



**SPECIFIC AGREEMENT REGARDING THE EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS BETWEEN
ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CUENCA
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR**

Illinois College of the United States and the University of Cuenca de the Republic of Ecuador, from this point on are denominated as "The Parties";

They have agreed to the following:

ARTICLE I

Objective

The present agreement has as its objective the establishment of the basis for collaboration and cooperation between the "The Parties", to carry out actions to facilitate the exchange of students in areas of common interest, to develop academic exchanges and research exchanges according to the situation.

ARTICLE II

Period of Exchange

The maximum period of exchange for students will be one semester or one year or its equivalent. "The parties", with prior evaluation, can extend the period of exchange, upon mutual agreement.

ARTICLE III

Number of Students Involved in the Exchange

Each Party will send and accept, within the framework of the agreement up to 4 students per an academic year, except if they agree on a different number.

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ARTICLE IV

Selection of Students for the Exchange

Each Party will establish procedures for selection of students to participate in the exchange, in agreement with the current institutional norms of the institution of origin and the requirements established by the hosting institution.

ARTICLE V

Evaluation

Academic performance will be evaluated according to the policies of the hosting institution, which will provide the responsible person in the institution of origin the grades received by the students as soon as the period of exchange has ended.

Conversion Table

Definition	ILLINOIS COLLEGE	Scale UCUENCA
Excellent	A (90-100)	90-100
Very Good	B (80-89.9)	80-89
Good	C (70-79.9)	70-79
Passing	D (69 - 69.9)	60-69
Insufficient	F (<59.9)	01-59

Note: This table applies to undergraduate students, if upon doing the conversion, the options don't exactly correspond, the highest grade will be adopted. With regard to graduate students, the parties will determine the equivalents by mutual agreement as necessary.

ARTICLE VI

Cost of Enrollment

Students participating in the exchange will make payments for costs of admission, tuition, and academic services to the institution of origin, for which they will exempt from making payments for these costs at the hosting institution.

Room and board expenses are to be handled separately.

ARTICLE VII

Obligations of Parties

Whenever each institution is at the same time hosting institution and institution of origin, the following provisions will operate accordingly.

a) Obligations of the institution of origin:

1. carry out the selection of the students to participate in the exchange in agreement with the requirements of the hosting institution;
2. authorize the classes that the student will take during the exchange;
3. send academic records of the proposed students within the period established by the hosting institution, accompanied by the required documentation;
4. verify that the proposed student has the permits and travel documents necessary to enter the host country, providing guidance for obtaining such documents;
5. verify that the proposed student has medical insurance with accident and life insurance coverage with which student will gain the services and attention required by the laws and regulations of the host institution and the host country;
6. recognize the classes taken by the exchange student in the host institution, doing the necessary conversions in agreement with the conversion table that forms part of the current agreement;
7. enroll the student who will participate in the exchange;
8. any other obligation that The Parties agree to in order to facilitate the process.

b) Obligations of hosting institution:

1. provide the institution of origin, as far in advance as possible, the calendar of activities, clearly establishing the dates for sending documents, the beginning and the end of the academic period and any other information that is deemed necessary;
2. receive the proposed student's documentation and notify the institution of origin within four weeks and communicate which students have or have not been accepted, so that students can apply for necessary travel and visa documents and complete the necessary academic processes;
3. assist exchange students with the process of applying for travel and visa documents needed for entering the host country;
4. help and give advice to students for finding adequate lodging;
5. send to the institution of origin letters of acceptance;
6. exempt exchange students from paying tuition;
7. evaluate the exchange students according to the table of conversion referred to in the current agreement. The evaluation must be submitted to the institution of origin as soon as possible after the end of a semester or term;
8. grant exchange students the same rights, obligations, and access to facilities as the other students enrolled at the university, and
9. any other obligations that "The Parties" agree on to facilitate the process.

ARTICLE VIII

Funding

The exchange students will cover the costs connected to the visa process and documents of travelling to the host institution, healthcare costs, health insurance,



transportation and any other costs connected to participating in the exchange and staying in the host country.

ARTÍCULO IX

Responsible Persons

The Parties designate the following responsible persons:

Illinois College designate the following responsible person:

Name: Dr. Almut Spalding
Position: Director of International Programming
Telephone: 1-217-245-3874
Mail: aspaldi@ic.edu

University of Cuenca designates the following the responsible person:

Name: Tammy Fajardo Dack
Position: Directora de Relaciones Internacionales
Telephone: +593 7 405 1000 ext 1531
Mail: relaciones.internacionales@ucuenca.edu.ec

The responsible people mentioned above will have the necessary authority and ability to provide the adequate activities as presented in this agreement, since providing such activities is an obligation.

The responsible people will have the ability and authority to coordinate and follow-up on the activities developed within the framework of this agreement and resolve disputes that can occur with the implementation of the agreement.

ARTICLE X

Civil Responsibility

"The Parties" exempt themselves from any civil responsibility that could come about due to the carrying out of the activities of cooperation that are connected to the agreement, except in the case of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

ARTICLE XI

Concluding Provisions

The present agreement will take effect beginning on the date of the last signature and will continue in effect for a period of 5 years, and it could be renewed in periods of equal duration.

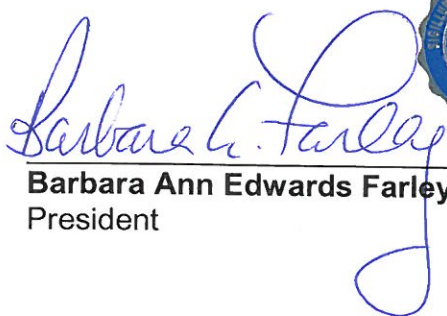
The present agreement can be modified by mutual consent by The Parties, formalized in writing and then signed by the administrators authorized to do so.

Either of The Parties can end the current agreement at any moment, by notifying in writing the other Party at least 30 days in advance.

Ending the agreement will not affect finishing the activities of cooperation that already had been formalized when the agreement was in effect.

Four copies of the agreement will be signed in English and Spanish, all being equally authentic.

**FOR ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**


Barbara Ann Edwards Farley PhD.
President



**FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CUENCA
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR**


Ing. Pablo Vanegas Peralta PhD.
President



Place and date:
Jacksonville, _____

Place and date:
Cuenca, _____



