied Sciences Mainz specifically promotes the securing of third-party funds for mobility schemes, as well as research, further education and training projects. Students and university staff should have the option of taking up placements abroad through the financial support of the university.

7. Research and development

Research and internationalisation are tightly interlinked at the university. In addition to German projects conducted nationwide, the Catholic University of Applied Sciences Mainz also undertakes research projects at European level and with an international focus. In the future, further education and development programmes should be increasingly strategically oriented towards aspects of internationalisation.

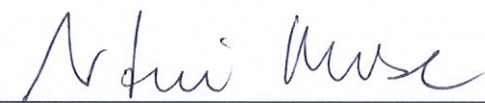
8. Public relations work

The visibility of the Catholic University of Applied Sciences Mainz as an internationally oriented university is being strengthened in its external presence, for example on the website, at trade fairs, at conferences and in promotional materials.

The Institute for Applied Research and International Relations (ifb) is coordinating the internationalisation efforts in cooperation with the university administration and the faculties. Implementation of the guidelines is a common task of all university staff and can only be successful with the commitment of all faculties and each individual.

In 2024, the implementation of these guidelines will be assessed on the basis of the measures realised at that point, and the further strategic orientation of the internationalisation will be determined by the university management in coordination with the committees and bodies of the university.

Mainz, 04.04.2019



Prof. Dr. theol. Martin Klose
Rector of the Catholic University of Applied Sciences Mainz