



**2+2 UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY
AND
BURAPHA UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE**

This Program Articulation Agreement is an addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding signed on June 2, 2010 between Appalachian State University (Appalachian) located in Boone North Carolina (USA) and Burapha University (BUU) located in Chonburi (Thailand).

I. NAME OF THE PROGRAM

The name of the program is the Appalachian-Burapha University International College (BUUIC) 2+2 Undergraduate Degree Program (referred to herein as the "Program").

II. STATEMENT OF COOPERATION

The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate the transfer of BUUIC students who have completed their first two years of study at BUUIC following the curriculum outlined in the attached General Education Curriculum Articulation (Appendix I) to Appalachian during their third year to pursue undergraduate studies toward a bachelor's degree from Appalachian. Appalachian and BUUIC will maintain the integrity of their separate programs and enter into this agreement as equal partners.

III. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

The persons designated to coordinate activities under this Program Agreement are the Associate Vice Chancellor for International Education and Development at Appalachian and Dean of the College at BUUIC.

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IV. ACCREDITATION

- 4.1 **Accreditation of Burapha University:** Burapha University warrants that it is accredited by the Thai Ministry of Education to offer bachelor's degrees in Thailand. BUUIC shall notify Appalachian if such accreditation ceases to exist.



- 4.2. **Accreditation of Appalachian:** Appalachian warrants that it is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Appalachian shall notify BUUIC if such accreditation ceases to exist.

V. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

5.1 Responsibilities of BUUIC and its Students

- 5.1.1 Recommended students shall have followed the prescribed curriculum, as outlined in the General Education Curriculum Articulation (Appendix I). BUUIC students pursuing degrees other than business shall be required to take six credit hours of LLC 1000 (Writing Across the Curriculum) and ENG 2001 (Introduction to Writing Across the Curriculum) at Appalachian. BUUIC students pursuing a business degree shall be required to take three credit hours of LAW 2150 (Legal Environment of Business).
- 5.1.2 Recommended students shall also have the equivalent of IELTS (International English Language Testing System) score of 5.5 or TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score of 75 Internet-based test (IBT) (with a minimum of 16 on the writing section) or 550 on the paper-based test (PBT).
- 5.1.3 Recommended students shall submit to Appalachian all documents and other materials required for admission to Appalachian – including a completed online application form, payment of the application fee, letters of recommendation, IELTS/TOEFL test scores, and a bank statement indicating financial ability. Incomplete applications shall not be reviewed for admission at Appalachian. Recommended students' applications for admissions shall be completed by December 1 of each year for study at Appalachian beginning in August of the following year.
- 5.1.4 BUUIC shall submit to Appalachian official transcripts for recommended students. Copies of transcripts sent by individual students shall not be accepted.
- 5.1.5 To allow sufficient time for recommended students to apply for their U.S. visas, recommended students shall schedule the visa application appointments by June 15 of each year. A recommended student who applies to study at Appalachian on a student visa must have a primary purpose of studying full time (taking a minimum of four courses equivalent to 12 credit hours per semester excluding the summer period).

5.2 Responsibilities of Appalachian State University

- 5.2.1 Appalachian shall provide BUUIC with sufficient promotional and marketing materials about Appalachian for recommended students and their parents as per BUUIC's requests.
- 5.2.2 Appalachian shall review all completed admission applications for recommended students and provide the admissions decisions by March 15 of each year for students who will start their studies at Appalachian in August of each year. Appalachian alone shall make final judgment/decision on the admissibility of each recommended student.



- 5.2.3 Once the recommended students are admitted, Appalachian shall issue the I-20 Form to the recommended students in order for them to apply for their U.S. visas. The I-20 Forms shall be sent directly to BUUIC and not the individual student.
- 5.2.4 Appalachian shall meet the recommended students at the Charlotte International Airport in August when they arrive in the U.S. to commence their studies at Appalachian.
- 5.2.5 Appalachian shall provide an orientation program, as part of the orientation for all international students at the University, to the recommended students to introduce them to the University and to aid them in understanding what they need to do to be successful in their studies.
- 5.2.6 Appalachian shall charge, and the recommended students shall pay, applicable out-of-state tuition and fees as well as room and board, for each semester of enrollment at Appalachian. This tuition, fee, room and board costs may change from year to year as shall be established by the University of North Carolina's Board of Governors.
- 5.2.7 Appalachian shall provide on campus housing for the recommended students while studying at the University.
- 5.2.8 Upon commencement of studies at Appalachian by the recommended students, Appalachian shall provide recommended students with copies of, and recommended students shall be expected to adhere to, all Appalachian policies and procedures governing student conduct, including the policy regarding Academic Standing (Probation and Suspension Policy), as published in the University's Undergraduate Bulletin. The student visa status shall be withdrawn by the University and the recommended student shall be required to return to home if found, pursuant to the University's student conduct procedures, in violation of University's policies and procedures governing student conduct. Neither BUUIC nor Appalachian shall be responsible for any costs associated with the student's return home.

VI. NON-EXCLUSIVITY, ASSIGNMENT, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, AND PUBLICITY

- 6.1 **Non-Exclusivity:** This Agreement is not exclusive. However, Appalachian shall not enter into similar agreements with any other party in Thailand for the duration of this agreement.
- 6.2 **Assignment:** Neither party may assign its rights or delegate its duties under this Program Agreement. Any attempted assignment or delegation in violation of this clause shall be null and void.
- 6.3 **Independent Contractors:** The parties are independent contractors, and no agency, partnership, franchise, joint venture, or employment relationship is intended or created by this Program Agreement. Neither party shall make any commitment, or give the impression that it has authority to make any commitment, on behalf of the other party.
- 6.4 **Publicity:** The parties may refer to their affiliation as established in this Program Agreement in their respective catalogs, brochures and other information distributed to the public.



VII. TERM, TERMINATION, AMENDMENT, RENEWAL, AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

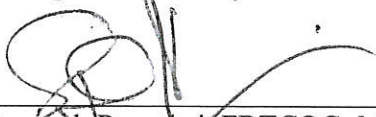
- 7.1 This Program Agreement shall become effective on the date of its signing by both parties, continue thereafter for five (5) years subject to revision or modification by mutual written agreement and shall terminate automatically at the end of such period unless 180 days prior to termination, the parties provide written notice to each other of their intention to renew the agreement for an additional two-year term.
- 7.2 Either party may terminate this Program Agreement at any time, subject to the notice provision required herein. Termination by one party shall be effected by giving the other party at least 180-day advance written notice before the first day of the following academic year at Appalachian or BUUIC whichever is earlier, but any students who have been selected and admitted to Appalachian or who have commenced their studies at Appalachian at the date of termination shall not be affected. Termination shall be without penalty.
- 7.3 Any amendment to this Program Agreement shall be made only with written agreement by both parties.
- 7.4 This Program Agreement is signed in good faith and in accordance with the administrative rules and procedures governing each party. Therefore, by virtue of this good faith, any conflict that may arise with respect to its interpretation, formalization, and fulfillment will be resolved by agreement between the two parties.


VIII. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

This Agreement has been prepared in the English language, which shall be the official language for this Agreement. Any translations or other versions of this Agreement are solely for the convenience of the parties and are not binding of the parties.

Appalachian and BUUIC have agreed to and have executed this Program Agreement by their authorized representatives.

Burapha University International College

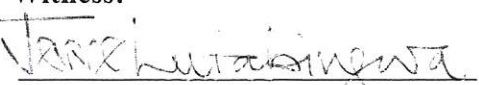

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Appendix I:

APPALACHIAN - BUUC 2+2 PROGRAM PROGRAM OF STUDY FOR BURAPHA STUDENTS

Course No.	COURSE NAME	Number of Credits	Credits Required
General Education Courses Taken at Burapha			
Languages			
951101	English for Academic Purposes I	3	12 credits
951102	English for Academic Purposes II	3	
951103	Academic Writing	3	
951104	English for Specific Purposes	3	
Science			
951133	General Knowledge of Science	3	6 credits
951137	Global Warming	3	
Mathematics			
953213	Calculus--Required for Business Students	3	3 credits
951134	Mathematics for Everyday Life	3	
Social Sciences			
951121	Humans and their Natural Resources	3	9 credits
951125	The Global Economy	3	
951128	Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3	
Humanities			
951112	Human and Civilization Development	3	9 credits
951117	Arts Appreciation	3	
951118	Comparative Literature	3	
Total # of Gen Ed Credits at Burapha:			39

College of Business Admission Requirements (for prospective Business majors only)

953123	Business Statistics	3	18 credits
953221	Principles of Accounting I	3	
953241	Principles of Accounting II	3	
953201	Macro Economics	3	
953202	Micro Economics	3	
951135	Intro to Computer Information Systems	3	
Total # of Business Credits at Burapha:			18

General Education Courses taken at Appalachian

General Writing Courses

LLC 1000	English for International Students	3	3
ENG 2001	Introduction to Writing Across the Curriculum	3	3
Total # of Gen Ed Writing Credits at Appalachian:			6



Appendix II:
Appalachian State University
Academic Standing (Probation and Suspension Policy)

To continue at Appalachian in good academic standing, undergraduate students must earn, as a minimum, the following cumulative grade-point averages (GPAs) during the periods indicated:

Minimum Cumulative GPA

At the completion of 1 to 15 attempted hours:	1.75
At the completion of 16 to 30 attempted hours:	1.90
At the completion of 31 attempted hours, and thereafter:	2.00

The term “attempted hours” is defined as all coursework taken while enrolled at Appalachian State University at the undergraduate level--i.e., all courses passed, all courses failed, and all repeats of courses. “Attempted hours” also includes all coursework categorized as “transfer” - i.e., coursework transferred from other collegiate institutions, “AP” (Advanced Placement) and “CLEP” (College Level Examination Program) credit from the College Entrance Examination Board, “International Baccalaureate” credit, institutional placement credit, credit awarded for military experience, and institutional “Credit for Life Experience.”

Failure to earn the minimum grade-point averages indicated above will automatically place the student on academic probation during the fall or spring semester that follows. (Note: The cumulative grade-point average earned at Appalachian is computed ONLY on the basis of coursework taken at Appalachian; i.e., grades earned on coursework taken at other collegiate institutions or by correspondence are not computed in or allowed to affect the grade-point average at Appalachian, and therefore not used to determine academic standing.)

While on academic probation, however, a student will, within the limits prescribed below, be allowed to continue:

1. An undergraduate, whether admitted as a freshman, a transfer, or a special (non-degree seeking) student, will be allowed to enroll for a maximum of two (2) successive full semesters (not including summer terms) while on academic probation.
2. The Dean of the student’s college or school, or the Director of University College Advising, may choose to attach specific requirements while the student is enrolled on academic probation. These requirements may include, but are not limited to, special advising sessions, a limitation on the number of credit hours taken, a requirement that certain courses be repeated, enrollment in developmental courses, etc.

If the student uses the two semesters of academic probation mentioned above, but fails to earn a cumulative grade-point average sufficient to place her or him in good academic standing, the student will then be academically suspended. At that point, the student’s only recourse is to enroll during the University’s summer terms until such time that the cumulative grade-point average places her or him in good academic standing. (Since grades earned and hours attempted during the summer are calculated in the student’s academic status, it should be remembered that the grades earned and hours attempted during the summer may not only return the student to good academic standing, they may also place or continue the student in academic difficulty. A summer term does not, however, count as one of the two semesters allowed while on academic probation. Undergraduate students in academic difficulty - whether on probation or suspension - may always attend Appalachian during the summer.)

The University has academic “Forgiveness Policies” (described under the Office of Admissions section of this catalog) which allow an undergraduate student to re-apply for admission even though she or he has been academically suspended. However, these policies have both minimum waiting periods and academic stipulations which must be met before the student is allowed to re-enroll in an academic term other than the summer.)

