

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
INTER-INSTITUTIONAL AGREEMENT OF CO-OPERATION AND STUDENT EXCHANGE
BETWEEN:**

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Italy)

AND

North Dakota State University (Fargo, North Dakota, U.S.A.)

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, located in Milan, Italy, Largo Gemelli, 1 (hereafter referred to as UCSC) represented by Professor Lorenzo Ornaghi, Rector and *North Dakota State University*, located in Fargo, North Dakota, United States (hereafter referred to as NDSU), represented by President Joseph A. Chapman, Ph.D. are willing to enter into and formally establish this Memorandum of understanding inter-institutional Agreement of Cooperation”.

THE PARTIES HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

A. INTERPRETATION

In this Agreement unless the context otherwise indicates:

"Home Institution" means the institution sending the students.

"Host Institution" means the institution receiving the students.

B. CO-OPERATION

The purpose of this agreement is to promote and expand international understanding, development, and friendship by stimulating and supporting educational, professional, and intercultural activities and projects among students and staff of the two institutions, (UCSC and NDSU), and the respective communities which support these institutions.

1. The two institutions shall encourage co-operation in any discipline which is studied in both institutions.
2. The two institutions shall seek to promote:
 - (a) exchange of information and materials that are of mutual interest.
 - (b) student and staff exchanges between the two institutions.
 - (c) other forms of co-operation which the two institutions may jointly arrange.
3. The two institutions shall decide through consultation, the specific areas and details of co-operation within the frame work of this agreement.
4. The financial arrangements involved in the implementation of this agreement for non student issues shall be settled through negotiations between the two institutions with respect to programs.
5. Both institutions realize that in general the language of instruction of UCSC is Italian and at NDSU the language of instruction is English.

C. STUDENT EXCHANGE



1. Each institution may normally exchange up to 3 students per semester, for a period not exceeding one academic year.
2. The home institution will screen applications from its students and recommend students to the host institution for invitation. The host institution must be notified of the recommendation at least four months prior to the intended commencement date of the exchange period. All prospective students will be required to meet the admission standards of the host institution.
3. The selection procedure by which reciprocal exchange students are nominated is the responsibility of the sending institution. The candidates will be undergraduate students. Each institution reserves the right to require candidates to complete the admission documents required by each institution. Each institution reserves the right to accept or reject for admission to the institution each candidate on the basis of regular academic selection criteria and to accord such student status as may be appropriate at the time of admission.
4. Participating students are subject to the admissions regulations, including language proficiency, class performance standards and other policies of the host institution. Students are expected to meet the minimal academic "good standing" requirements of the host institutions.
5. While at the host institution, students will take courses in or subjects similar to those required in their home institution's course. The exact program of each student will be determined by the student with the approval of his or her supervisors at the home institution and the host institution.
6. The students will be enrolled as non-degree students. Transcripts of results will be provided to the home institution as soon as practicable after completion of the exchange.
7. Each student will register and pay tuition and other required fees at his or her home institution. The host institution will waive tuition and other required fees for the exchange student.
8. Students enrolled in the host institution will be subject to the same rules and regulations that apply to local students and those required by the federal government of all international students. Subject to law, students will be eligible for all the services and rights normally provided to locally enrolled students as well as the special services needed by students who are studying abroad.
9. Each institution will provide the incoming exchange student with assistance in arranging accommodation for the exchange period. Each institution will provide outgoing students with preparatory information and incoming students with orientation information.
10. Each student will be responsible for arranging the necessary visa and the costs of accommodations (including vacation periods), international travel, travel in the host country, books, equipment, consumables, hospitalization, *required* health insurance, and other incidental expenses arising out the exchange, including any costs over and above tuition and fees required for international students.
11. The number of students participating in the exchange may be modified in the future by mutual agreement in writing signed by both parties, and any imbalance in numbers will be compensated for in succeeding years. No exchange of funds between the two institutions will occur.



12. Selected students will within reasonable limits, attempt to represent their home institution and country to organizations, service clubs, schools, churches and other host community organizations by making appropriate presentations to them.

D. LIAISON

Each institution will name an individual staff member to serve as the liaison officer with his/her counterpart at the other institution. These staff members will be responsible for providing appropriate information about the other institution, community, and regulations, including governmental, so that students receive adequate pre-arrival information.

E. COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION

1. This agreement shall commence on the academic year 2004-2005.
2. The duration of this Agreement is for three years. The contract will be automatically renewed every three years unless formally cancelled by following the terms set out in Point F below. Program continuation will result from the affirmative response of both institutions based on an annual review/evaluation.

F. EARLY WITHDRAWAL FROM CONTRACT

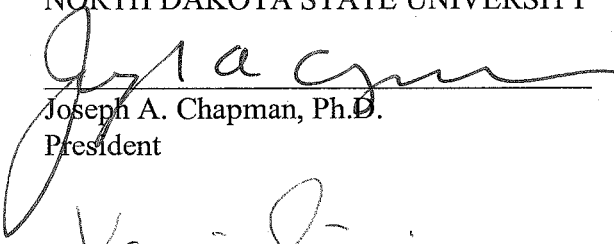
Either party may withdraw from the present agreement before the expiry, at the end of each academic year, through written communication which shall be sent to the other party by 31 January of the academic year in progress at the moment of withdrawal.

Date: May 12, 2005


Date: _____

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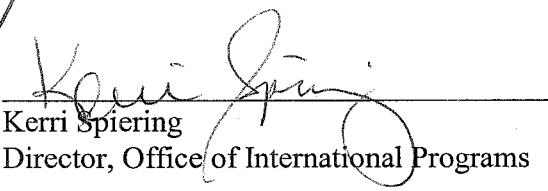
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