

THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND INTERNATIONALIZATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION

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International cooperation of engineering and construction institute is one of the key tools for developing the educational process and improving the quality of educational services at the Odessa State Academy of Civil Engineering and Architecture (OSACEA). Its long-standing experience in international collaboration includes:

- Participation in academic mobility programs, enabling students and faculty to enhance their knowledge and qualifications.
- Development of joint programs, such as the creation of dual-degree programs and participation in international consortia to develop curricula for various countries.
- International scientific projects, involving collaborative research in innovation, technology, and related fields.
- Attracting foreign students, including teaching in English and organizing conferences and seminars for international participants.

Currently, OSACEA actively participates in the internationalization process, fostering its dissemination and successful implementation. Despite challenges such as underfunding, an insufficient number of English-language programs, and the impact of military actions, the prospects include developing partnerships with European countries, expanding collaboration within global initiatives, improving conditions to attract international students.

Digitalization of education plays a positive role in advancing internationalization, offering students opportunities to participate in exchange programs without leaving their home countries. The use of artificial intelligence for personalized learning and easing language barriers, as well as mobility support through scholarships and grants for students and faculty, are also pivotal.

Thus, international cooperation and internationalization offer multiple tools for enhancing the quality of education and the competitiveness of higher education institutions in Ukraine. To ensure effective development, financial support, the promotion of digital education, and the expansion of global partnerships are essential. Higher education institutions, including OSACEA, are actively adapting to global challenges by integrating innovations and creating an environment for students and faculty from around the world.