

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN SAPIENZA UNIVERSITY OF ROME
AND TO REGULATE THE
“ MOBILITY IN VIRTUAL MODE PROGRAMME”**

This Agreement is made and entered into by Sapienza University of Rome, represented by its Rectress, prof. Antonella Polimeni, hereafter referred to as “Sapienza”, and the, represented by ..., hereafter referred to as “.....”, collectively referred to as “the Parties”, establishing the basis for their cooperation in accordance with the following:

ON THE PREMISE THAT

The parties recognize the following:

- Student mobility is worldwide acknowledged as a key experience to wide learning opportunities and strengthen transversal competences
- COVID-19 has imposed on many universities to rapidly turn their teaching activities online, adopting many different models both synchronously or asynchronously
- These online teaching activities are offered primarily to university own students, but may be extended also to students from other institutions according to specific agreements. This refers to ‘mobility in virtual mode’, a definition that is generally used when students are taking courses at a distance (online) from another university to be recognised by the home institution.

ARTICLE 1 – PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT AND ELIGIBILITY

The parties agree to share online courses available in the course unit catalogue of the institutions, offering mobility experiences in virtual mode to undergraduate and graduate students of the partner institution.

ARTICLE 2 – NUMBER OF VIRTUAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Under this specific agreement, the parties may accept up to *X* exchange students in virtual mode for each semester the agreement will be into force. The duration of the mobility period for a student may not be longer than 1 semester (up to 6 months).

ARTICLE 3 – STATUS OF THE STUDENTS

The parties shall normally accept online incoming exchange students as non-award students, that is to say students who do not aim at obtaining a degree or other formal qualification from the host University.

ARTICLE 4 – SELECTION AND ENROLMENT PROCEDURES

Students participating in the online exchange programme under this specific agreement shall be selected initially by the home University, and the host University shall make the final decision for each candidate/nominee/student.

A selected student must have completed at least one year of undergraduate study and must be in good academic standing at the home University.

The home University will provide supporting documents reasonably requested by the host University with regard to the application procedure.

Online exchange students must meet the host University's minimum language proficiency requirements. The parties will only select students whom they consider will meet those requirements.

Neither party will unlawfully reject an exchange candidate on the grounds of gender, race (including colour, descent or nationality), disability, sexual preference or orientation, marital status, pregnancy, social origin, political or religious belief.

ARTICLE 5 – STUDY PROGRAMME, ACADEMIC RECORD AND ACCREDITATION

Depending on the study programme, language and/or other prerequisites may be established in accordance with the regulations of the host University.

Virtual exchange students will normally be permitted to enter courses unless these courses are subject to limited enrolments.

The host University shall evaluate the academic performance of each virtual exchange student according to its rules and shall send the home University an official record/transcript of the activities carried out by each virtual exchange student.

ARTICLE 6 – TUITION FEE WAIVERS AND FINANCIAL ISSUES

The host University will waive fees for virtual exchange students of all levels, who will be registered and pay their home University's fees as normal. No financial support obligation is assumed by the host institution to the virtual exchange students.

ARTICLE 7 – VIRTUAL EXCHANGE STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Virtual exchange students shall be bound to the host University's policies, rules and regulations with particular reference to the online registration and check in policies, the attendance to online teaching activities and to the assessment procedures.

The virtual exchange period does not imply the arrival of the students into the country of the host institution. Therefore, the agreement does not require to the parties any commitment in terms of VISA support services or other issues that refer to the movement to and in a foreign country.

ARTICLE 8 – HOME AND HOST UNIVERSITY RESPONSIBILITY

Each virtual exchange student will have the possibility to plan the virtual study abroad program with the help of liaison advisors nominated by both home and host institutions. On this regard, the Parties may privilege one of the following models:

- students are selected from different study programmes and each of them identifies course units according to his/her study plan in the home university with the support of liaison advisors
- students are selected among those enrolled in specific study programs and each of them has to choose online course units according to pre-defined lists agreed jointly by his/her liaison advisors

Exchange students shall have the privilege of using student services available online provided by the host University.

The home University undertakes to give full recognition to courses taken and exams passed at the host University by each virtual exchange student according to its rules and regulation.

The parties agree that the laws of the host country will be applied in relation to any matter concerning:

- The parties obligation with regard to the virtual exchange program defined by this specific agreement.
- Provision of educational services to students by the Host institution.

- Privacy and/or protection of personal data of the virtual exchange students.

ARTICLE 9 – DURATION, AMENDMENTS AND TERMINATION

This agreement shall enter into force upon signing by the last party and it will be valid for the 2021 SPRING semester and for any further semester that assumes the delivery of online classes by one of the Parties. In any case the agreement will expire after 5 years.

Either party will be able to express its intention to withdraw by giving a 60 days written notice to the other party. The termination will not affect activities current at the time of termination which may continue to their natural or previously agreed conclusion.

No amendment of the terms of this specific agreement will be valid unless made in writing and signed by each party’s authorized signatory.

ARTICLE 10 – SIGNATURE AND ORIGINAL COPIES

The Parties agree that this specific agreement is drafted and signed in 2 (two) original copies both written in English and having the same value. Each Party represents that the individuals signing this Agreement have the authority to sign on its behalf.

Date.....
The Rectress
Sapienza University of Rome
Prof. Antonella Polimeni

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The Rector
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