EMBASSY OF THE STATE OF KUWAIT
CULTURAL DIVISION

Memorandum of Understanding

Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees
Represented by
Southern Illinois University Carbondale
And
The Kuwait Ministry of Higher Education
Represented by
The Cultural Office of the Embassy of the State of Kuwait, Washington, D.C.

This agreement is made between Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees represented by Southern Illinois University Carbondale, hereinafter referred to as the “University” and the Ministry of Higher Education as represented by the Cultural Office of the Embassy of the State of Kuwait, hereinafter referred to as the “cultural Office.”

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Higher Education through its representative, the Cultural Office, has authority for entering into and administering an international agreement for training and educating select residents of Kuwait to pursue specified fields of study in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Southern Illinois University Carbondale offers academic programs of interest to the Cultural Office; and

WHEREAS, the University seeks to provide educational opportunities in fields of interest to the Cultural Office.

NOW THEREFORE, both parties agree to the terms stated in the attached international statement of understanding to go into effect for the 2013-2014 academic year, and will remain in effect for five years, subject to renewal. Continuing degree students in good standing at SIU who have been enrolled at SIU as a result of this agreement will continue to receive support from the Embassy of the State of Kuwait until they complete the degree program in which they are enrolled at the date of discontinuation of this agreement. This agreement may be cancelled by either party with 6 months’ written notice.
Ministry of Higher Education
State of Kuwait

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INTERNATIONAL STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING
Between
THE KUWAIT CULTURAL OFFICE
And
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

This agreement establishes a relationship between Southern Illinois University, hereinafter referred to as "University," and the Ministry of Higher Education of Kuwait represented by the Cultural Office of the Embassy of the State of Kuwait, hereinafter referred to as the "cultural Office." The purpose of the agreement is to identify the conditions necessary for the yearly admission to the University of a specified number of students sponsored by Cultural Office into specific academic programs offered by the University and listed below.

Undergraduate Admission

The University agrees to accept the number of students into the fields indicated:

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<tr>
<th>Field of Study</th>
<th>Number of Seats*</th>
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<td>Athletic Training/Sports Medicine/Kinesiology**</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Business Administration***</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>(All fields within Business Administration are approved)</td>
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<td>Communications Disorders/Speech Language Pathology</td>
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<td>Dietetics/Nutrition</td>
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<td>Civil Engineering</td>
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<td>Mining Engineering</td>
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<td>Electrical Engineering Technology ****</td>
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<td>Mechanical Engineering Technology ****</td>
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<tr>
<td>Journalism/Mass Communications/Advertising</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>TESOL</td>
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*there are no student number limits on any of the above programs, however it is recommended that a smaller population placed in more diverse programs is more effective for both SIU and the Kuwait Ministry of Education. Adjustments may be requested

**indicates that there is a multiple step process to enter the major

***indicates a program with a tuition surcharge

****indicates no degree by this specific name. SIU technology degrees are called Engineering Technology or Industrial Technology

All students must meet the general admission standards of the University and of the particular field of study, if different from the general admission standards. (See Appendix – outline of admissions standards – general and program specific.)

It is understood that there are a number of fields that require pre-professional coursework or completion of a pre-major curriculum before formal admission into the major. In these cases, it is understood that students must complete the pre-major coursework and meet the standards of the particular program being pursued as outlined in appendix.

The Cultural Office has a placement unit responsible for direct contact with the admissions office of the university regarding placement issues.

Selection of Students

The Kuwait Government will select students that meet the academic admission requirements of the University (Appendix). Students who are academically admissible but do not meet the English proficiency requirement will be offered conditional admission. They will be placed in the University’s intensive English program until the English proficiency standards are met.

Placement Timeline

It is understood by all parties that academic calendar differences between Kuwait and the United States pose challenges in the placement cycle as follows:

- Students complete the public high school in June resulting in scholarships awards occurring in late June/early July with academic documentation available in late July or early August

- Accordingly, there will be three (3) major placement cycles:
  - Fall for Academic (if academic documents are available) or Intensive English Placement.
  - Mid-Fall (October) for Intensive English or College Orientation (if available).
  - Winter or Spring term Academic placement.
Students entering mid-fall may begin with an English/College orientation program in preparation for academic studies in the Winter/Spring term provided they meet English admission standards. If they do not meet English standards they may continue English study for an additional term (Winter/Spring term).

The University will be notified by the Placement Section of the Cultural Office of prospective students as soon as scholarship seats are assigned by the Ministry and this information becomes available for release.

Financial Considerations

Upon commencement of this agreement, the Cultural Office assumes responsibility for all standard costs for the students’ academic program (tuition and fees). The tuition charged for students selected by the Kuwait Government to participate in this program will be an alternative tuition comparable to Illinois in-state tuition. Thus, the Cultural Office will be billed directly by the University through the office of Center for International Education for these charges, and will also pay a third party billing charge of $100 per student per semester which will be used by this office in support of additional administrative and assistive activities related to this agreement, as well as a one time $30 application fee. Further, the Cultural Office provides the students with adequate funds each month to meet cost for room, board, and other living expenses. The students are covered by the Cultural Office through the Kuwait Health Office, for health and dental insurance with Cigna Health Care, account #3211876.

In addition, the Cultural Office will meet any reasonable charges that relate to the establishment and continuation of this agreement (student monitoring, academic reporting, etc). These services are provided through the office of Center for International Education and payment for these services is included in the above referenced $100 per student per semester third party billing charge.

Academic Monitoring

The Cultural Office endeavors to work with the university in providing in proper academic advisement of the students by the university to allow smooth progression in their various programs. It seeks a proactive approach to addressing students’ difficulties (academic & others) where problems may be handled before becoming unmanageable.

A Cultural Office adviser is assigned to each student and is the first point of contact in addressing any issues that might arise with the students.
The Cultural Office expects to receive official transcripts for all sponsored students at the end of each term. It is understood that these students must sign a transcript release form at the commencement of their studies to allow such releases.

APPENDIX

I. **Requirements for Undergraduate Admission**

High School Courses
SIU does not specify which courses are required.

High School GPA
Must be a 70% or higher on official transcript or

High School GPA for specified fields of study
SIU does not specify GPA for specific fields of study.

**TOEFL**

English Competency. Students must also demonstrate English competency before enrolling in SIU university courses. TOEFL scores are required for all International Students and those who have acquired immigrant status. Either of the following options will qualify a student for exemption from the SIU Center for English as a Second Language (CESL) TOEFL examination:

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<th>IELTS</th>
<th>US Schooling</th>
<th>ESL</th>
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<tr>
<td>520-Paper based</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>2 years high school</td>
<td>Level 108</td>
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<td>190-Computer based</td>
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<td>56 college hours</td>
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<td>68-Internet based</td>
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<td>English Composition class</td>
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Admissions Test e.g. SAT if required

If student graduated from a country in which English is the primary language, either a SAT or an ACT test score will be required.

**Application Deadlines**

Rolling, however, it is recommended for international students that their application and all required documentation be submitted as early as possible to ensure that they will be able to receive admission and I-20 and schedule an appointment for a visa interview early enough to
arrive on campus for mandatory international student orientation, which is held during the week before classes start each semester.

Other

II. Degree Plans (Curriculum for Each Major including pre-professional/professional degrees) See Southern Illinois University Carbondale Undergraduate Catalog for the year in which the student is first and continually enrolled.  
http://registrar.siu.edu/catalog/undergraduatetcatalog.html
Should a student not be enrolled for a period other than the regular summer term, the catalog in effect during the year the student re-enters will be the controlling document.

Details about each of the programs may be found online at the URLs listed below.

A. Kinesiology/Athletic Training Education Program
   http://kin.ehs.siu.edu/site2.php?content=home

B. Business
   http://www.business.siu.edu/

C. Communication Disorders/Speech Language Pathology
   http://rehab.siu.edu/degree/cdsintro.html

D. Dietetics/Nutrition
   http://coas.siu.edu/academics/bachelors/human-nutrition/index.html

E. Civil Engineering
   http://civil.engr.siu.edu/civil/BSCE.asp

F. Electrical and Computer Engineering
   http://www.engr.siu.edu/elec/

G. Mechanical Engineering
   http://me.engr.siu.edu/

H. Mining Engineering
   http://www.engr.siu.edu/mining/

I. Electrical Engineering Technology
   http://www.engr.siu.edu/tech/eetdegree/
J. Journalism/Mass Communications/Advertising
   http://journal.siu.edu/
   http://mcma.siu.edu/
   http://journal.siu.edu/specializations/advertising

K. Other
   A. SIU has well over 100 undergraduate degree programs. Kuwaiti student placement personnel are also invited to review programs not listed above, and place students in these programs. Students may search for specific majors by title at the following URL.
   B. http://admissions.siu.edu/learning/majors.php

III. Intensive English Program Dates

2013
Term 131: January 14 - March 08, 2013 (reporting date: January 8)
Term 132: March 18 - May 10, 2013 (reporting date: March 12)
Term 133: May 20- June 28, 2013 (reporting date: May 14)
Term 134: July 01- August 09, 2013 (reporting date: June 25)
Term 135: August 19 - October 11, 2013 (reporting date: August 13)
Term 136: October 14 - December 13, 2013 (reporting date: October 8)

2014
Term 141: January 13 - March 07, 2014 (reporting date: January 7)
Term 142: March 17 - May 09, 2014 (reporting date: March 11)
Term 143: May 19- June 27, 2014 (reporting date: May 13)
Term 144: June 30 - August 08, 2014 (reporting date: June 24)
Term 145: August 18 - October 10, 2014 (reporting date: August 12)
Term 146: October 13 - December 12, 2014 (reporting date: October 7)