

# Student exchange in VNU University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Hanoi: Potentials and issues

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# Brief introduction about VNU USSH, Hanoi

- VNU University of Social Sciences and Humanities (USSH), Hanoi was founded in 1945.
- Currently comprises 16 faculties, a university affiliated institute, a museum, a limited liability company, and 15 research centers.
- 537 faculties and staff (9 full professors, 93 associate professors, 206 PhD holders).

# Brief introduction about VNU USSH, Hanoi

- Nearly 10,000 domestic and international students.
- Hosts about 800 international students annually.
- 23 Bachelor programs; 32 Master programs; 28 PhD programs.
- Double degree programs.

# Brief introduction about VNU USSH, Hanoi

- Has had partnership with more than 200 international academic institutions and agencies, including Princeton University, University of California, University of Paris, Toulouse I and II Universities, MGU, Humboldt University, University of Tokyo, University of Seoul, Beijing University, National University of Singapore, etc.
- Series of lectures and seminars with international visiting professors and experts and many international conferences.

# Receiving and sending international students: Potentials

- Many programs highly popular with both Vietnamese and international students, including Vietnamese studies and language, Linguistics, Oriental Studies, International Studies, Journalism and Communication, Management Science, Psychology, Sociology, Tourism, etc.
- Being a prestigious academic institution, domestically and internationally.
- Good partnership, cooperation with many universities around the world.

# Receiving and sending international students:

## Current situation

- Receiving international students to USSH:
  - Format: 2+2 or 3+1 programs, short-term exchange programs or courses, postgraduate study, etc.

Time	Full-time undergraduate and graduate students	Short-term students
2012	42	110
2013	126	445
2014	131	425
2015	142	598
2016 – 02/2017	113	431

# Receiving and sending international students: Current situation

- Sending USSH students abroad:
  - Format: Short-term exchange programs or courses, 2+2 programs, 1-year course, etc.

Time	Short-term, exchange programs	2+2 or 1-year programs
2012	15	N/A
2013	83	9
2014	52	14
2015	129	32
2016	20	N/A

# Receiving and sending international students: Issues

- In receiving international students to USSH:
  - No credit-based or full time programs delivered fully in English;
  - Low compatibility between the curricula of some programs offered in USSH and of those offered by universities from other countries.
  - Learning environment needs improvement;
  - Not enough activities to attract students via the media and communication channels.
- For sending USSH students abroad as full-time or credit students:
  - Difficulties in meeting foreign languages demands;
  - Financial problems.



# Receiving and sending international students: Perspectives

- Globalization and growing international integration lead to increased movement of labor. Academic and training institutions, thus, need to focus on producing “global citizens”.
- Many programs, projects offering financial support to facilitate international student exchange and the internationalization of curricula, from which Vietnam, in general, and USSH, in particular, benefit. These include EU Share, Erasmus Plus, PEACE, etc.

# Receiving and sending international students: Solutions

- For issues in receiving students:
  - Developing curricula, programs fully in English;
  - Improving learning environment and living facilities for international students;
  - Enhancing promotion activities through the media;
  - Expanding activities such as summer school, study tour, internship, etc.
- For issues in sending USSH students abroad:
  - Diversifying the sources of student financial support (apart from scholarships from partner universities, funding from businesses and agencies with subsequent job commitment can also be seek);
  - Strengthening measures to improve students' foreign language capacity.