



ARISTOTLE
UNIVERSITY OF
THESSALONIKI



EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

Between

ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI

And

**THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA, BY
AND ON BEHALF OF GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY AND ITS
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

This document hereby establishes an agreement between the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Greece (herein "Aristotle") and the College of Arts and Sciences at Georgia State University (herein "Georgia State"), a unit of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, Atlanta, Georgia, United States of America. The parties recognizing the benefits to be gained by both institutions through an exchange program aimed at promoting scholarly activities and multi-cultural understanding, agree to encourage the following within the interests and abilities of each institution: the exchange of information necessary for educational and research activities; and the interchange of students and academic staff.

The following are mutually approved:

1. Applicability

This agreement is established to allow student and staff exchange at the partner institution in various disciplines of study, within the College of Arts & Sciences.

2. Faculty and Staff Exchanges

Visits of faculty members will be encouraged in both directions for: short familiarization periods undertaken in conjunction with other activities; visits of longer duration in connection with joint research or supervision or participation in the teaching activity of the host institutions; visits of a year or more during which collaborative research and teaching can be pursued more fully by the visitor.

The conditions of faculty exchanges will be agreed upon individually in a separate agreement, taking into account the policies of both institutions and the availability of funds and facilities.

The parties understand and agree that national laws regulating the export of technologies may prohibit participation by visiting students, faculty, and researchers on specific research projects in the host country. The parties further understand and agree to secure all university and other required approvals prior to conducting research activities and to abide by all policies and procedures governing such activities.

If visiting faculty or researchers participate in research funded by a third party sponsor, the parties agree that such faculty and researcher research activities will abide by the terms of the sponsorship agreement. If visiting faculty or researchers receive third party confidential information for research purposes that was provided under a written nondisclosure or confidential disclosure agreement, the parties agree that the visiting faculty or researcher will be bound by the confidentiality and nondisclosure terms of such agreement.

3. Number and Period of Student Exchange

Starting in the fall of 2009, the two institutions will exchange up to four (4) undergraduate students per year. The number of students from each institution participating in the exchange will not necessarily be equal in any given year. However, it is the intention that a balance of incoming and outgoing students will be maintained over the term of this agreement.

4. Acceptance of Students

The host institution agrees to accept students nominated by the other institution without further selection procedures.

To participate in the Exchange Program, Georgia State students must apply to the program director. Aristotle students must apply to the program director at Aristotle. Each institution will be fully responsible for selecting their students to participate in the exchange program.

Both Universities can receive and give credits to students in the frame of the existing exchange arrangement. Such students can be admitted as auditors, that is without matriculation. They may receive credit for a particular course if, they are accepted by a relevant professor to attend and satisfy the requirements of the course by oral examination, a term paper, or both.

The official language of the exchange at Georgia State will be English and the official language at Aristotle will be Greek. Students from Georgia State University must meet Greek language admission requirements and pass applicable admission tests as required by the University of Thessaloniki.

Criteria to be used in selecting students will include:

- A) Full-time equivalent status in good academic standing at the home institution (preferably with a minimum of two years of undergraduate experience).
- B) Demonstration of appropriate levels of written and verbal fluency in the language of instruction; students from Aristotle must take either the computer-based TOEFL (CBT) or the iBT (internet-based TOEFL). Aristotle students are expected to receive a minimum TOEFL CBT score of 250 and a score of 5 on the TOEFL essay or a

minimum composite TOEFL iBT score of 80, with a Writing score of at least 22. Final decisions will be made between the two program directors of the exchange programs.

- C) Student's capacity for successful intercultural integration as judged by interviews with the program directors of the exchange.

Applications and the academic records of students selected from Aristotle for participation in the Exchange Program will be forwarded to the program director at Georgia State by Aristotle. Applications and academic records of students selected by Georgia State for participation will be forwarded to the program director of the exchange at Aristotle by Georgia State.

The home institution shall provide notification of the names and addresses of its applicants at least four months before the start of the relevant exchange period. This will facilitate admission and the issuance of supporting immigration documentation for necessary visa applications. The completed application forms will be sent to the host institution's program director.

5. Academic Status

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. Participation in the exchange does not constitute later admission as a regular student at the host institution.

6. Tuition Fees and Expenses

Students participating in the program will pay tuition, if applicable, at their home institution. No tuition payments will be required of exchange students at the host institution.

Visiting students may be eligible to receive appropriate grants, fellowships, or assistantships according to the regulations of the host country and University.

Neither institution is responsible for any expenses incurred by participating students or staff, including travel, housing, medical care, insurance and all other costs associated with attendance at the host institution.

The usual campus facilities will be available to exchange students and academic staff on the same conditions and, where applicable, at the same incidental fees as for domestic students and staff. Miscellaneous fees for special courses, material, fieldwork courses, books, etc. will be the responsibility of each participant.

Neither institution will charge students an application fee.

7. Insurance, Other Expenses, and Other Requirements

- A. Personal health and accident insurance as well as liability coverage that is valid abroad is mandatory for both Aristotle and Georgia State students. Students who already have

insurance must provide the documentation for the receiving institutions' approval before they leave their home country. Insurance for all students is at their expense.

- B. Students will be responsible for personal health, hospitalization and accident insurance coverage. Aristotle students who do not already have appropriate insurance must obtain Georgia State's international students' insurance policy. Health insurance waivers may be given to Aristotle students who have equivalent or better insurance coverage than that provided by Georgia State. Georgia State students must obtain Georgia State's mandatory study abroad insurance.
- C. Georgia State University students on this Exchange Program are subject to the university's Crisis Prevention and Management Policy. The program director should therefore notify the Study Abroad Programs office at least 3 months prior to students' departure in order to ensure the completion of mandated pre-departure crisis prevention documentation and processes.
- D. Aristotle students must submit the required immunization documentation (Measles, Mumps and Rubella or MMR, Tetanus-Diphtheria, Varicella, Hepatitis B) for enrolment at Georgia State. Georgia State students will submit any required Greek health documentation.
- E. Georgia State students will pay for their own travel between home and Thessaloniki, personal travel, food, housing, insurance, personal expenses, and school expenses. Georgia State students must notify the Aristotle program director by e-mail when travelling away from Thessaloniki, and, to the best of their ability, they will provide emergency telephone numbers where they can be reached. These stipulations also apply to Aristotle students coming to Atlanta.

8. Visa Requirements

- A. Aristotle student data and documentation will be provided by the program director to Georgia State's Office of International Student and Scholar Services to enable them to obtain a J-1 visa. Documentation of sufficient financial resources for one term of undergraduate study in the United States is also required; (the 2008 figure from the Office of International Student and Scholar Services is \$9325 for one semester). Forms will be provided by Georgia State.
- B. The above information must be received at Georgia State approximately four (4) months preceding the international student/scholar's arrival to the U.S. This documentation enables Georgia State to sponsor the students as part of the agreement but does not commit Georgia State to any financial sponsorship.
- C. Georgia State students who are American citizens must possess a valid U.S. passport and have applied in person at the Greek Consulate in Atlanta for a Schengen Visa, in order to enter Greece as a student exchange participant. To obtain this visa, Georgia State students must establish that they have sufficient funds for their anticipated length of stay; (the 2008 figure is approximately \$11,500). All Georgia State students who do not possess a U.S. passport (including permanent US residents and foreign nationals

who study at Georgia State on an F-1 or J-1 visa) must follow the process for proper entry clearance required by Greece for citizens of their home country.

9. Accommodation

The host institution will offer information locating accommodation listings but shall not be responsible for providing accommodation for visiting students and staff. The Georgia State Housing Office will provide Aristotle students information about university housing. Aristotle students are responsible for negotiating leasing agreements with Georgia State Housing Office as appropriate. Housing space at Georgia State is limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Aristotle students must complete the application process at least 4 months preceding their arrival at Georgia State. Aristotle students are not required to live in the dormitories and the Center for Hellenic Studies will provide information to incoming students on off-campus accommodation.

10. Recognition of Academic Achievement

As far as possible credits for work undertaken by visiting students should be recognized as contributing to degree requirements at the home institution, but this remains at the discretion of the home institutions. Georgia State students will receive institutional credits under this agreement.

Both institutions agree to provide a transcript at the end of the period of study, giving details of the courses studied and grades and credits awarded. At the completion of the course of study, the student will be responsible for ensuring that evaluations and records are forwarded to the home institution.

11. Compliance with Rules and Regulations

Exchange students will be subject to the rules and regulations of the host institution, and the laws and procedure of the state or country in which the institution is located.

The exchange students must pursue the approved course of study for the agreed period.

The host institution will assume no responsibility for a student's conduct or lack of compliance with any of the host country's laws. Each institution reserves the right to dismiss any exchange student at any time for academic or personal misconduct in violation of established regulations. The dismissal of a student shall not abrogate the agreement, or the arrangements regarding other students.

12. Program Director

Each institution agrees to appoint a program director to ensure that the terms of this exchange agreement are carried out. The director will serve as the contact person on campus, being responsible for arrangements associated with visits, ensuring that necessary approvals are in place and the general welfare of the exchange students.

The director of this exchange program at Aristotle is Helen Kotsaki, and at Georgia State University is Nickitas Demos, Associate Professor, School of Music and Director of The Center for Hellenic Studies.

13. Duration and Amendment of Agreement

This agreement shall be in effect for five years from the date of its signing. This agreement may be amended, and/or extended by mutual consent of both institutions for a period beyond its original date of expiration. Either party may terminate this agreement by serving written notice to the other party, provided such request is made at least six months before termination is to become effective. At the end of the third year an assessment will be made of the usefulness and value of the exchange. At that time the agreement may be extended, amended or terminated. Any termination of this agreement must take into account the rights of students already participating or accepted for an exchange to complete their stay.


This agreement takes effect on the date it is executed on behalf of both institutions.

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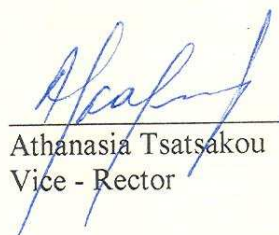
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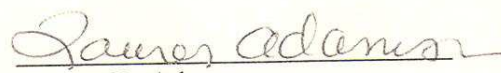
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