

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

between

University of Lethbridge, Canada

And

Universidad Intercultural Maya de Quintana Roo

I. Preamble

The University of Lethbridge and Universidad Intercultural Maya de Quintana Roo wish to foster inter-institutional relations between them, based on the principles of reciprocity, cooperation and friendship.

II. Purpose and Scope of the Agreement

1. The purposes of this agreement are to:
 - (a) Promote better international and intercultural understanding among the young adults of the two nations;
 - (b) Enhance the academic experience for participants through a student exchange program; and
 - (c) Facilitate the advancement of the two institutions' shared goals of scholarship and mutual learning.
2. The areas of cooperation will include, subject to mutual consent, any program offered by both institution that will develop and nurture the cooperative relationship between the two institutions.
3. The exchange program will initially be extended to undergraduate students, with the possibility of extending it to graduate students in the future.

III. Student Exchange Program

1. The student exchange program will be in accordance with each institution's mission, academic regulations and practices. It is understood that each institution will nominate for the exchange program students of higher scholarship, maturity and promise.
2. Qualified undergraduate students from each institution may apply to the other institution for the purpose of pursuing an approved course extending over one or two semesters based on the following guidelines:
 - a. Each institution may send a maximum of four students per academic year. This means that each university may send a total of four exchange students to study for a single semester each, or a total of two exchange students to study for two semesters each, or any other combination that will not exceed the maximum number of exchange students per academic year. Each institution will maintain a balance in the number of students participating in the exchanges over the life of the agreement.

The two institutions will review the program periodically to determine any imbalance in the number of exchange students, and adjust the number of students to maintain a reasonable balance in the exchange.

- b. Both institutions must agree on the duration of the exchange for each student. The home institution, on behalf of the exchange student, will send a request to the host institution so that an agreement can be reached.
 - c. Students must be at least in the second year of their current academic program to qualify. Preference will be given to students in the third or upper years of their academic program. There may be additional requirements to qualify for professional programs such as those offered within the Faculty of Education and the School of Health Sciences.
 - d. The language of instruction of the courses offered at each institution will generally be in the language of the host country. Exchange students must satisfy language proficiency and all other requirements for admission to the host institution.
 - e. The proposed program of courses for each exchange student will be agreed upon by both institutions and shall be approved by the Department/Faculty head of the home institution prior to the exchange student's departure from his/her home country.
 - f. Any academic credit earned at the host institution may be transferred to the home institution in accordance with the procedures determined solely by the latter. The exchange student will arrange for an official transcript to be sent to his/her home institution showing the exchange student's grades. The student's grades will be based on assignments, examinations and other grading methods administered by the host institution to measure a student's academic performance.
 - g. Exchange students will pay tuition fees at their home institution. Other associated fees and expenses at the host institution will be the responsibility of the exchange students. The students must pay their own travel costs and purchase their own medical insurance which conforms to the requirements established by the host institution for incoming international students. They will also be responsible for their own accommodation costs and all other living expenses. Assistance in finding accommodation will be provided by the host institution.
 - h. The home institution may offer a pre-departure cultural orientation to exchange students prior to the start of the exchange term. The exchange students will be responsible for costs associated with the orientation.
 - i. Each exchange student will have the same academic rights and other privileges enjoyed by the students enrolled at the host institution.
 - j. Each exchange student must abide by all the rules, regulations and disciplinary procedures of the host institution.
3. Details of the implementation of any specific exchange arising from this agreement shall be negotiated between the two institutions and shall be set out in writing.
 4. Unless there is a specific arrangement between particular Faculties/Schools at both institutions, all liaison activities and communication regarding this exchange program shall be conducted through the Coordinator, International Programs and Exchange of the International Centre for Students at the University of Lethbridge and the Head of the International Office at Universidad Intercultural Maya De Quintana Roo. They shall be designated as liaison officers for the purpose of this agreement.

IV. Termination and Amendment

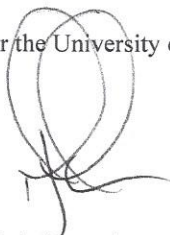
This agreement will be in place for a period of five (5) years and becomes effective from the date of the last signature. This agreement is subject to revisions, renewal, or cancellation at any time by mutual consent.



This agreement may be amended by the exchange of letters between the two institutions. Such amendments, once formally approved by the designated authority of the respective institutions, will become part of this Memorandum of Agreement.

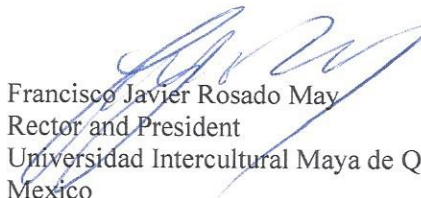
This agreement may be terminated by either institution by giving notice to the other institution in writing at least six months prior to the requested termination date.

For the University of Lethbridge:



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President
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For the Universidad Intercultural Maya De Quintana Roo



Francisco Javier Rosado May
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Universidad Intercultural Maya de Quintana Roo
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Date:



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