

9. International Cooperation and Academic Partnerships

The English Language study program is strongly supported by a broad network of international cooperation, which constitutes a core component of academic development, scientific research, and the internationalization of education at UBT. These partnerships contribute directly to enhancing the quality of teaching, the professional development of academic staff, and the preparation of students for an increasingly global labor market.

One of the most significant strategic collaborations is the agreement with **Linnaeus University (Sweden)**, where a well-established academic partnership has been developed through the exchange of staff and students, participation in joint academic and scientific activities, and the sharing of best practices in teaching and research. This collaboration has strengthened the international dimension of the program and contributed to increasing the academic capacities of the Faculty of English Language.

Furthermore, the Faculty has developed active cooperation with **Bartın University (Türkiye)**, where students from this university have undertaken semester-long mobilities, sometimes for two consecutive semesters, and academic staff exchange has also been realized. This collaboration has enriched students' intercultural experience and enhanced the academic content of the program.

In the same vein, cooperation with **Trabzon University (Türkiye)** and other partner universities has created additional opportunities for mobility, exchange of experiences, and the development of joint academic and research projects.

UBT, namely the Faculty of English Language, has also signed an academic cooperation agreement with **Ovidius University of Constanța (Romania)**, aiming to strengthen academic, research, and cultural exchanges. The agreement creates opportunities for student and academic staff mobility, the development of joint research projects, and the organization of scientific activities. This cooperation contributes directly to the internationalization of programs and the enhancement of academic quality at UBT. In addition, UBT has signed a cooperation agreement with **Università degli Studi di Urbino Carlo Bo (Italy)**, which aims to develop academic and research collaboration. This agreement enables the exchange of students and academic staff, the development of joint projects, and the organization of scientific and academic activities, thereby contributing to the internationalization of programs and strengthening UBT's academic profile.

Forms of International Cooperation

The international partnerships of the English Language Program are developed in several main directions:

- student exchange at semester and annual levels;
- exchange of professors and academic staff;

- recognition and transfer of academic credits;
- cooperation in scientific research and joint publications;
- professional and academic development of staff.

UBT actively participates in European mobility programs such as **Erasmus+** and **CEEPUS**, offering students and academic staff opportunities for study, teaching, and training at partner European universities. The Faculty of English Language accepts and recognizes credits earned by students during mobilities at partner institutions, in accordance with institutional regulations and EU standards.

Extensive Network of Partner Universities

Through UBT, students and academic staff have the opportunity to benefit from mobility programs and study scholarships at a large number of prestigious universities in Europe, the United States, and the region. This extensive network of partnerships strengthens the internationalization of the program and increases the academic competitiveness of graduates.

Added Value for Students and the Institution

Through international cooperation, students of the English Language Program benefit from:

- international academic and cultural experience;
- development of linguistic, intercultural, and academic competencies;
- increased employability in local and international labor markets;
- opportunities for further studies and scientific research abroad.

At the same time, the Faculty and UBT benefit from knowledge transfer, curriculum improvement, enhanced teaching quality, and the strengthening of the institution's international academic profile.