

**AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN
FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF BAHIA (BRAZIL)
AND
THE UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS (UNITED STATES OF AMERICA).**

The Federal University of Bahia in Brazil (UFBA), represented in this act by its rector, Prof. Dr. Heonir de Jesus Pereira da Rocha, and the University of New Orleans (UNO), represented in this act by its chancellor Gregory M. St. O'Brien, agree to enter into an association to facilitate student exchanges, faculty exchanges, and joint research and educational projects. The areas of cooperation that will be included in this agreement include all disciplines, schools, faculties, institutes, departments, centers, or any extension or research program that is considered pertinent to both institutions and that can contribute to the accomplishment of the aims established herein by the two universities.

I. STUDENT EXCHANGES:

ARTICLE FIRST:

On a reciprocal basis, this exchange program will be open to the students at each university continues for no longer than a five - year period beginning with the fall term of 1999. The main goal of the exchange is to offer participants the opportunity to pursue studies and gain additional experience in the academic disciplines offered at UFBA and UNO.

ARTICLE SECOND:

Participants may spend one semester or one entire year at the host institution. At UNO, the academic year is broken into two semesters. The first semester begins in mid-August and ends in early December; the second semester beginnings in early January and ends in early May. At UFBA, the academic year also has two semesters. The first begins in Mid-March and ends in Mid-July; the second semester begins in early August and ends in Mid-December.

ARTICLE THIRD:

The costs of international travel, daily expenses, medical insurance, and other expenses related to the students' extracurricular activities will be born by participating students, unless both institutions make some other agreement.



ARTICLE FOURTH:

Students wishing to participate in the program must be accepted by both universities, and each university must agree to accept an equal number of qualified students. Each year this number will be established by joint agreement between the two institutions.

The host institution will offer orientation and assistance to participating students, including assistance in finding accommodations. If possible, the host institution will offer lodging and food to students, either in its own facilities or through the use of third parties, and either at the usual cost of such amenities or by means of an exchange. Exchange students shall be given the same privileges and responsibilities as the host institution's students, including access to university facilities such as the library, book store, recreational facilities, computer center, cafeterias, etc.

ARTICLE FIFTH:

Before departure, students will pay all admission and enrollment fees to their home institution. The host institution agrees to waive all tuition and associated fees, including those required for specific courses, such as science and computer labs, and those mandated by legislation, such as the university technology fee at UNO. At UNO, these fees will be paid by the College of Liberal Arts out of unrestricted funds.

ARTICLE SIXTH:

Each student accepted into the program must have drawn up in advance a plan of study. Each university will appoint a coordinator to oversee the program and serve as adviser both to incoming students during their stay and to outgoing students before their departure.

ARTICLE SEVENTH:

UNO students going to UFBA will be responsible for carrying their own medical, hospitalization, and accident insurance. UFBA students studying at UNO must carry the minimum required medical insurance. Such insurance must be in effect from the date of departure to the date of return.

ARTICLE EIGHTH:

Credit for all academic work completed at the host university will reflect the requirements, policies and procedures in effect at the host university at the time of the student's arrival, and it must be recognized by the students' home institution. Participants will be able to receive transcripts and other academic records upon request and upon payment of normal fees.



ARTICLE NINTH:

Students are required to demonstrate foreign language proficiency sufficient to enroll in courses offered at the host university. For the University of New Orleans, minimum TOEFL scores of 500 for undergraduate and 550 for graduate work are required. For UFBA, UNO students must take the Portuguese Proficiency Test (PPT), applied by UFBA's Language Institute. Students who fail the PPT will have to register in a Portuguese Language Course for Foreigners. The cost of this course must be born by the student, and it can be taken simultaneously with other courses for which the student is registered.

II FACULTY EXCHANGES:

ARTICLE FIRST:

This Agreement is also intended to promote the exchange of faculty (instructors and researchers) in all academic disciplines represented in UFBA and UNO.

ARTICLE SECOND:

Both universities agree to facilitate opportunities for the exchange of teaching and researching personnel. Each institution will inform the other of the availability of various teaching and research opportunities in timely manner to allow for application (including detailed resume) and other procedures involved. Teaching opportunities include full-time and part-time for an academic year or one semester; a short course (approximately three weeks in duration), and single lectures, as well as conferences and seminars.

ARTICLE THIRD:

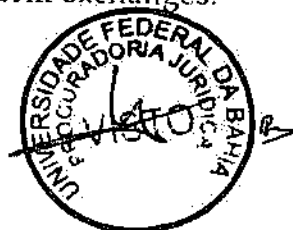
In cooperation, the parties to this agreement will explore ways to facilitate faculty exchanges through arranging exchange of housing between exchange professors, provision of subsidies for housing and food, provision of round-trip air fare, and through other arrangements.

ARTICLE FOURTH:

This document does not require a balanced exchange ,i.e., an identical level of effort (same number of semesters or same teaching load) over a given period of time. Rather, it encourages the negotiation of specific mutually agreeable arrangements to enable a faculty member from one institution to teach and/or conduct research at the other.

ARTICLE FIFTH:

Teachers participating in the program should have fluency in Portuguese and English languages, in order to conduct classes. Exceptions can be allowed for this article if translators are available to work in the classroom, especially in short term exchanges.



ARTICLE SIXTH:

The responsibilities of a visiting professor (e.g., course loads, specific courses to be taught, research duties, etc.) must be specified by the host institution in advance and agreed to by the visiting professor and his/her home institution before a specific exchange arrangement is concluded.

ARTICLE SEVENTH

Visiting faculty members shall be accorded full privileges and responsibilities as the host institution's faculty members, including access to university facilities, such as the library, book store, recreational facilities, computer center, cafeterias, etc.

III RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATION:

ARTICLE FIRST:

UNO and UFBA will cooperate in the development of joint research and educational projects.

ARTICLE SECOND:

This cooperation will include but is not limited to preparing and submitting proposals to foundations and government agencies, organizing and conducting seminars and conferences on topics of mutual interest, mutual collaborations on masters and doctoral theses, participation in doctoral and masters examinations, and publishing the results of research projects and conference proceedings.

ARTICLE THIRD:

UFBA and UNO will also explore and, if feasible, utilize various telecommunications technologies, such as compressed video, for the purpose of sending and receiving lectures, seminars, courses, conferences and other educational and academic products.

This collaborative agreement will take effect at the time it is signed by the chancellor of UNO and the Rector of UFBA, and it will last for a period of five years. At the end of that term, it will be automatically renewed unless either party wishes to terminate the agreement. This agreement may be terminated upon the written notice of either party with the understanding that any existing commitments to students or faculty will be honored. This agreement may be modified through the written agreement of both parties.


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