



# Objectives

- **Define soft skills**
- **Why soft skills?**
- **Where should we be going?**
- **Models to follow**



# **Audience question**

**What are soft skills?**



# Definition of soft skills

**Personal attributes that enable someone to interact effectively and harmoniously with other people.**

**(Oxford Dictionary, online)**

**Communication**

**Critical thinking**

**Problem solving**

**Teamwork**

**Time management**

**Conflict management**

**Cultural awareness**

**Responsibility**

**Leadership**

**Work ethic**

# What are the hard skills?

- **Essential to the job function**
- **Easily quantified**

**Technique**

**Calculating doses**

**Prescription  
processing**

**Knowledge**

# How do you want the balance?



**Hard skills**

**Soft skills**

# But why soft skills?

**Soft skills = Hard skills**

- **Develop from experiences from student life and over a career**
- **Hard to quantify**
- **How to measure them and assess them?**

# Where should we be going?

Support efforts to **broaden skills** developed across the wide perspective over the **entire educational experience** including postgraduate education so as to achieve pharmacists who have the knowledge and skills to contribute for **patient care, lead and advocate** for innovation.



# Models to follow

- **Emphasise active engagement of students in the learning models**
- **Foster scientific inquiry and innovation**
- **Immerse students in patient care early**



**Case-based learning  
Flipped Classroom**



**Research Projects  
Longitudinal approach**



**Experientials**

# Different experiences

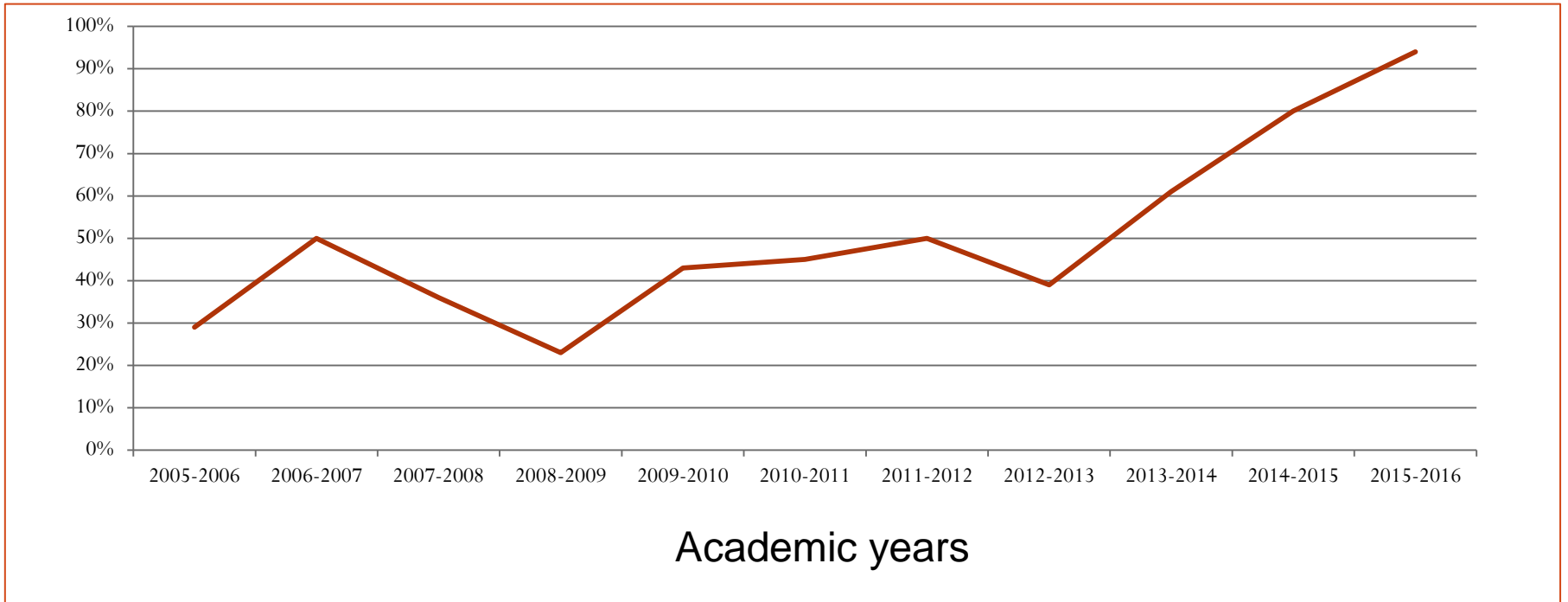
**Regional, European,  
International  
student networking**



Education and Culture  
Lifelong Learning Programme  
**ERASMUS**

# Erasmus Mobility


## Percentage number of pharmacy students at the University of Malta



**2015: 80% of pharmacy students going on mobility**


# POSTGRADUATE PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATE IN PHARMACY


- **Level 8 degree in collaboration with College of Pharmacy, University of Illinois, Chicago**
- **Develop advanced professional skills in clinical pharmacy**




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# **POSTGRADUATE PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATE IN PHARMACY**

- **Inter-professional learning at the professional sites with consultant physicians, nurses and other healthcare professionals**
- **Take up applied pharmacy research**

**Journal clubs, case presentations, scenario analysis, reflective portfolios, presentations and discussions**

**Thank You**