

Anexa nr. 1

**Acordul de colaborare
dintre Districtul Colegiilor
Comunitare din Santa
Clarita și Universitatea
Spiru Haret**



SANTA CLARITA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
SPIRU HARET UNIVERSITY

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is between Santa Clarita Community College District ("District"), a California community college district and political subdivision of the State of California, and Spiru Haret University ("Institution"), an organization located in the country of Romania. District and Institution are also referred to collectively as the "Parties" and individually as "Party."

WHEREAS, the District operates College of the Canyons, which is an educational institution accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior College, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, and;

WHEREAS, the Parties seek to carry out cooperative and mutually-beneficially educational programs to promote comprehensive internationalization and advance innovation and development in education at each Party's educational institution for the benefit of their respective students and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties enter into this MOU to implement and effect the goals and strategies set forth above and below, consistent with the terms and conditions set forth and mutually agreed to by the Parties.

1. **PURPOSE:** The Parties hereby wish to formalize the arrangement between the District and Institution to provide information about the District and its programs to prospective international students, and to screen and recommend prospective students to the District ("Purpose"). In seeking to further this mutually agreed upon Purpose, the Parties agree to focus their efforts on the following areas:
 - a. **CULTURAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGE:** The Parties agree that they will:
 - i. promote the establishment and development of mutually supportive and sustainable relations between them;
 - ii. jointly promote the principles of international cooperation and inter-institutional mobility of faculty, students and ideas at all levels;
 - iii. enhance their institutions' respective global perspectives and cross-cultural understandings; and
 - iv. foster innovation in both pedagogy and professional development for each institution's educational faculty and administrative staff.
 - b. **MUTUAL COLLABORATION:** The Parties will mutually collaborate to develop best practices in pedagogy and educational administration via faculty and student exchanges, academic forums and conferences, whether conducted in-person or via electronic communication, with the intent to promote capacity-building within each institution.
 - c. **STUDENT EXCHANGE:** The Parties will promote open student mobility and networking via electronic communication to create partnerships between students of both institutions and enhance cross-cultural and trans-national understanding.
 - d. **FACULTY EXCHANGE:** The Parties will strengthen cooperation between and exchange of faculty at each institution, develop innovative, new strategies for encouraging and deepening trans-institutional partnerships between faculty and promote mutual understanding and cross-cultural and trans-national exchange among faculty.
 - e. **TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGE:** Where applicable and appropriate, the Parties agree to enhance, promote and share mutually-beneficial educational information technologies, online education methodologies and distance learning technologies to further mutual educational outcomes via such technological exchange.
 - f. **COMPREHENSIVE INTERNATIONALIZATION:** The Parties agree to enhance comprehensive internationalization at each institution by highlighting international perspectives and advancing trans-national and trans-cultural exchange.
2. **SPECIFIC COOPERATION:** Any specific cooperative projects resulting from the relationship established by this MOU shall be negotiated separately between the Parties and evidenced in a separate written agreement. In the event of any conflict between the terms of such subsequent agreement and this MOU, the terms of that subsequent agreement shall govern.
3. **COORDINATION:** Continuing communication between the District and Institution shall be on-going and periodic.



Each Party shall designate an administrative office or official representative for purposes of communication regarding the Purpose of this MOU, as set forth below:

- a. For District: Office of International Services and Programs, X-6, 26455 Rockwell Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91355; Phone: +1 (661) 362-3580; Fax: +1 (661) 362-5539; Email: isp@canyons.edu
- b. For Institution: Spiru Haret University, USH Pro Business; Name: Costin Lianu; Title: Vice-Rector for International Relations; Phone: +40 740 521 967; Email: international@spiruharet.ro

4. **DISTRICT DESIGNATION**: District hereby designates its Dean, International Affairs and Global Engagement ("Dean"), as an official representative of District. Dean shall act as a liaison between the Parties.
5. **TERM**: The Parties hereby agree that this MOU shall remain in force and effect for five (5) years after the date of the final signature hereto ("Term"), unless this MOU is terminated under the terms of Section 6 hereof.
6. **TERMINATION**: This MOU shall terminate upon expiration of the Term. Each Party may terminate this MOU at any time, with or without cause, upon providing the other Party with at least ninety (90) days written notice before the effective date of termination. The Parties may terminate this MOU by mutual agreement set forth in writing and signed by the Parties.
7. **MATERIALS AND EXPENSES**: Each Party shall furnish, at its own expense, all labor, materials, equipment, supplies and other items necessary to complete the Purpose of this MOU. Parties shall not be liable to each other for any costs or expenses paid or incurred in performing the Purpose of this MOU.
8. **TRADEMARK/LOGO USE**: Each Party must obtain written approval from the other Party to use its name and/or logos in any advertisements, promotions, press releases, or other media. In the event such permission is extended, camera-ready artwork will be furnished for such use.
9. **COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS**: The Parties agrees to comply with all laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances that are now or may in the future become applicable to the Purpose of this MOU, including but not limited to taking all steps and actions necessary or required to comply with all requirements and recommendations to address the COVID-19 pandemic.
10. **AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE/MODIFICATION**: The individuals executing this MOU are duly and fully authorized to execute this MOU on behalf of their respective Party. The Parties hereby agree that any amendments, revisions, extensions or other changes to this MOU shall only be effected via mutual, written agreement, signed by an individual with the authority to bind their respective Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereby agree.

SPIRU HARET UNIVERSITY





BY: _____
 Signature of Authorized Representative
 Print Name Conf. univ. dr. Aurelian A. Bondrea

Print Title Rector of the University

Date May 20, 2021

SANTA CLARITA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS

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 BY:  _____
 Signature of Authorized Representative

Print Name Omar Torres

Print Title Asst. Superintendent/Vice President, Instruction
 Date 5/24/2021

District's Board of Trustee's Approval/Ratification Date April 14, 2021

