

**PROGRAM AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY AND  
UNIVERSIDAD AUTONOMA DE BARCELONA**

WHEREAS, The University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley (hereon referred to as UTRGV) located at 1201 W. University Dr. Edinburg, Texas 78539 and Universidad Autònoma de Barcelona located at Edifici A-Rectorat, Campus de la UAB, 08193, Barcelona, Spain (hereon referred to as UAB) have previously executed an Agreement of Cooperation.

WHEREAS, UTRGV and UAB desire to implement the provisions of such Agreement of Cooperation by providing students enrolled at each institution with an educational opportunity at the other's institution.

NOW THEREFORE, subject to the terms, conditions, and provisions of such Agreement of Cooperation, the parties agree as follows:

1.0 Term. This Agreement shall be effective from the date of its execution and terminate at the conclusion of Spring 2024.

2.0 Program Students and Admission.

2.1 The exchange shall be limited to the equivalent of up to 4 full year students or 8 semester students per academic year from each institution during the term of the Agreement. There is no minimum number of UTRGV/UAB students that UTRGV/UAB must send each semester or academic year.

2.2 UTRGV/UAB shall notify UAB/UTRGV of the number of students selected by UTRGV to participate in the Program on or about April 15 of each year for that year's Fall semester or academic year and on or about October 15 of each year for the following Spring semester.

2.3 UTRGV/UAB shall select students to participate in the exchange program based on demonstrated academic achievement and completion of curriculum that are a prerequisite for participation in the program.

UTRGV/UAB will recommend students for the program who have sufficient language proficiency to effectively participate in the instruction program offered at UAB/UTRGV.

In the event UTRGV students want to be enrolled in a subject delivered in Spanish or Catalan, they must have at minimum the equivalent to a B2 in one of the two official languages in order to follow the class; otherwise, they will not be able to be enrolled. In the subjects taught in English, a minimum of the equivalent of a B2 is required for students whose English is not native language.

UAB student(s) must have a minimum of the equivalent of a TOEFL or IELTS Language Proficiency Test with minimum scores of 550 on paper-based, 213 on computer based, or 79 on internet-based for the TOEFL; 6.5 for the IELTS. TOEFL and IELTS scores are valid for 2 years.

UTRGV/UAB graduate or undergraduate students who have completed at least two years of undergraduate study are eligible to participate in the program. In the case of the graduate programs at UAB, it will be the Coordinator of the Master program who must accept the student.

3.0 Course of Study. UAB exchange students must be enrolled in 12 credit hours at UTRGV in order to comply with the J-1 student visa requirements. UTRGV exchange students must be enrolled in 12 credit hours at UAB to comply with Shengen Visa requirements.

Each semester UTRGV student(s) may select up to 12 credit hours from UAB course offerings, subject to approval by UTRGV/UAB. UAB students may select up to 12 credit hours from UTRGV course offerings subject to approval by UAB/UTRGV. UAB student (s) may apply to all academic program offerings at UTRGV. UTRGV student(s) may apply to the following academic program offered at UAB:

- Engineering
- Sciences (physics)
- Economics and Business
- Psychology and Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Translation and Interpreting
- Political Science
- Sociology

UAB/UTRGV reserve the right to exclude students from restricted enrollment programs. UTRGV/UAB student(s) will remain enrolled as regular degree candidates at UTRGV/UAB and will not be enrolled as candidates for degrees at UAB/UTRGV.

4.0 Grade Reports. Within two months of the end of each semester or academic year, UAB/UTRGV will forward to UTRGV/UAB officials grade reports for each UTRGV/UAB student in the program, corresponding to the "A, B, C, D, and F" and "Pass-Fail" grading system.

5.0 Program Payments. UTRGV students will register for a full course load and remain registered at UTRGV while attending UAB and will pay UTRGV tuition and fees to UTRGV. UTRGV students will be exempt from all such tuition and fees at UAB. UAB students will register for a full load and remain registered at UAB while attending UTRGV and will pay UAB tuition and fees to UAB. UAB will be exempt from all such tuition and fees at UTRGV. Students will pay medical insurance and other fees as required per the host institution.

5.1 Students participating in the program will be subject to and must abide by all the rules and regulations of the host institution.

6.0 Lodging/Travel/Meals. UAB will provide housing for or provide information regarding locating housing for UTRGV students during their semester(s) of attendance. UTRGV will provide housing for or provide information regarding locating housing for UAB students during their semester(s) of attendance. UTRGV students participating in a UAB program are responsible to cover the housing fees at UAB. UAB students participating in a UTRGV program are responsible to cover housing fees at UTRGV.

7.0 Designated Liaison. Each party designates the following officials to serve as its liaison to coordinate and facilitate activities under this Program Agreement and to address any concerns or disputes that may arise relating to the terms and conditions of this Program Agreement.

7.1 UTRGV: Alan Earhart. Director of International Programs and Partnerships. Office of Global Engagement. STAC 3.128, Edinburg Texas US 956-665-3572 or 956-882-8955. [alan.earhart@utrgv.edu](mailto:alan.earhart@utrgv.edu)

7.2 UAB: Ms. Isabel Boncompte, Coordinator of the Exchange Program Unit at the International Relations Office. ([internacional.propi@uab.cat](mailto:internacional.propi@uab.cat)). Ms. Montserrat Alegre, International-Institutional Relations Officer ([internacional.pr@uab.cat](mailto:internacional.pr@uab.cat)). Plaça Cívica - Edifici de la Hemeroteca, Campus de la UAB · 08193 Bellaterra (Cerdanyola del Vallès) · Barcelona · Spain +34 93 581 2753

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