

VISITING STUDENT AGREEMENT

Between

**Northeastern State University
(United States of America)**

and

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(Peoples Republic of China)

In recognition of the mutual benefits derived from scholarly interaction, Northeastern State University and * * * * * agree to establish this arrangement.

1. DEFINITIONS

- A) Within this Agreement, "home" institution shall mean the institution at which the student intends to graduate, and "host" institution shall mean the institution which has agreed to accept the student from the home institution.
- B) "Semester" and "academic year" shall refer to the period relevant to the host institution.

2. PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

- A) The general purpose of this Agreement is to establish specific educational relations and cooperation between the two participating institutions in order to promote academic linkages and to enrich the understanding of the culture of the two countries concerned.
- B) The purpose of each visiting student is to enable students to enrol in courses at the host institution for credits which will be applied towards their degrees at their home institution.

3. VISITING STUDENTS

- A) QUANTITY – ***** institution is prepared to send students to NSU and are willing to receive the equivalent number annually. Normally, the number of students will involve a maximum of 30 per academic year.
- B) QUALIFICATIONS – Each visiting student is required to demonstrate his/her academic proficiency by providing a certified Transcript of their Academic Record. Each visiting student is also required to demonstrate English Proficiency by achieving the required scores of 61 for the TOEFL or 5.5 for the IELTS. Each visiting student must fully meet the admission requirements for international students at the host institution.
- C) EXCHANGE DURATION – One academic year (two semesters maximum) or one semester.
- D) ACADEMIC FIELDS – Accounting, Mathematics, Biology, Medical Sciences, Computer Science, Computer Information Systems, Chemistry, Economics, Technology, Art and Design, English Literature, Professional and Creative Writing.

E) COSTS

- i. Tuition: approximately \$13,000 per academic year or \$6,500 per semester at the current time.
- ii. Students are required to pay all tuition and fees required of international students to the host institution; no additional supplemental tuition will be required.
- iii. Board and Room Charges: Each student will receive assistance from the host institution in locating suitable accommodation. The cost of accommodation, including food, is the responsibility of the visiting student. The cost of accommodation, including food is about \$700 per month at the current time.
- iv. Medical Insurance: Each visiting student is required to enrol in the host institutions insurance plan that is required of all international students. The cost of this insurance will be borne by the visiting student. At the current time, the cost of this insurance is approximately \$500 per semester.

4. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A) ACADEMIC CONTENT

- i. Visiting student will conform to the requirements of the home institution. Visiting students will be subject to the rules and procedures as specified in the host institution's handbook for the academic year in which they enrol.
- ii. Visiting students are limited at the present time to undergraduates students; preference will be given to students who have completed at least their first year of undergraduate study at the home institution.
- iii. Visiting students will participate in the normal academic courses offered by the host institution.
- iv. In selecting courses, students may choose from the range of courses offered at appropriate institution, provided that they are academically qualified to enrol in these courses. Each institution will inform the other about any courses which may have limited enrolment and will make an effort to assist students in enrolling in these courses as required.

B) VISITING STUDENTS' RECORDS

- i. Prior to the final selection of students for participation in the visiting programme, each institution will provide the other with information about the performance and academic background and records, together with letter of recommendation. It is understood that both institutions will strive to select only individuals of the highest quality for participation in the programme.
- ii. Each institution reserves the right of prior approval of the individuals nominated by the partner institution.

C) ACADEMIC RESOURCES

- i. Each visiting student will be provided with the same academic resources and supporting services as are normally provided to other students at the host institution at the same academic level.
- ii. An academic adviser will be designated at the host institution to assist students enrolled in the visiting programme.

5. **ADMINISTRATION**

A) ANNUAL PROGRAMME CALENDAR

- i. Visiting student may take place for an academic year, or for either semester.
- ii. A student who leaves the programme early for any reason is not entitled to a refund of tuition paid at the home campus or any accommodation charges assessed at the host institution.

B) PROGRAMME REVIEW

- i. Both institutions will be responsible for a regular review of the programme no later than April 1 of each year.
- ii. This review may make appropriate and mutually agreed modifications as required and identify new opportunities for cooperation in scholarship and research.

6. **TERMINATION**

- A) The Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signing by both institutions and shall remain in force for five years. Either institution may, by giving ninety days written notice to the other institution, terminate the Agreement. In the absence of such termination, this Agreement will be renewed automatically.
- B) The termination of this Agreement shall allow for any participating students who have commenced at either institution at the date of the termination to complete their approved course of study. This Agreement may be amended or modified at any time by the mutual consent of the cooperating institutions.

7. **MISCELLANEOUS:**

NSU, as a component of the Regional University System of Oklahoma, is an agency of the State of Oklahoma. Accordingly, NSU does not have the authority to enter into agreements to waive, compromise, concede, surrender or relinquish the rights, immunities or remedies of the State of Oklahoma, nor agree to lesser or greater standards of care than would apply in the absence of a special provision; nor agree to modify any applicable statutes of limitations; nor agree to alter the commencement of a statute of limitation; nor agree to insure, indemnify or hold harmless; nor agree to waive subrogation rights; nor agree to shift the burden of proof; not to agree not to

enforce any of the rights, privileges, immunities or remedies as provided by law. NSU, as an entity of the State of Oklahoma, does not have the authority to enter into agreements which are contrary to any Federal laws, the Oklahoma Constitution, or Oklahoma Statutes, all as interpreted by the courts and the Oklahoma Attorney General. Nothing contained within this agreement shall be interpreted in such a way that university acted contrary to or outside of its authority to act as an entity of the State of Oklahoma.

Northeastern State University

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