

**AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION FOR
RECIPROCAL INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE**

BETWEEN

**MÄLARDALEN UNIVERSITY
AND
STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY- STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**

This agreement is entered by Mälardalen University, Sweden (MdU) and Stony Brook University - State University of New York, USA (SBU). MdU and SBU agree to establish a reciprocal student exchange program within subject area Music for the educational and cultural enrichment of both universities under the following terms:

I Number of Participants

- a) Up to 2 SBU undergraduate/graduate students per year shall be permitted to study at MdU, each for a period of up to two semesters, or up to 4 students per year where the exchange period is for one semester only.
- b) Up to 2 MdU undergraduate/graduate students per year shall be permitted to study at the SBU each for a period of up to two semesters, or up to 4 students per year where the exchange period is for one semester only.

The Universities agree that the exchange program shall operate on a reciprocal basis. Parity in numbers of exchange students is required over the term of the agreement. However each party should be prepared to consider a disparity in any given semester or year during the term of agreement.

II. Selection of Participants

The home institution will select applicants from its university for this exchange program. Students will be selected on the basis of their suitability to participate in the program. The host institution will reserve the right to make the final decision regarding the admission of each student nominated for the exchange. The following guidelines will apply to all exchange students:

- a) The exchange students must have successfully completed at least one year of continuous study at the home institution before the exchange period and have good to excellent academic records.
- b) The exchange students must meet all specific requirements set down by the home university and host university, including language proficiency as specified by the host institution.

- c) Within the subject area music, selected students may apply for any academic program offered at the host institution for which they meet the pre-requisites as full-time, non-degree status students. Of particular interest to exchange students is the pre-existing contract between Mälardalen University and the Royal College of Music in Stockholm, which allows all students from MdU to study with faculty from the Royal College.
- d) All students will remain enrolled as regular degree candidates at the home institution and will not be enrolled as candidates for degrees at the host institution. Students are expected to maintain the equivalent of a full-time workload: at Mälardalen University 20 points/30 ECTS credits per semester and at SBU 15 credits per semester.
- e) The exact program of study will be determined by the student with the mutual approval of his or her supervisors or academic advisers at the home institution and the host institution.
- f) Selected students must have paid normal tuition fees at their home university for the period of the exchange.
- g) Selected students undertake to abide by all the rules and regulations of the host university and by all the rules, regulations and requirements of the host country. In case of violation the host university has the right to expel the student in question.
- h) Upon completion of the semester or year at the host institution, the exchange student must return to the home institution unless an extension of stay has been approved by both universities.

III. Responsibilities of the universities

Both universities agree:

- a) to accept up to the prescribed number of suitably qualified students, and to enroll them as full-time, non-degree students for up to 2 semesters;
- b) to ensure that applications for the students nominated will be sent to the receiving university in accordance with the existing deadlines of the host university;
- c) to provide academic and course advice to the exchange students;
- d) to assist the exchange students in finding housing in residence halls or help find alternative accommodation as may be necessary;
- e) to send academic transcripts from the previous one or two semesters for all those students enrolled in the exchange program;
- f) to recognize previous academic credits earned by the students, in accordance with its regulations and procedures.

IV. Responsibilities of Participating Students

Students participating in the exchange program will be responsible for the costs associated with:

- a) accommodation
- b) medical insurance
- c) transport to and from the host university
- d) purchase of textbooks, clothing and other personal items
- e) passport and visa application fees
- f) miscellaneous enrollment charges such as Student Service fees/Student Association fees
- g) debts incurred while staying at the host university

Students participating in the exchange program are strongly advised to attend the orientation days offered at their host university.

V. Validity of the Agreement

This agreement may be modified at any time in writing signed by both parties. Such amendments, once approved by both institutions, will become part of this agreement.

This agreement shall take effect as of the 2007/2008 academic year and be valid for a period of five (5) years. During the fourth year, renewal for an additional five-year period will be considered. Either university may, by notice in writing of no less than six months, terminate this agreement. However, any students who have commenced their exchange experience or been accepted to study at either university at the date of termination may complete their course of study.

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