



**SATAKUNTA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES**



**LEPL Batumi Art Teaching University**

## **EXCHANGE AGREEMENT**

**between**

**SATAKUNTA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES (SAMK), FINLAND**

**and**

**LEPL BATUMI ART TEACHING UNIVERSITY (BATU), GEORGIA**

In recognition of the mutual benefits and based on the Memorandum of Understanding signed between Satakunta University of Applied Sciences ("SAMK") and Batumi Art Teaching University ("BATU") the parties hereby establish an agreement for student and staff exchanges in study fields of Arts and Tourism and Hospitality Management.

### **PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT**

The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate all student and staff exchanges in order to promote academic cooperation and cultural understanding between the two institutions. Based on this agreement, the exchange students will be able to enrol in credit-earning courses as well as other learning opportunities at the other institution. Parties also agree to host teaching and other staff for exchange on reciprocal terms.

### **NUMBER AND BALANCE OF EXCHANGES**

The Parties agree:

- a) that the home institution will be responsible for the selection and nomination of exchange students and staff members and that the host institution reserves the right to accept them;
- b) to send and receive up to 4 (four) students per academic year;
- c) to keep a balance between the numbers of students sent and received within 5 (five) years from the commencement of the first exchange;
- d) to make efforts to sustain the program even in the case of imbalance of exchange, through mutually agreed academic and cultural activities such as short-term study trips, hosting of researchers and faculty members, use of facilities and libraries, and other means and ways;
- e) to send and receive up to 2 (two) teachers/staff members per academic year.

## **SELECTION OF STUDENTS**

Proposals for exchanges will be systematically prepared and announced to the host institution at least 3 (three) months prior to the deadline for applications. Students eligible for exchange

- a) must have completed at least their first year of study at the home institution;
- b) are of good academic standing;
- c) are eligible to enrol in subjects that constitute a normal full-time study load at the host institution;
- d) have the required language proficiency to conduct the intended studies at the host institution.

Both institutions agree that no person shall, on the grounds of race, colour, religion, disability, age, national origin, sex or creed be excluded from participation under the terms of this agreement. Despite this, the parties agree that a student of the home institution who is a national of the country of the host institution will not be eligible to participate in an exchange as such participation will not serve the objectives of the exchange program.

## **FEES AND VISA**

Both parties agree to waive tuition and application fees for exchange students. Incoming students and staff members are personally responsible for all other costs resulting of their participation in the exchange program, including the costs of travel, accommodation, food, insurance, medical service, and visa. The host university shall provide assistance for the visa application process; however, it is the responsibility of the incoming student and staff member to ensure that the application is prepared in a timely manner.

## **PERIOD OF EXCHANGE**

Each student under this agreement shall be on exchange for a minimum of one, and a maximum of two consecutive academic semesters (Fall semester at SAMK: September through December, Spring semester at SAMK: January through May.) Exchanges will be counted on the basis of semesters of exchange, rather than students exchanged.

Duration of faculty members/teaching staff exchanges will be determined one by one.

## **ACADEMIC CONTENT AND TRANSCRIPT OF CREDITS**

To assure the compatibility of curriculum and smoothness of credits transfer exchange students choose the courses in consultation with relevant academic staff at both institutions according to student's study field in the home institution and availability of suitable courses at the host institution. In case the student wishes to take a course from a level or study field different from his/her own, it should be consulted with relevant academic staff at both institutions. Upon the completion of the exchange a Transcript of records is sent to the home university. Credits earned for the courses at the host institution shall be converted, if necessary, accepted and counted towards graduation at the home institution.

## **VALIDITY AND TERMINATION**

This agreement shall be valid and effective for an initial period of 5 (five) years from the date of the signature. It shall be automatically extended for an additional period of five years commencing on the day following the expiration date of the previous period unless either of the institutions gives a written notice of not extending it no less than six months prior to the expiration date. The terms of this agreement may be amended only by written agreement signed by both parties.

This agreement may be terminated by either party providing the other with a written notice of its intention to terminate. Such notice shall be given at least 1 (one) year prior to the effective date of the termination. Such termination shall not affect exchanges in effect prior to the effective date of the termination. This agreement is to be produced in the English language in two copies, with one copy for each institution.

  
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**SATAKUNTA UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES (SAMK), FINLAND**

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