

Prototype for a Dual Degree Agreement (exchange or incoming only)

Between

[Name of College]

THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

And

[Name of School]

The University of Rhode Island, International Center, 37 Lower College Road, Kingston, Rhode Island, USA, (hereafter URI), and NAME OF SCHOOL (hereafter, **ENTER SHORT NAME**), CITY, COUNTRY, agree to develop a plan for a dual [IDENTIFY DEGREE LEVEL] for [ENTER HOME SCHOOL NAME] students that will be delivered partly at [ENTER HOME SCHOOL NAME] and partly at URI and will lead to [ENTER DEGREE LEVEL AND FIELD OF STUDY] from URI and a second Master degree from [ENTER HOME SCHOOL NAME]

This Agreement of Academic Cooperation is made and entered into, by, and between [name of school and location (hereinafter referred to as school initials)] and [name of URI College], the University of Rhode Island, (hereinafter referred to as URI-[college initials]).

- I. Purpose of the Agreement [Include an explanatory paragraph of the purpose of the agreement]
- II. Mutual Provisions [standard paragraphs for all agreements]
 - a. Each institution, respecting the admission requirements and program restrictions of the other, shall assume full responsibility in the assessment and selection of qualified candidates. The host institution shall then respect the selection so made. The prospective student must have successfully completed [insert number of academic terms/year] of his/her degree course at the home institution. The two parties agree to terms and provisions set forth below:
 - b. Both parties will, respectively, determine the requirements of enrollment and inform each other in advance. Each party shall procure that its students shall use the application process of the other. Each university shall provide necessary admission documents for accepted students to apply for a student visa.
 - c. Both schools will recognize credits accomplished by students at their home universities. Both parties will discuss and determine the applicable courses and provide information about such courses to each other in program-specific addendum.
 - d. [Include a paragraph regarding number of credits needed to complete the degree requirements for the M.A., M.S., or PhD.]
 - e. Both parties will give an orientation to students from the other party and provide necessary assistance in life and studies.

III. Eligibility (for URI and incoming students; if not an exchange insert for URI partner school only)

- a. Students wishing to apply for this program must first be accepted to URI's graduate school. In addition, they are required to obtain approval from their thesis advisor, and be in good academic and social standing at URI before they can go to [insert program name].
- a. [Initials of School] applicants must be prepared linguistically, so as to be able to participate in the instructional programs of the university with success; applicants will be expected to meet URI published English proficiency standards (see the Graduate School web site for test options and minimum scores to establish proficiency in English; http://www.uri.edu/gsadmis/gs_apply_int.htm) before beginning study in the United States
- b. [enter partner school] students must submit an official test report from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) taken within the past two years to the URI Graduate School. They must arrange for ETS to report their scores directly to URI. Their scores must fall within the required minimum scores on the Internet-based (iBT) and/or paper-based TOEFL.
- c. [Initials of school] students shall be subject to the same academic regulations and policies regarding class performance, community standards, and student discipline systems at URI. In addition, all students must abide by the following:
- d. [Initials of School] students are expected to be in good academic standing (3.0 GPA, with no C's or the equivalent) for continuation in the program. If such has not been achieved, URI may deny continued enrollment without refund of program cost.
- e. It is the responsibility of the students to ensure that the academic record of their academic performance is sent directly to his/her home institution at the conclusion of each semester. However, it shall be the sole responsibility of the home institution to decide on the application of those credits to the student's degree program.
- f. [Initials of School] students will pay international tuition and fees throughout the duration of their program to URI.
- g. Each student is responsible for living expenses, including during extended academic recess (e.g., summer, winter and spring breaks), all transportation costs, books and supplies, health insurance, and personal and incidental expenses.
- h. All students coming to URI are required to purchase URI health insurance. All International students will be automatically enrolled in and are responsible for payment of the University Accident/Sickness Insurance Plan unless they apply for and are granted a waiver. Waiver of the URI insurance will require that students show proof of other

comparable health insurance that matches the medical insurance regulations mandated by the Affordable Care Act. The URI Health Services reserve the right to compel students to purchase URI health insurance if the health insurance advanced by the student is found to be insufficient. Lack of compliance will result in immediate dismissal.

- i. The cost and treatment of minor illnesses treated at the University of Rhode Island Health Services Center will be paid by the Health Services Fee paid by outgoing URI students. Interns are not eligible to receive treatment at the URI Health Services Center.
- j. Violation of laws committed in the host country shall subject the [Initials of School] students to immediate withdrawal of his/her immigration and academic sponsorship and to immediate expulsion from the host country without refund of program cost.

IV. Liability, Insurance, Indemnification (Partner suggests other language if not in agreement)

- a. Each institution shall be responsible for its own negligent or wrongful acts or omissions and the negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of its employees, students, and agents in connection with any claims made by either party or entity for property damage or bodily injury, including death. Neither institution shall be liable for any indirect, special or consequential damages, including without limitation, operating losses, lost earnings, profits, or other revenue.
- b. Each institution shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless, the other, including their respective governing board, board members, officers, directors, trustees, employees, students, agents and contractors, from any and all loss, liability, payment, or judgments, including reasonable attorneys' fees, arising out of or in connection with any claim, demand, action or proceeding, brought or made by any person or entity for property damages or personal/bodily injury including death, caused by or resulting from its negligence or willful misconduct or the negligence or willful misconduct of its directors, officers, employees, students, agents or contractors.

V. Procedures for all Outgoing Students [Complete this segment only if it is an exchange]

VI. Applicability of Agreement [standard paragraphs for all agreements]

This agreement takes effect upon the final signature of both parties. It shall continue for five (5) years, but with twelve (12) months written notice, it can be interrupted or terminated at the request of either institution. In case of termination, the academic programs of students currently in the agreement will not be affected.

The terms of this agreement shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing and signed by both parties prior to the initiation of any specific program or activity. This Agreement may be amended, refined, and/or extended by mutual consent of both institutions for a period beyond its original date of expiration. At the anniversary of the

Agreement, each institution will exchange a brief report indicating any significant observation that would further improve the student agreement.

Each university will designate a Liaison Office to develop and coordinate specific activities and programs, [include the name and rank of the administrators of the program]

Either party may terminate this Agreement by serving a written notice to the other party. Such termination will take effect twelve (12) months from the date of the written notice. Upon termination of this Agreement, the host party shall permit any students of the other party who have been accepted to a course of study by the host party to complete that course of study.

This Agreement is effective and hereby agreed upon by:

The University of Rhode Island

Full Name of the proposed school

Name of URI President or Provost

Name of President or Equivalent

(Date)

(Date)

Add other signatures as appropriate to both columns as needed.

SEPARATE PAGE

Sample Appendix I.

Proposed Program of Study for [insert name of program and schools]

Provide a Description for URI segment

List URI courses according to degree (e.g., M.A, MBA, MS, PhD)