



Annexure 1b (Agreement on Student Exchange) to the Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Cauca, Colombia and the University of Bayreuth, Germany

Recognizing the benefits of educational interchange and cooperation, the University of Cauca, (UNICAUCA) and the University of Bayreuth (UBT) hereby enter into an agreement to cooperate with each other, where both feasible and desirable, in scholarly activities and international education, especially student exchange. This agreement is an annexure to the Memorandum of Understanding signed by both institutions. It is intended to be flexible, and to facilitate cooperation between the two universities in the area of student exchange. Other forms of collaboration may form the subject of additional agreements to be appended to the MOU between both institutions.

Therefore, in furtherance of the MOU, and in consideration of the promises, and covenants hereinafter set forth and other good and valuable consideration which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

- I. UNICAUCA agrees to accept up to 2 undergraduate and 2 postgraduate students per academic year nominated by UBT, as exchange students. UBT agrees to accept up to 2 undergraduate and 2 postgraduate students per academic year nominated by UNICAUCA, as exchange students. One student per year means either the same student for two semesters or two students for one semester each. A higher level of participation may be agreed upon, as needed, to accommodate demand and to achieve balance in numbers of students over the life of this agreement. Each student shall be limited to two semesters on exchange. Any extension of the previously determined exchange period of an individual student shall be settled through consultation between both institutions, represented by the respective chairs involved and the international offices, and agreed upon in writing.
- II. Each institution agrees to select students for exchange on the basis of academic proficiency and ability to gain from inter-cultural exchange. UBT will select students with proficiency in the English language and/or language of the respective study programme. Students selected by UNICAUCA will be required to demonstrate proficiency in the German language only if German would be the language of education of the respective study programme at UBT to which the individual student would apply to; however, undergraduate and 2 posgraduate students who wish to study a programme offered in English at UBT and who would have adequate German language skills may also take other courses taught in German. Assessment of language proficiency will be conducted using any methodology deemed appropriate by the testing institution.
- III. Students remain enrolled in under/graduate/degree programmes at the home institution during the exchange period, but have to enrol in under/graduate/degree programmes at the host institution. Students are expected to return to the home institution to complete their programmes at the end of the exchange period.
- IV. Students shall register for courses at the host institution. The required learning agreement, which has to be presented by the exchange student at the host institution upon arrival, shall be subject to consultation with and approval of the respective academic supervisors and the programme advisors in the home institution who would have to sign the learning agreement prior to the departure of the exchange student.
- V. For the purposes of credit transfer, one semester course at UNICAUCA (48 hours) shall be deemed equivalent to 1 unit in the European Credit Transfer System. Both institutions agree to liberally acknowledge equivalent study performances conducted at the respective other institution during the exchange period.
- VI. At the end of the exchange period, the host institution will provide the home institution with official transcripts of grades for its students.
- VII. Students shall enjoy all privileges, and be subject to all academic and other regulations, at the host institution, on the same basis as domestic undergraduate and postgraduate students in an analogous programme.





VIII. Students shall pay regular full-time tuition fees at their home institution during their exchange period. Tuition and application fees shall be waived by the host institution. Other fees charged to exchange students at the host institution shall be on the same scale as for domestic students; this includes the "Studentenwerk" fee at UBT.

IX. The host institution agrees to provide orientation and support to exchange students from the home institution including counselling in administrative and legal procedures as well as to foster their integration, and to assist them in finding suitable living accommodations. In emergency situations affecting visiting students, the host institution will act on behalf of the home institution as appropriate under the circumstances.

X. Students have to prove that they have adequate medical insurance upon arrival at the host institution. Therefore, exchange students are required to either obtain a special international health insurance valid in the country of the host institution or demonstrate that their initial insurance coverage is essentially equivalent.

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