



*Suor Orsola Benincasa University and
Golden Gate University School of Law*
LAW STUDENT EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The purpose of this document is to set out the major points for organizing an exchange program for a limited number of regularly matriculated students at the Suor Orsola Benincasa University (Suor Orsola) and Golden Gate University School of Law (Golden Gate). The exchange program implements pre-existing relations between the Suor Orsola Benincasa University and the Golden Gate University, as set forth in the Agreement Protocol dated 24 July/ 3 August 2012. The program will operate on a reciprocal basis, taking into account, whenever possible, the academic and administrative constraints of each institution.

It is, therefore, agreed as follows:

Article 1: Admission Procedures

Suor Orsola and Golden Gate select students according to their internal procedures for sending students abroad for study.

The selected students then complete an admission application for special student status to be reviewed for agreement by the host institution, which normally approves these applications. Each institution, however, reserves the final decision as to admission.

Article 2: Language Proficiency

Students from Golden Gate University School of Law must demonstrate Italian language skills as part of the application to Suor Orsola Benincasa University.

Suor Orsola Benincasa students must document English language proficiency by a TOEFL score of 237 (computer based), 92 (ibt), 580 (paper based), or equivalent measure.

Article 3: Number of Students, Tuition, and Fees at Golden Gate University

Each academic year, Suor Orsola Benincasa University may send up to five students to Golden Gate to prepare an LLM degree.

Suor Orsola Benincasa may allow undergraduate students to take LLM classes for one semester to earn no more than 13 out of 24 units. Those students will be allowed to earn the other units

necessary to obtain the LLM degree subsequent to their graduation at Suor Orsola Benincasa University.

Tuition at Golden Gate for the 2016-17 academic year is set at \$38,400 for the 24-unit LLM degree. Tuition is expected to increase 3-5% a year. For the academic years 2016-17 and 2017-18, exchange students from Suor Orsola Benincasa University will receive a scholarship of \$18,000 for 24 units. For the academic years 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21, exchange students from Suor Orsola Benincasa University will receive a scholarship of \$19,000 for 24 units. For Suor Orsola exchange students who earn fewer than 24 units, the scholarship will be proportionally reduced.

Suor Orsola Benincasa University students enrolled at Golden Gate are responsible for all registration fees (currently \$250), and personal expenses, including fees for (1) student health care, (2) International Student Services, (3) official transcript fees, (4) books and/or other assigned materials. Suor Orsola Benincasa University students must show proof of health insurance. To obtain an I-20 F-1 student visa, students will have to show that they have available \$19,500 for expenses, including books, fees, room and board, transportation, and other personal expenses.

Article 4: Number of Students, Tuition, and Fees at Suor Orsola Benincasa University

Suor Orsola Benincasa University agrees to receive qualified students from Golden Gate in a number not to exceed the number of Suor Orsola Benincasa University students studying at Golden Gate in any given year.

At Suor Orsola Benincasa University, Golden Gate students will have access to all university services and facilities, receive student ID cards and, if their level of Italian is sufficient, register as degree students. Exchange students are evaluated according to the same standard as students at the host institution and must comply with all the academic and disciplinary regulations this implies.

Golden Gate students enrolled at Suor Orsola Benincasa University will pay current university registration and health insurance fees. These students are responsible for all personal expenses including rent, meals, transportation, books and other classroom materials.

Article 5: Instruction and Research

Students attend lectures, seminars, group work, tutorials, etc., as required for each course or for directed research. The normal course load will be approximately 12 hours a week.

Exchange students are granted the same library and computer research privileges as students at the host institution.

Article 6: Faculty Advising

Each student will be assigned a Faculty Advisor, whose role is to advise and approve course selection, to guide the student with research work and generally to help with any academic or administrative difficulties the student may encounter. This will enable the student to adjust to working in a different academic culture.

Article 7: Term Examinations & Evaluations

Exchange students must satisfy the same course requirements as regularly enrolled students at the host university.

Golden Gate students will receive graded certificates for their coursework from Suor Orsola Benincasa University. Suor Orsola students who qualify will receive the LLM degree from Golden Gate and a transcript with grade reports showing the courses completed. Suor Orsola students who earn fewer than 24 units will receive a transcript that reflects their coursework but not a degree.

Article 8: Non-Academic Questions

Suor Orsola Benincasa University provides dormitory accommodation (at the student's expense) whenever possible. Both institutions provide documents required for the students to obtain a student visa prior to coming abroad for study.

Article 9: Involuntary Student Withdrawal

The Program Director may terminate the participation of a student in the exchange program if, in his/her opinion, the continued presence of the student would be prejudicial or dangerous either to the student, other students, or otherwise prejudicial or incompatible with the aims of the exchange program or the policies of the host institution. This sanction would also include failure to comply with academic or disciplinary regulations. Any expenses resulting from the involuntary withdrawal would be borne by the student.

Article 10: Starting Dates, Validity and Notification of Termination

This Agreement will become operative upon signature by the authorities of each Law School for a period of 5 academic years starting 2016-17 and covering 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21. It may be renewed for an equivalent period. Notice of termination must be given by October 1 and takes effect on August 1 of the following year. This Agreement contains ten articles and has been prepared in one authentic version (English).