

## **AN AGREEMENT FOR ACADEMIC COOPERATION**

between the

**Mission Interuniversitaire de Coordination des Echanges Franco-Américains (MICEFA)**

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and

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and

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and

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and

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and

**Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL)**

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and

**CODOFIL Consortium of Louisiana Colleges and Universities (CCLCU)**

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## **Preamble:**

The Mission Interuniversitaire de Coordination des Echanges Franco-Américains (MICEFA), a consortium for international exchange of the following universities of the Ile de France: I (Panthéon-Sorbonne), III (Sorbonne Nouvelle), IV (Sorbonne), VI (Pierre et Marie Curie), VII (Diderot), VIII (Vincennes St-Denis), X (Ouest), XI (Sud), XII (Est Créteil), XIII (Nord), UPEMLV (Est Marne la Vallée), UVSQ (Versailles Saint-Quentin en Yvelines), UEVE (Evry Val d'Essonne) and ICP (Catholic University of Paris), all institutions of higher education recognized by the French Ministry of Higher Education, having affirmed their common commitment to international understanding and goodwill and in recognition of the benefits of a shared quest for knowledge, do hereby establish this Agreement for Academic Cooperation (Agreement) with Louisiana State University, University of Louisiana System, Southern University System, and Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and University, hereinafter referred to as the "Louisiana University Systems", the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, hereinafter referred to as CODOFIL, and the CODOFIL Consortium of Louisiana Colleges and Universities, hereinafter referred to as CCLCU.

### **1 Article 1: Framework**

- 1.1 The agents with authority to enter into this Agreement are the Presidents of the Louisiana University Systems listed above, the President of MICEFA, the President of CCLCU, and the President of CODOFIL, or their respective designated representatives.
- 1.2 The Louisiana University Systems who are signatories to this Agreement shall provide instruction with its own faculty, staff and facilities at its participating institutions located in the State of Louisiana; MICEFA shall provide instruction through the faculty, staff and facilities of the affiliated universities of Paris and its region, France.
- 1.3 The number of students exchanged must be balanced between MICEFA and each individual institution within the Louisiana University Systems.
- 1.4 Each university may send exchange students to the host University for One Semester or two, not to exceed one (1) academic year. Two students for one semester will be considered equivalent to one student for the academic year. The actual number of students may vary, depending upon special circumstances arising in a certain year. The exact number of students exchanged each year will be agreed upon in advance by both institutions. In the case of an unequal number of students under a reciprocal exchange in a given year, the universities agree to rectify the imbalance within four semesters.
- 1.5 A Louisiana University that is a signatory to this agreement shall determine the number of MICEFA exchange students it shall accept each academic year.
- 1.6 All credit granted by the host institution will be transferable to the student's home institution.
- 1.7 When possible, students will be offered accommodations in student housing at the host institution. The student will be responsible for the costs of all housing and meals.

- 1.8 Each university will provide exchange students with information and documentation needed to obtain student visas; however it is the individual student who is ultimately responsible for procuring the appropriate visa prior to departure.

## **2 Article 2: Financial**

- 2.1 Exchange programs established under this Agreement will operate on a reciprocal basis. Participating students will continue to pay standard tuition and fees to their home university.
- 2.2 Aside from any special course or fees not considered "standard charges", the Louisiana University Systems and MICEFA will insure that no additional fees or tuition costs are charged or collected by the host universities for the incoming exchange students.
- 2.3 This agreement does not create a financial obligation between the parties; therefore, no money shall be exchanged between the parties. All parties undertake to make their best efforts to obtain the necessary financial assistance from institutions providing support for such cooperative programs.

## **3 Article 3: Participation of Louisiana Students in the Program at MICEFA**

- 3.1 The Louisiana participating institutions will select and nominate students to enroll in instructional programs offered by MICEFA. The nominated students shall be undergraduate or graduate students who have completed at least two (2) years of study of French.
- 3.2 No later than May 1 of the year prior to exchange the Louisiana University Systems wishing to nominate students for participation in the exchange for fall semester or a full academic year, shall inform MICEFA of the names, dossiers, and contact information of the nominated students. Dossiers of students wishing to participate on exchange for the spring semester only must be received by MICEFA no later than November 1.
- 3.3 MICEFA will admit qualified students from Louisiana University Systems to courses and programs as full-time, non-degree seeking students.
- 3.4 The participating Louisiana institutions affirm that their students have the necessary personal funding resources to meet fully their financial obligations as exchange students.
- 3.5 Louisiana students shall subscribe to the national health insurance program as required by the French government and additional accident insurance coverage to include costs of emergency evacuation and repatriation.

## **4 Article 4: Participation of MICEFA Students in Louisiana Programs**

- 4.1. MICEFA will select and nominate qualified students to participate in the exchange. MICEFA will present completed application materials directly to the coordinator of exchanges at the university that will host the MICEFA students. Nominees must meet all admission requirements as determined by the admission officers at the respective Louisiana

universities. Deadline dates may vary according to institution but generally, applications for fall and full-year exchanges are due by March 1 of the year preceding exchange and by October 1 for exchanges during spring semester only.

- 4.2. MICEFA students participating in exchanges under the terms of this agreement will be admitted as full time, non-degree seeking students at a Louisiana university.
- 4.3. MICEFA shall be responsible for determining and guaranteeing the ability of its students to meet the costs of participating in the exchange.
- 4.4. MICEFA shall assure that its students are adequately covered by health insurance that meets or exceeds United States Department of State (USDS) and LSU requirements. (<http://www.oip.lsu.edu/iso/>)

## **5 Article 5: Academic and Disciplinary Regulations**

- 5.1. While attending the host university, each exchange student will enjoy the same academic rights and privileges enjoyed by all students enrolled at the host university.
- 5.2. While attending the host university, students participating in the program will be subject to the rules, regulations and disciplinary procedures of the host university.

## **6 Article 6: Other Provisions**

- 6.1 To the extent allowed by law, each party shall be responsible for its negligent, acts of omissions, and the negligent acts or omissions of its employees, officers, or directors. Neither party hereto shall be liable to the other for any incidental, consequential, or punitive damages.
- 6.2 This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. There are no understandings, agreements, or representations, oral or written, not specified in this agreement. No amendment, consent, or waiver of terms of the agreement shall bind either party unless it is in writing and signed by all parties.
- 6.3 The rights and obligations arising under this agreement are personal to each Party, and said rights and obligations may not be encumbered, transferred or assigned in any manner.
- 6.4 Each of the undersigned signatories hereby certifies that he/she has the authority to bind his/her respective institution to this agreement.

**7 Article 7: Duration, Termination, Modification and Amendment of this Agreement**

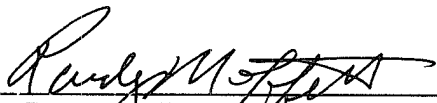
This agreement shall remain in force for five (5) years from the date of the final signature and shall be renewable by mutual consent at the end of that period for a second five-year period. This agreement may be terminated prior to that time on condition that notice of intent to terminate is provided by the initiating institution at least nine (9) months prior to termination. In the event of such notice of termination, the exchange students will be permitted to complete the then-current semester in which the notice of termination was given. This agreement may be amended or modified at any time by the mutual consent of the cooperating institutions.

**For Louisiana**

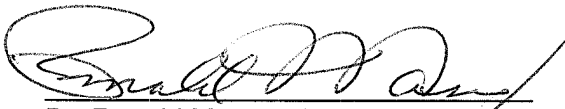
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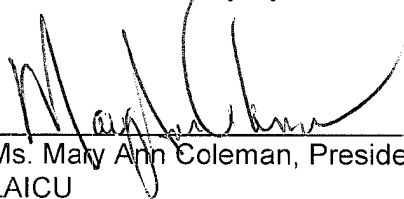
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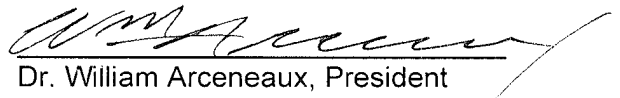
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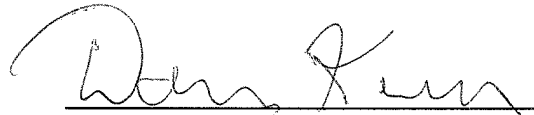


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