ACADEMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE
USA
AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF MANNHEIM
GERMANY

This agreement is between the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, USA and the University of Mannheim, Germany.

Article 1

1.1 The partners anticipate the creation and continuation of close links between them, and in the spirit of inter-institutional cooperation, agree to collaborate in the field of German language studies.

Article 2

2.1 Each year one University of Tennessee student who has normally completed at least one year in the master's program in the Department of Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures of the University of Tennessee will be entitled to study for an academic year at the University of Mannheim on a non-degree basis. Candidates will be required have good command of the German language.

2.2 Each year one University of Mannheim student who has at least completed his/her bachelor's degree in German Studies will be entitled to study for an academic year at University of Tennessee on a non-degree basis. Candidates will be required have good command of the English language.

2.3 Candidates will be pre-selected by their home institution and recommended in writing to the host institution by an authorized representative of the home institution. The host institution will make the final decision on accepting the exchange candidate.

Article 3

3. A successful period of studies in the host institution will be fully recognized by the home institution. A full time academic load at one institution equals a full time academic load at the partner institution.
Exchange students will be permitted to enroll at the host institution in any course for which they are qualified in accordance with the regulations of the host institution, and obtain credits for them in accordance with the regulations of the home institution.

Students will be subject to the same academic regulations set forth by the host institution, and will be normally integrated into their host institution as regular students. This includes admissions regulations, class performance standards and other policies of the host institution.

The host institution will provide the home institution with an adequate record of the participants' academic performance (transcript). Courses completed by students at their university will be treated as equivalencies by the home institution according to each institution's policies.

University of Tennessee students are expected to present their 'Leistungsnachweise', which are provided to them by the University of Mannheim upon completion of the course work. At Mannheim University’s Akademisches Auslandsamt the students can receive a certification for these 'Leistungsnachweise'. This certification will serve as an official transcript and/or might be used as a basis for awarding credits to University of Tennessee students.

Article 4

4. The exchange students will not be charged a tuition fee at the host institution, but only at their home institution.

4.2 Expenses such as housing, meals, transportation, books, administrative fees and other such costs are not included in the tuition and are the responsibility of the student.

4.3 Although neither institution is responsible for actually obtaining housing accommodations for students, both will assist in the search for appropriate housing for them.

4.4 Students will have access to all on-campus educational, sports, and recreational facilities enjoyed by the regular students of the host institution.

4.5 Each institution guarantees its help and assistance to facilitate the organization of the stay for the exchange students.

Article 5

5.1 Exchange students from the University of Tennessee will themselves be responsible to obtain adequate medical insurance before departing from their home institution and will present original certification of insurance upon arrival at the University of Mannheim. In the absence of such coverage, University of Tennessee students shall be required to find alternative coverage at their host institution. Exchange students from the University of Mannheim will, as graduate teaching assistants, be provided with health and accident insurance when they enroll at the University of Tennessee.
Article 5

5.2 Exchange students shall be responsible for obtaining their own visas and completing the required immigration formalities, and for obtaining the travel documents and other related documents needed to pursue studies at the host institution.

5.3 Violation of host country law by the participant may subject the student to withdrawal of immigration and academic sponsorship.

Article 6

6.1 The selection procedure by which reciprocal exchange students are nominated is the responsibility of the sending institution.

6.2 The exchange is based on the principle of reciprocity in number of students admitted each term and duration. If one institution sends more students than the other in a particular year, three years will be allowed in which to balance the deficit.

The coordinator of the agreement at the University of Mannheim is Prof. Dr. Beate Henn-Memmesheimer and at the University of Tennessee Prof. Stefanie Ohnesorg. All activities carried out in the name of the agreement must have their prior approval.

6.3 The term of this agreement is three years. It comes into effect on the date of signing by both institutions and shall be automatically extended upon expiration unless either or both parties express in writing the intention to withdraw from the program.

6.4 This agreement may be amended by mutual written agreement of the parties and can be terminated by either party by giving written notice to the other party one year in advance. It comes into effect on the date of signing by both institutions.

The undersigned represent that they have the authority to bind their respective institution to this agreement and hereby commit their respective institution to the terms of this exchange agreement.

by: [Signature]
Prof. Dr. Thomas Klinkert
Dean, Faculty of Humanities
University of Mannheim

Date: 2.2.2006

by: [Signature]
Charles Peccolo
Vice President & Treasurer
The University of Tennessee

Date: DEC 15 2005