

JAM MUSIC LAB Private University ERASMUS+ Policy Statement

JAM MUSIC LAB Private University is an autonomous music university for jazz and popular music, as well as for different types of applied media music, providing specialist training for gifted musicians from all over the world and preparing them for international careers in music performance, conducting and composition. A key feature at the JMLU, which is based in Vienna, is the dynamic and truly international environment, with over 50% of our students coming from outside Austria, representing currently more than 30 different nationalities.

JAM MUSIC LAB Private University received an Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) in 2017 and 2021 and is therefore entitled to participate in the various activities of the ERASMUS + Programme. JAM MUSIC LAB Private University supports the objectives set out by European educational agendas, which include the internationalization of offered courses, the constant qualitative improvement of higher education, as well as the focus on employability of graduates through cooperation with non-educational institutions.

As Austria's first university devoted exclusively to these areas of music style JMLU was founded with the aim of offering a music education that is of extremely high-quality, practically oriented and international.

JAM MUSIC LAB Private University specializes in equipping students and graduates with the necessary training, skills and know-how needed in the current professional reality. At the heart of all of this are the students who, together with their teachers, continue to advance and promote artistic developments. The curriculum focuses on teaching and research in the advancement and appreciation of the arts, music education and music production. With the presence of international co-operations and institutionally supported artistic projects, many of which deal with creating public awareness, students are given the necessary support for a successful start on their career path. These co-operations and projects also accompany studies as part of vocational field orientation, as well as targeted preparation for the challenges of the competitive music market. This also allows teachers to share their knowledge, skills and experience in an international setting and to extend their professional networks.

In this context, JAM MUSIC LAB Private University benefits from the internationally successful activities of its faculty members in the art and media scenes. In addition, opportunities in interdisciplinary collaboration arise through interaction and co-operation with local and international companies in the fields of music, performing arts and other creative arts.

As part of an ever-changing and evolving music world, JMLU is guided by the model of a communicative and interdisciplinary music education in which artistic practice, theory and research are experienced and lived as a diverse and international entity.

As central guiding values, a strong sense of individuality, internationality and innovation accompany the ongoing cooperation of students and teachers. This creates the necessary open environment for fostering high-quality and contemporary developments in artistic practice and related theoretical skills, as well as in the development of interpersonal skills.

JMLU welcomes individual and cultural diversity among its students, faculty and staff members and values these qualities as general foundations for originality and advancement in art, society, business

and science. **With this in mind the JMLU's Internationalization strategy comprises International networks and partners, student and staff mobilities, lifelong learning, Internationalization@home and language acquisition programs.**

JAM MUSIC LAB Private University builds upon an **international network of partner universities**, commercial enterprises and public institutions. Its faculty comprises renowned Austrian and international scholars with a strong commitment to develop this young organization into a leading research platform in its fields. JMLU already has partner universities in and outside Europe. The goal is to offer academic exchange in many different locations around the world to foster the international education the students are provided at JMLU. These diverse partners also ensure that students from all over the world come to JMLU to enrich the student body each semester. JMLU strives to obtain more partner universities each academic year, while still ensuring quality partnerships.

Being a university with a strong international orientation, we encourage our students to hone their knowledge and their skills by **studying abroad** and participating in an Academic Exchange, first and second cycle students alike. Students are strongly encouraged to partake in academic exchange to enrich their academic experience and to cultivate international contacts. Additionally, the JAM MUSIC LAB Private University encourages faculty and staff to participate in **exchange opportunities**, as JMLU fully supports the **lifelong learning** aspect of the Erasmus+ program. As an international university, JAM MUSIC LAB Private University is proud to have a diverse student body on campus and to additionally offer further international education through partner universities.

At JMLU we are convinced that **Internationalisation at home** touches upon everything, from the academic curriculum to the interactions between local students and international students and faculty, to the cultivation of research projects with an international focus to innovative uses for digital technology. In order to enable all students to gain international experience, we have created a BUDDY program in which local students can network with international students and work on their intercultural skills in a targeted manner. The usage and continuous expansion of digital teaching opportunities also contributes to bringing students from different countries and cultures together in one course. Most importantly, it focuses on all students reaping the benefits of international higher education, not just those who are mobile. To improve language skills, a **language acquisition program**, tailored to the needs of art & music students has been implemented.

JAM MUSIC LAB Private University strives for innovative, high-quality international cooperation and takes concrete measures to foster mobility. JMLU promotes the awareness of European and global diversity as well as the intercultural competence of its students, staff and faculty. Participation in European projects represents a central aspect of this diversity and enables, through the broad anchoring in our institution, a sustainable cooperation with partners. As part of its overall strategy, the JAM MUSIC LAB Private University provides its students, staff and faculty the means to position themselves successfully in an international environment and so contribute to the European higher education areas.