

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**  
**by and between**  
**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS**  
**and**  
**BOLU ABANT İZZET BAYSAL UNIVERSITY**

This Memorandum of Agreement (“Agreement”) is made and entered into by University of North Texas, a higher education institution located in Denton, Texas U.S.A. (“UNT”) and by Bolu Abant İzzet Baysal University, a higher education institution located in Bolu, Türkiye (“BAIBU”). UNT and BAIBU are each hereinafter also referred to as “Institution” and collectively, as “Institutions”.

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS the Institutions are linked by common academic and cultural interests;

WHEREAS the Institutions wish to enable cooperation in academic areas of mutual interest for the benefit of the respective Institutions and to explore opportunities for collaboration in areas of mutual interest; and

WHEREAS this Agreement supports the UNT Mission and the BAIBU Mission;

THEREFORE, in consideration of the relationship to be established and the covenants set forth herein, the Institutions agree as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**  
**AREA AND SCOPE OF AGREEMENT**

1.01 **Area of Cooperation.** The area of cooperation may include, but not be limited to, exploring the following collaborative activities: (a) the development of student mobility programs; (b) the development of collaborative initiatives or projects; (c) the organization of joint academic and scientific activities, such as courses, conferences, seminars, symposia, or lectures; (d) research collaboration; (e) faculty mobility programs; (f) exchange or access to publications and other materials of common interest, subject to Confidentiality or Non-Disclosure Agreements, as necessary, and (g) other areas of collaboration mutually agreed upon by both Institutions.

The Institutions agree that this Agreement will provide the foundation and framework for the collaborative activities described herein. Any specific activities undertaken may require that they be set forth in a supplemental agreement, as outlined in Section 2.02.

1.02 **Scope of Cooperation.** Cooperative activities under this Agreement may include any of the academic disciplines mutually agreed upon by both Institutions.

**ARTICLE 2**  
**PROCEDURES**

2.01 **Liaisons.** In order to carry out and fulfill the aims of this Agreement, each Institution will appoint the appropriate persons at each of their campuses to coordinate the development of collaborative activities. Through these contact persons, either Institution may initiate proposals for activities under this Agreement. The contact persons will additionally be responsible for the evaluation of activities under this Agreement according to the practices of their respective Institutions.

Any notice to UNT under the Agreement must be in writing and shall be deemed given when received by UNT’s Director of Global Partnerships and Engagement. Any notice to BAIBU under the Agreement must be in writing, and shall be deemed given when received by BAIBU designated contact person.

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BAIBU Contact: Esra SENER, Responsible Staff for Incoming Students, [intoffice@ibu.edu.tr](mailto:intoffice@ibu.edu.tr)

2.02 Supplemental Agreements. Activities the Institutions mutually agree to undertake are subject to further agreement by the Institutions and may require that they be set forth in a supplemental agreement signed by authorized representatives of each Institution. Supplemental agreements should include specific details of the agreed-upon activity, such as: (a) elaboration of the responsibilities of each Institution for the agreed-upon activity; (b) schedules for the specific activities; (c) budgets and sources of financing of each activity; (d) any other items necessary for the efficient conduct of the activity; and (e) any other items necessary to meet the legal and policy requirements of each Institution. Supplemental agreements are subject to approval and execution by each Institution in accordance with each Institution's policies.

### ARTICLE 3 TERM AND TERMINATION

3.01 Term. This Agreement shall take effect upon signature by both Institutions ("Effective Date") and, unless earlier terminated, will continue for a period of five (5) years from the Effective Date.

3.02 Extension. This Agreement may be extended by mutual agreement of the Institutions, which must be reduced to writing and signed by both Institutions.

3.03 Termination. This Agreement may be terminated at any time by either Institution upon written notice to the other. Any supplemental agreement entered into pursuant to this Agreement will not automatically terminate with the termination of this Agreement, and any student then enrolled in a program created by such supplemental agreement shall be permitted to complete that program under the terms and conditions of that supplemental agreement.

3.04 Amendment. This Agreement may be amended at any time by either Institution upon mutual consent, which must be reduced to writing and signed by both Institutions.

### ARTICLE 4 MISCELLANEOUS

4.01 Accreditation. UNT is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges ("SACS Commission on Colleges") to award baccalaureate, master's and doctoral degrees. BAIBU is not accredited by SACS Commission on Colleges and the accreditation of UNT does not extend to or include BAIBU or its students. Further, although UNT agrees to accept certain course work from BAIBU to be applied toward an award from UNT, that course work may not be accepted by other colleges or universities in transfer, even if it appears on a transcript from UNT. The decision to accept course work in transfer from any institution is made by the institution considering the acceptance of credits or course work.

BAIBU is recognized by the Government of Türkiye and this recognition does not extend to UNT.

4.02 Resolution of Disputes. This Agreement is based on the common trust and good faith of the Institutions. In case of disputes, the Institutions, through the liaison designated in Section 2.01 of this Agreement, shall make a good faith effort to obtain an amicable resolution.

4.03 Jurisdiction. This Agreement is set forth in English. The legal jurisdiction under which this Agreement shall be interpreted and enforced shall be the State of Texas, U.S.A., which shall be the forum for any lawsuits arising from and incident to this Agreement.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Institutions have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Memorandum of Agreement as of the Effective Date.

BOLU ABANT İZZET BAYSAL UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

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Date:

30-04-2025

Provost and Vice President for  
Academic Affairs

Date:

04/16/2025

Acknowledged By:

Dean, College of Visual Arts and  
Design