

AGREEMENT FOR STUDENT EXCHANGE
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
AND
RITSUMEIKAN ASIA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

This Agreement is made as of 2/24, 2010 by and between The University of New Mexico, New Mexico, USA, (hereinafter "UNM") and Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Beppu, Japan (hereinafter "APU") pursuant to the Cooperation Agreement executed between the two universities.

Both parties hereby agree that:

1. Administration

The student exchange program shall be administered through the office of International Programs and Studies(OIPS) at UNM and the Academic Office at APU.

2. The number of Exchange Students

The university may in principle nominate not more than two undergraduate for exchange each year. The total number of exchange students for the initial three (3) academic year period from the home university shall not in principle exceed the number of exchange students from the host university. After the period of three (3) academic years, if the flow becomes unbalanced in one direction, the flow in that direction of the following academic years may be limited until the balance is obtained.

3. Length of Exchange Period

The normal period of exchange for each exchange student shall be one (1) or two (2) consecutive semesters; provided, however, that this may be extended for one (1) additional semester with the consent of both universities.

4. Nominee Requirements

Nominees must have completed and have passed the exams of at least one year of study at the home university prior to commencing the exchange period, with an overall GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. While nominees will normally be accepted for exchange by the host university, the host university reserves the right to review the applications of nominee and make final decisions concerning admission.

5. Language Requirement

Nominees from APU must obtain TOEFL 520(CBT190, IBT 68) and present proof of the score when apply to UNM. TOEFL-ITP is also accepted. Non-native-English speaking nominees from UNM must obtain TOEFL 550(CBT213, IBT 79), IELTS 6.0 or Japanese Language Proficiency Test(JLPT) Level 1 – 280 and present proof of the score when apply to APU. TOEFL-ITP is also accepted.

6. Application Materials

Each year, UNM will forward to APU the appropriate documents of its nominee(s) as required by APU by October 22 for spring semester admission, and April 22 for fall semester admission. APU will inform UNM of its final admission decision within thirty (30) days of receipt of said documents.

Similarly, APU will forward to UNM the appropriate documents of its nominee(s) as required by UNM, by October 1 for spring semester admission or April 1 for fall semester admission. UNM will inform APU of its final admission decision within thirty (30) days of receipt of said documents.

7. Visa Application

Each host institution will issue appropriate documents for each accepted nominee for the issuance of a student visa, in accordance with current national laws. It is the responsibility of each individual student to obtain a student visa in his or her home country in a timely manner.

8. Course Details

Students accepted for exchange will be enrolled as non-degree full-time students. Exchange students will be able to take courses for which they are qualified at the host institution and shall have all the rights and privileges enjoyed by other students at the university.

9. Course Credit

Any academic credit received during the course of the program at the host institution may be transferred to the home institution in accordance with the appropriate regulations of the home institution. It will be the responsibility of the exchange student to obtain official approval from his or her home institution for subjects taken at the host university, and to obtain an official copy of his or her academic record at the end of the period of study.

10. Tuition and Fees

Exchange students will not pay examination, matriculation, and tuition fees to the host institution, but should pay these to the home institution as per the usual regulations of the home institution.

11. Other Costs

Exchange students will be responsible for making their own international travel arrangements and the associated costs, as well as for expenses associated with room, board, study materials, local transportation, student health insurance, medical care, personal matters, and passport/visa applications. Some specific courses may require special fees for materials or special services. Exchange students will not be exempt from these fees as part of the tuition waiver when those fees are charged to all students in the class. Students will be notified about these fees at the time they register for the courses.

12. Health Insurance

UNM students will be required to enter the compulsory Japanese *National Health Insurance* plan while at APU. In the exceptional case that a student should not obtain this health coverage, it will be the individual student's responsibility to cover all incurred medical charges at full rate. APU students must enroll in a health insurance plan covering overseas travel before entering the United States, and the coverage must meet the minimum requirements for admission to the U.S. as a J-1 exchange student as determined by the U.S. Department of State.

13. Housing

Both UNM and APU will make every reasonable effort to arrange for university-approved accommodation for the exchange students. Both parties agree that if accommodations are arranged at a university dormitory or residential college, it will be at a cost per student not greater than that charged to regular students attending the host institution.

14. Student Support

Both UNM and APU agree to work together toward the integration of exchange students from UNM into Japanese student life and the integration of exchange students from APU into U.S. student life. Each student will be provided with the same academic and related student support services that are available to all students at UNM or APU.

15. Rules and Regulations

All exchange students will be subject to the rules and procedures specified at the host university during the period of study in the exchange program. Each institution reserves the right to dismiss any exchange student at any time for conduct that is in violation of their established rules and regulations. The dismissal of a participant shall not abrogate the agreement or the arrangements regarding other participants.

16. Extension of Exchange Period

Upon completion of the study term at the host university, participating students must return to the home university. No extension of stay will be authorized at the host institution unless otherwise specifically agreed upon by mutual consent with the home institution.

17. Term of Agreement

This Agreement will be effective from the date of signature and shall remain valid for an initial period of five (5) years. Thereafter it shall be automatically renewed each year unless any party provides written notice to terminate the agreement a minimum of six months prior to the expiration date. The terms of this agreement may be revised and modified through mutual discussion and consent between the two institutions. This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between UNM and APU. No amendments, consent or waiver terms of this agreement shall bind either party unless in writing and signed by both parties.

18. Good Faith Negotiation

The parties will meet and discuss in good faith any dispute between them arising out of this Agreement.



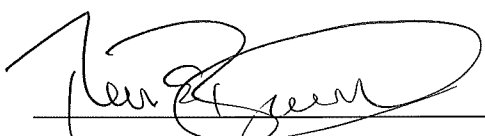
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