

New Exchange Partnership Proposal - Information for Senate Admissions Committee

Partner Institution

University of Warsaw	Poland	Warsaw
Name of Institution	Country	City
Joanna Peryt	Administrative Staff, Dean's Office	
Key Contact	Title	
65000	3028 Academic Staff (830 professors)	Not available
Number of Students	Number of Faculty	Annual Research Budget (\$CAN or \$US)

UBC – Background to Proposed Agreement

Katherine Beaumont

Key UBC Contact

Go Global

Faculty/Department

History of the Development of Proposed Partnership:
(Attach additional page if necessary)

Central, Eastern and Northern European Studies (CENES) are actively looking for study opportunities in Central and Eastern Europe as only one currently exist for Arts students. University of Warsaw was selected as it offers a wide range of courses in English in Humanities and Social Sciences and has the capacity to support exchange students. Potential to expand to UBC-O Management.

Faculty Members Supporting Agreement:

Okanagan:
Dr. Kenneth Phillips, Associate Dean, Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies

Vancouver:
Dr. Thomas Salumets, Department Head, Central, Eastern and Northern European Studies

Rationale for Partnership Agreement

Summary of Benefits to UBC Students (see Criteria, p. 1-2)

- First student mobility partnership in Poland and only one of two partners in the region open to Arts students
- Access to Polish language program
- Broad range of courses in English
- Well structured to support exchange students

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Support for Exchange Students:
(Inbound and Outbound)

Inbound:

Go Global in partnership with Faculties, International Student Development, Housing and Conferences, will provide support for Incoming students as per regular process.

Outbound:

- Some courses in English and Polish Language Studies from beginner to advanced levels
- Assistance in finding accommodation by the International Relations Office, including on-campus housing (on a first-come first-served basis)
- Erasmus Student Network provides activities and a buddy/mentor program for incoming students
- Provides facilities for students with disabilities

Quality of Partner Institution

Evidence of National Stature of Institution/Program:

The University of Warsaw (UW) is Poland's is a public institution and Poland's largest university. The University was first established by Alexander I on November 19, 1816 following the European model with regard to curriculum and instruction.

The University's Rector and four Vice-Rectors are elected for three-year terms by the College of Electors. The Academic Senate serves as the University's governing board and is comprised of deans and representatives of professors, as well as students and other staff members.

Ranking:

National rankings for 2007:

June 19, 2007: The Faculty of Law and Administration was considered number one among Polish Law faculties in the rankings conducted by Gazeta Prawna, the daily newspaper specializing in legal and economic news.

June 13, 2007: The University of Warsaw ranked as the top University in Poland by Polityka, one of Poland's leading news-weeklies. Polityka's ranking compared seven of the most popular major-fields. The University of Warsaw was ranked Number 1 in five of them: political science, education, psychology, sociology, and computer science.

Academics:

Currently, the University has 19 faculties and 24 independent research and education units encompassing the natural sciences, social sciences and the humanities and offers courses of studies in over 80 fields in the arts

UBC Faculty Testimony:

(List names and attach written statement)

Okanagan:

Dr. Kenneth Phillips, Associate Dean,
Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies

Vancouver:

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European Studies

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and sciences. Additionally, there are 26 extra-departmental and inter-faculty units and programmes. The range of degrees offered by the University includes the „*licencjat*” (equivalent to the degrees of Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science granted after 3 years of study); the „*magister*” (equivalent to the degrees of Master of Arts, Master of Science, Master of Business Administration granted after 2 years of study); „*doktor*” (Doctor’s degree, Ph.D., L.L.D.), as well as the post-doctoral degree – „*doktor habilitowany*” (Reader’s or Assistant Professor’s degree) and „*profesor*”.

The Centre of Polish Language and Culture for Foreigners, the “Polonicum,” offers foreign students, academics and others the opportunity to study Polish language and culture as a supplement to their studies and research. Courses are conducted at the elementary, intermediate and advanced levels throughout the academic year for ECTS credits. Undergraduate courses in Psychology and Philosophy, as well as several graduate level (International and Development Economics, IR, European Studies, Psychology, Political Science, Business) courses are taught in English. The Faculty of Psychology at the University of Warsaw has been rated number one among psychology departments in Poland.

Faculties:

Faculty of Applied Linguistics and East-Slavonic Philology
Faculty of Applied Social Sciences and Re-socialization
Faculty of Biology
Faculty of Chemistry
Faculty of Economics
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Geography and Regional Studies
Faculty of Geology
Faculty of History
Faculty of Journalism and Political Science
Faculty of Law and Administration
Faculty of Management
Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Mechanics
Faculty of Modern Languages
Faculty of Philosophy and Sociology
Faculty of Physics
Faculty of Polish Studies
Faculty of Psychology
Institute of Oriental Studies

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Research Expertise:

The University of Warsaw is home to the following Research Institutes:

- British Studies Centre
- Centre de Civilisation Française et d'Etudes Francophones
- Centre for Archaeological Research at Novae
- Centre for Environmental Study
- Centre for Europe
- Centre for Foreign Language Teaching
- Centre for Foreign Language Teacher Training and European Education
 - University College of English Language Teacher Education
 - University College of French Language Teacher Education
 - University College of German Language Teacher Education
- Centre for Open Multimedia Education
- Centre for the Study of Classical Tradition in Poland and East-Central Europe
- Centre of Studies in Territorial Self-Government and Local Development
- Chaire UNESCO du Développement Durable
- Erasmus of Rotterdam Chair
- Heavy Ion Laboratory
- Institute of Americas and Europe
 - Centre for Latin-American Studies
 - Centre for European Regional and Local Studies
 - American Studies Centre
- Institute for Social Studies
- Interdisciplinary Centre for Behavioural Genetics
- Interdisciplinary Centre for Mathematical and Computational Modelling
- Inter-faculty Study Programme in Environmental Protection
- Inter-faculty Individual Studies in Humanities
- Inter-faculty Individual Studies in Mathematics and Natural Sciences
- Physical Education and Sports Centre
- Polish Centre of Mediterranean Archaeology
- University Centre for Technology Transfer

Other International Exchange Partners: (UBC partners are marked with *)

The University has bilateral agreements with 158 partner institutions in 49 countries and about 290 partner institutions within the Erasmus Programme. Currently, University of Warsaw actively collaborates with universities and other academic institutions on 5 continents. Over 2 000 foreign students are hosted at University of Warsaw each year.

A selected list of student mobility partnerships includes:

Cairo University
 Indiana University
 University of Notre Dame du Lac
 University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
 University of California*
 Northeastern Illinois University
 Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro
 Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo
 Universidad de Chile*
 Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México*

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Universidad de Guadalajara*
Beijing University*
Tel Aviv University
Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Rikkyo University
University of Tokyo
Ewha Women's University*
Korea University*
National Taiwan University, Taipei*
Universität Wien*
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven*
Université Pierre et Marie Curie (Paris VI)
École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales
Université Paul Valéry Montpellier III
Université de Paris - Nord (Paris XIII)
Université Panthéon - ASSAS (Paris II)
Université Paris IV Sorbonne
Université Paris I Sorbonne*
Université Paris VIII
Université Paris IX
Université Paris XI
Université Paris XII
Université Lille II
Université Lyon 2*
Université de Droit, d'Economie et des Sciences Aix Marseille-III
Institut National de Physique Nucléaire et de Physique des Particules
Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
Universidad Complutense de Madrid
Universidad de Sevilla
Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona
Universiteit Leiden*
Moldavskij Gosudarstviennyj Universitet
Humbolt University*
Rheinische Friedrich - Wilhelms – Universität, Bonn*
Universität Hamburg
Universität Konstanz
Johannes - Gutenberg – Universität, Mainz
Eberhard - Karls – Universität
Freie Universität Berlin (* - Under consideration by UBC)
Universität zu Köln*
Fachhochschule Köln
Univerza v Ljubljani*
Université de Genève (* - Under consideration by UBC)
University of Cambridge
Università degli studi di Bologna*
Università degli studi di Milano
Università degli studi di Roma "La Sapienza"

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Key Elements of Proposed Exchange Agreement

September 2009	2 to 3 initially with projected growth to 5/year
Proposed date of first exchange	Number of students expected to participate
Polish (some English and other languages)	University of Warsaw students need to meet regular UBC English language requirements. UBC students, if studying in Polish, will need to demonstrate fluency prior to selection.
Language of instruction	Required Evidence of Proficiency in Language of Instruction
60 ECTS = 30 UBC credits	Over 100
Credit Equivalency/Max. course load per year	If applicable, number of courses offered in English

Are there any restrictions on which programs of study are available at the partner institution? (Please specify)

Only to include the following Faculties:

Faculty of Applied Linguistics and East-Slavonic Philology

Faculty of Geography and Regional Studies

Faculty of History

Faculty of Journalism and Political Science

Faculty of Law and Administration

Faculty of Modern Languages

Faculty of Philosophy and Sociology

Faculty of Polish Studies

Faculty of Psychology

Institute of Oriental Studies

Are there any restrictions on which UBC programs of study are available to students from partner institutions? (Please specify)

Faculty of Arts (Vancouver) and Faculty of Critical and Creative Studies (Okanagan) only

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



February 10, 2009

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November 24, 2008

RE: Partnership Agreement with the University of Warsaw

Dear Katherine,

On behalf of the Department of Central, Eastern and Northern European Studies (CENES), I am pleased to express strong support for the proposed partnership with the University of Warsaw, our first partnership in Poland.

This partnership with Poland's largest university provides our students with a unique opportunity to learn about another important culture, its language, history, politics and ways of thinking. In addition to the wide range of courses available in English at the University of Warsaw, our students would particularly benefit from courses offered at the Centre of Polish Language and Culture for Foreigners. It is designed to enhance the intercultural competence of exchange students, increase their linguistic proficiency and deepen their understanding of the region. The proposed partnership also complements current course offerings at UBC in the area of Polish and European studies and dovetails into the recently established Faculty of Arts Travel and Learn Abroad Award for Students (ATLAAS).

I fully support this initiative.

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas Salumets
CENES, Department Head



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Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies

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19 November 2008

Ms Katherine Beaumont
Director,
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Dear Katherine,

It is with great pleasure that I write on behalf of the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies (FCCS) in support of the proposed partnership between the University of British Columbia and the University of Warsaw. FCCS is devoted to the idea of developing global citizens, and has ties with many nationalities and cultures; however, at the moment it does not have any direct contact with either eastern Europe or eastern European universities. This proposed exchange would give UBC Okanagan students an opportunity to engage with a culture and people that have had a major influence in the development of European history, including the history of our own time.

FCCS's current language programmes constitute a major area of research and study in the faculty. While our students currently have an opportunity to study a variety of different languages, Polish is not one off these. The ability to study Polish as part of their degree would be a significant advantage to them. Students could take courses that would fulfill the language requirement for the BA while studying at the University of Warsaw. At the same time Polish students could study English here, making use of the resources in our excellent English programme.

Culture Studies is another discipline that forms part of FCCS. In addition to courses on North American cultures, we also offer courses on French, German, Japanese, Latin American and Spanish cultures. Once again the absence of any eastern European focus is obvious. A partnership with the University of Warsaw would allow FCCS to broaden the areas covered in Cultural Studies while at the same time introducing Polish students to Canadian and other North American cultures as a component of their study.

If I can be of any help in advancing the proposed partnership, I would be delighted to do so.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Phillips". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kenneth Phillips Ph.D.
Associate Dean

New Procedures for Approval of Affiliation Agreements

NB: The procedures below are applicable to all new affiliation agreements, the modification of terms for affiliation agreements already in force, and the discontinuance of such agreements. In all cases below, “approve” and its cognates shall be taken to also mean modify or terminate such approval. Although agreements are segmented into those with “UBC” and to those with a campus of UBC, all agreements are still formally with the University as a whole.

- 1) Affiliation agreements with UBC
 - a. Affiliation agreements with UBC generally are to be approved by the *Council of Senates*. As the Council only plans to meet annually, the following structure is proposed to facilitate approvals:
 - i. Affiliation agreements are distributed to all Council members electronically.
 - ii. Councillors who have any concerns with the agreement being approved without discussion have three (3) weeks to communicate this to the Council Secretariat. Concerns raised by four (4) or more Councillors will result in the proposal being sent to the next Council meeting for consideration.
 - iii. If no or insufficient concern is raised under point (ii) above, the Council Executive Committee will consider the agreement at its quarterly meetings in May, August, November, or February. If the Committee does not approve the agreement within four (4) months of its submission, or feels that the matter should be considered by the full Council, it is to be sent to the Council at its next meeting for consideration.
- 2) Affiliation agreements with UBC that are only applicable to operations at UBC Okanagan or UBC Vancouver
 - a. Affiliation agreements with a campus of the University may be considered by either Senate or by committees thereof depending on the nature of the proposal:
 - i. Student Mobility agreements may be approved by the Vancouver Senate Admissions Committee or the Okanagan Senate Admissions and Awards Committee
 - ii. All other agreements, including, but not limited to Statutes of Affiliation with theological colleges or other institutions and joint programs may be approved by either Senate on the recommendation of such committee as they deem necessary.
 - b. In all cases, before an affiliation agreement is approved by either campus’ Senate, it is to be considered by the Council of Senates’ Executive committee, a majority of whom may require that the matter be considered by the Council of Senates as a whole. No agreement shall be entered into until the Council of Senates’ Executive Committee has reviewed the proposal, or in the case of those matters considered by the Council of Senates, the approval of the Council has been granted.