

# **STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN ST PETERSBURG CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY and An Individual Student**

## **I. GENERAL CLAUSE**

The SPbCU Study Abroad Program fits into the Undergraduate academic structure of St. Petersburg Christian University, hereinafter referred to as SPbCU and is carried out in cooperation between SPbCU and the individual named above, herinafter referred to as the Student.

This Exchange Program consists of one semester of organized study outside of the home institution for students who are currently enrolled in a degree program at another college or university. The student must make all arrangements with the home institution, which is responsible for providing earned credits. SPbCU provides local professors, dorm, classroom and other needed facilities.

This agreement further describes various aspects of the cooperation between SPbCU and the Student in the implementation of the Exchange Program.

## **II. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES**

### **Responsibilities of SPbCU**

The program is carried out at SPbCU campus in St. Petersburg. SPbCU provides:

1) The following academic courses for a total load of up to 12 credits:

#### **Core Courses**

Russian Language, 3 credits

Russian Literature, 3 credits

Russian History, 3 credits

Russian Fine Arts, 3 credits

#### **Potential Elective**

Christian Theology from a Russian Perspective, 3 credits. This course would be offered to interested students at an added course fee of 50,000 rubles total.

Each 3 credit hour class indicates three hours of class lecture and an average of 6 hours of homework per week. Each class is taught by a qualified English-speaking instructor.

- 2) All the needed facilities for the successful implementation of the academic program.
- 3) Cultural opportunities to widen the students' worldview through personal interactions within another culture.
- 4) Opportunities to clarify, deepen, and strengthen the students' spiritual life through participation in the spiritual life of the SPbCU community and a local church, and through the adaptation process in learning to live with and among Christians in another culture.
- 5) Dorm room accommodation and limited dining hall meals.
- 6) General supervision, safety and problem-solving assistance to the students which include access to a staff member fluent in English.

### **Responsibilities of the Student**

Students who come as individuals must take responsibility for:

- 1) making all needed arrangements with their home college or university for obtaining credits.
- 2) Obtain a passport and visa.
- 3) Provide finances to cover program expenditures as indicated below.
- 4) Bring proof of insurance coverage for this semester abroad.

### **III. FINANCIAL ISSUES**

The Student covers all the program expenditures as determined in this Agreement, which include:

- 1) Travel expenses to and from St. Petersburg.
- 2) Medical Insurance for the for the period of this agreement.
- 3) Passport application or renewal fees, as needed.
- 4) Student visa application fees.
- 5) Textbooks.
- 6) SPbCU organized student trip to Moscow.
- 7) Student monthly allowance to cover:
  - a. Meals not provided in SPbCU dining hall.
  - b. A transportation pass as needed for travel within the city.
  - c. Other personal expenses.
  - d. Two (2) rubles per day as required by law for those living within the Russian Federation.

SPbCU provides for:

1) On campus expenditures:

- a. Required registration fees with the local government (including photos and HIV testing).
- b. Dorm room accommodations.
- c. Lunch in the dining hall on days when the university classes are in session.
- d. Tuition for up to 12 credit hours per semester in specified, pre-arranged courses.

2) Off campus activities/expenditures:

- a. Museum fees for assigned course work, as well as approved course-related outings.
- b. One cultural evening event in St Petersburg (which may be a ballet, theatre presentation or folk show depending on what is available and other considerations).

The total SPbCU Expenditures including on campus and off campus activities for one semester is \$\_\_\_\_\_ (USD) per person. This amount will be given to SPbCU in rubles at the beginning of the semester. (Dollars can be exchanged at many locations in the city here.)

## **5. PERIOD OF VALIDITY AND THE DISCONTINUATION OF THE AGREEMENT**

The duration of the exchange program is one semester, which is from **August** \_\_\_ **to December** \_\_\_, **20**\_\_\_. The agreement is valid from the date of its signing until the end of the program, when students depart from campus and both parties have fulfilled their mutual obligations.

A pre-term repudiation of the agreement on the initiative of one of the parties is possible. If such repudiation causes unplanned financial cost for the other party, it is expected the costs will be covered by the party wishing to be released from the agreement. In such a case the terms of repudiation should be agreed upon by both parties. Once an Application for a Letter of Invitation and a copy of the student's passport is sent, the student is obligated to pay for any expenses incurred in obtaining the Letter of Invitation.

All the disagreements and controversies that arise in the process of fulfillment or discontinuation of this agreement will be resolved extra-judicially by reaching a mutual agreement between the parties.

**6. OTHER ISSUES**

- 1. This agreement is signed in duplicate, one copy for each of the parties.
- 2. Other special details:

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**7. THE SIGNATURES OF THE PARTIES**

SPbCU Rector

Student

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_