

STUDENT EXCHANGE AGREEMENT
between
Arkansas Tech University, USA,
And
Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Argentina

Arkansas Tech University (ATU) is a comprehensive public higher education institution that is committed to teaching and learning supported by scholarship and service. ATU is regionally accredited as an institution through the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). It was founded in 1909. ATU is represented by its president, Dr. Russell Jones. It is located at 402 West O Street, Russellville, Arkansas, 72801, USA.

Universidad Nacional de Córdoba (UNC) is a public university teaching and research institution with its own legal personality, which allows it to sign cooperation agreements with foreign institutions. Its legal domicile is located at Av. Haya de la Torre s/nº, Pabellón Argentina, 2nd floor, Ciudad Universitaria, Córdoba, Argentina.

According to Article 2 of its bylaws, its objectives are as follows:

- a) The full education of the human person.
- b) The professional and technical training, the promotion of scientific research, the high and free development of culture and the effective integration of man in his community, within a regime of autonomy and democratic coexistence among professors, students and graduates.
- c) The dissemination of higher knowledge among all strata of the population through appropriate cultural extension programs.
- d) To promote the actions of the university student in the heart of the people to which he/she belongs, highlighting his/her sensitivity to the problems of his/her time and the solutions to them.
- e) To project its permanent attention on the great problems and needs of the national life, collaborating disinterestedly in its clarification and solution.

Arkansas Tech University (“ATU”) and the Universidad Nacional de Córdoba (UNC) hereinafter together referred to as the “Parties” and each solely to as the “Party”, agree to an exchange (hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement”), subject to the following terms:

1 Definitions

The following definitions will be used in this Agreement:

- *Home University*: The Party that has agreed to send the Exchange Students.
- *Host University*: The Party that has agreed to receive the Exchange Students.
- *Exchange Students* or *Candidates*: The students of the Parties involved in the exchange according to this Agreement.
- *Unit of Exchange*: One student participating in the Exchange for one academic session/semester.

2 Objectives

The aim of the agreement is to promote international student exchange and closer cooperation in research and teaching as well as the development of joint projects between UNC and ATU. The agreement forms the basis of an enhanced cooperation comprising all areas of interest and a wide range of activities in different fields.

The cooperation between the partner institutions is planned in the following fields:

1. Exchange of teaching staff, researchers, students and/or technical staff for the planning or implementation of research and teaching projects.
2. Exchange of information about courses of study and study projects, as well as corresponding research activities and/or intentions to expand the teaching or research fields of the respective organization.
3. Exchange of scientific publications.
4. Deepening of scientific relations through joint symposia/summer-schools/conferences/workshops.

Exchange students will be given full registered status at the host institution, and accorded all rights and privileges commensurate with this status. It is understood that exchange students will continue as candidates for degrees at their home institution, and will not be candidates for degrees at the host institution.

3 Number of Students and Length of Studies

During the first year of the Exchange, a maximum of five (5) Units of Exchange from each university may be exchanged. The annual number of Exchange Students may be increased by mutual agreement of the Parties. It is understood that a balance in number of students exchanged shall be sought over a five-year period.

Exchange Students will spend a minimum of one semester, and a maximum of one academic year (two semesters) at the Host University. An academic year at ATU includes the fall (August-December), spring (January-May) and summer (June-August). An academic year at UNC includes two semesters, from March to July, and from August to December. In specific cases, the Parties may approve an extension of the exchange period.

4 Pre-requisites for Participation

The Home University will screen and select Candidates for exchange studies in accordance with its applicable rules and regulations. The following criteria shall generally apply, but may be waived in specific cases.

- Exchange Students must have successfully completed at least two (2) semesters of study and must remain registered as full-time students in the Home University during their exchange period.
- Exchange Students must have a good to excellent academic record and student discipline record, if applicable.
- Exchange Students must be able to follow lectures in the language of instruction. Exchange Coordinators shall determine how language proficiency requirements are

to be met if students are not submitting standardized tests such as TOEFL, IELTS, Eiken or PTE for ATU, and CELU, DELE, DAAD, ACTFL for UNC.

- Exchange Students should be selected without regard to race, national or ethnic origin, religion, age, sex, marital status or handicap.
- Exchange students must meet and comply with Visa requirements of the country of the Host University and must also maintain that eligible Visa status during the entire length of stay.

5 Selection and Nomination

Nominations of students in the program and applications will be sent by the Home University to the Host University, respecting the nomination/application deadlines of the Host University. Nominated students will use the required application form of the Host University.

The Host University will accept the Candidates selected by the Home University if mutually acceptable academic and/or professional qualifications and standards are met as well as standard Admissions requirements. However, the Host University will make the final decision on the admission of Candidates nominated for exchange.

6 Program of Study

The exchange program is intended to be an exchange program including all faculties of ATU and all faculties of UNC. The Exchange Students may apply to any academic courses offered at the Host University as full time, non-degree students at a level determined by the Host University.

- The Host University will endeavor to ensure that the Exchange Students are admitted to the courses as applied, provided the students satisfy the individual course prerequisites and space is available.
- Exchange Students will be subject to the academic requirements and rules of conduct of the Host University. All Exchange Students are required to enroll in a full-time course of study or equivalent amount of credits as defined by the Host University.
- Exchange students are responsible for following the transcript procedure as indicated by the host university in order to request their transcript at the end of their stay. Institutions are not required to send transcripts to students automatically.

7 Fees and Expenses

The Parties agree that no tuition fees will be levied on the Exchange Students by the Host University. Exchange Students will continue to pay tuition fees for their respective programs at their Home University. Any additional cost incurred for Exchange Students with disabilities is the responsibility of the Home University.

The Host University shall waive institutional application/enrolment fees for incoming Exchange Students.

Financial responsibilities of the Exchange Students:

- Students are expected to pay for all personal expenses, including but not limited to transportation, accommodation, meals, books, visas, student ID, health insurance, and entertainment.
- Students are responsible to obtain adequate medical/health insurance coverage (including emergency medical evacuation, repatriation, life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment insurance) to the satisfaction of the Host University.

8 Responsibilities of the Contracting Parties

Exchange Students are bound by the rules and regulations of the Host University and the laws of the host country during the Exchange. The Parties shall have the option of terminating the participation of an Exchange Student if that Exchange Student violates aforementioned regulations or laws.

The Host University will assist Exchange Students in locating suitable accommodation (for ATU: on-campus accommodation, for UNC: accommodation close to the campus), will arrange campus orientation upon arrival and will provide advice regarding matters which may enhance the Exchange experience.

Where students are involved in research, the Parties shall determine ownership of intellectual property at the outset of the project.

It is understood that upon completion of the period of study at the Host University, Exchange Students are to return to the Home University. Students who wish to pursue their studies at the host university after the exchange will be subject to the admission and registration rules that apply to all non-exchange students and will be subject to the same registration and basic fees.

The parties will comply with all local, state and federal laws that affect them, including, but not limited to the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, United States Export Control regulations, technology transfer, and GDPR.

9 Transfer of Credits

Academic credits earned by an Exchange Student during the period of exchange at the Host University may be transferred back to the Home University in accordance with procedures determined by the Home University.

10 Co-ordination and Administration of the Exchange

At ATU, the management of the exchange will be the responsibility of the Study Abroad Office and the International and Multicultural Student Services Office.

Institutional Coordinator at Arkansas Tech University:

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To ensure and facilitate the implementation of the measures of this agreement, JLU will appoint a faculty member from the department or college participating in the exchange program to serve as its Faculty Exchange Coordinator. The Faculty Exchange Coordinator or his/her representative shall work closely with students to ensure the implementation of their proposed program of study and shall also function as the first point of contact in any matters pertaining to student discipline.

At UNC, the management of the exchange will be the responsibility of the Prosecretaria de Relaciones Internacionales, Universidad Nacional de Córdoba.

Prosecretaria de Relaciones Internacionales

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11 Use of Logos and Trademarks

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as conferring rights to use in advertising, publicity or otherwise the name of the Parties or any of their logos, trademarks or similar without prior written approval.

It shall be laid down that none of the parties of the contract enter into liability for possible loss or restrictions that arise unintentionally or by force majeure, especially because of the cancellation of working hours in administration and academic teaching.

12 Review, Renewal, Termination

This Agreement shall become effective on the latest date signed below and shall remain in effect for a period of five (5) years from that date and may be renewed by mutual agreement after an evaluation. The Parties will review the exchange annually in order to maintain a balance in number of students exchanged. The Agreement may be terminated by either Party giving at least six (6) months' written notice. However, any exchange in progress will continue until completed.

13 Dispute Settlement

This exchange agreement is an expression of goodwill on both sides. Problems that might arise due to interpretation, fulfilment or further development of the agreement, shall be solved by mutual agreement.

This Agreement is drawn up in two (2) original copies in the English language and in the Spanish Language, each Contracting Party receiving one (1) duly signed copy hereof in each language.

Signed on behalf of
Universidad Nacional de Córdoba

Signed on behalf of
Arkansas Tech University:

Mgter. Jhon D. Boretto
Rector
Place: Córdoba, Argentina.

Dr. Russell Jones
Interim President

Place: Russellville, Arkansas, USA

Date:

Date:



Universidad Nacional de Córdoba
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