

Main Obstacles to European Mobility of Future Specialists in Economics

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The problem of academic mobility of students and teachers has attracted a lot of attention in recent years. European mobility of future specialists in economics is an integrated trait of character that determines economics students' readiness to participate in academic exchange programmes. However, there is a number of obstacles that complicate free movement of students between universities in Ukraine and the EU. Very little empirical research on the obstacles that Ukrainian students face in European mobility is available. The use of data from the study made it possible to define six key obstacles to this process, to explain their nature and to provide statistical information on each of them.

The data used in the research included the findings of the study conducted on promoting mobility, statistical data provided by international organizations researching academic mobility and data gathered by Ukrainian sociological research agencies.

On the basis of the above mentioned data, the following six key obstacles to European mobility were defined: mobility financing, language skills, availability of information, recognition of mobility periods and degrees, place of mobility period in the structure of programme and field of study.

Awareness of the obstacles to student mobility is a vital aspect for promotion of academic mobility and developing measures to enhance academic mobility of future specialists in economics in Ukraine.

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