

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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## THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME DU LAC

AND

## UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

The University of Notre Dame du Lac (“Notre Dame”) and the Ukrainian Catholic University (“UCU”) are linked by common academic interests and seek to develop collaborations and exchanges in fields of shared interest and expertise including, but not limited to, collaborative activities with Notre Dame’s Nanovic Institute for European Studies. The activities undertaken pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) are based on a spirit of cooperation and reciprocity intended to be of mutual benefit to both parties.

### **1. Purpose**

This MOU serves as a written understanding of agreed upon principles between the University of Notre Dame du Lac and the Ukrainian Catholic University concerning a set of general academic objectives.

This is a non-binding agreement and is intended to clarify the nature and extent of the complementary activities that might be undertaken for the mutual benefit of the parties. Each party will be responsible for managing its own costs.

Commitments of specific institutional resources, personnel, space, facilities, or any other academic or intellectual activities may be contemplated hereunder but are beyond the scope of this MOU.

To the extent that the implementation of any agreed upon activity requires a commitment of resources, personnel, credit-bearing coursework, or intellectual property, a supplementary agreement must be negotiated and approved by the parties before work on any of the projects can commence.

### **2. Objectives, Scope, and Major Activities**

Both institutions agree to discuss and encourage the development of the following types of activities:

- Visits and informal exchanges of faculty, scholars, and administrators in specific areas of education, research and outreach.
- Explore ways to cooperate in postgraduate education and training.
- Organize joint conferences, symposia, or other meetings on subjects of mutual interest.
- Exchange of academic information and materials.
- Pursue avenues for undergraduate, graduate and professional student mobility during the academic year or summer terms.
- Explore the possibilities for developing joint research programs and collaborations.
- Other exchange and cooperation programs to which both parties agree.

New initiatives that this MOU is meant to support include sharing best practices about core curricula, service learning and community engagement, alumni engagement, research and policy analysis, and undergraduate student exchange and shared academic programming. Future collaborations are also possible between UCU and Notre Dame's global gateways in London, Rome, and Jerusalem. Specific areas of shared research could include, but are not limited to, topics such as migration, ethics and technology, integral human development, public theology, and digital humanities.

This MOU will serve to continue, develop, and extend the partnership launched by the Nanovic Institute for European Studies at Notre Dame, with particular attention given to the initiative on Faith and Freedom in Central and Eastern European Civil Societies.

### **3. Responsibilities of the Parties**

The parties recognize that the implementation of any agreed upon activity will depend upon the interests and expertise available at the institutions, and the availability of financial resources, space and other resources. Accordingly, the implementation of any exchange or cooperative program based on this MOU shall be separately negotiated and determined between the parties. The parties agree to adhere to all applicable laws, statutes, regulations, safety standards, ordinances and codes in performing their obligations arising out of this MOU.

### **4. Duration and Option to Amend, Extend or Terminate**

This MOU will become effective when signed by both parties. The MOU will remain in effect for three (3) years from the date of the final signature, below, and may be renewed or amended by mutual written agreement of the parties. The parties agree to periodically review the activities undertaken and the progress made and to consult concerning amendments, renewal or termination of the MOU. Either party may terminate this MOU at any time, for any reason, by providing written notice of such termination to the other party.

### **5. General Terms**

This MOU is not intended to, and does not create any right, benefit, or trust responsibility, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or equity, by either party, its officers, employees or agents against the other party, its officers, employees, or agents.

Nothing in this MOU obligates either party to commit or transfer any funds, assets, or other resources in support of projects or activities between the parties.

Neither party will use the name of the other, either expressly or by implication, for any purpose including, but not limited to, any publicity, solicitation or advertisement without the express written approval of the other party to this MOU.

### **6. Signatures**

This MOU shall enter into force on the date signed by the representatives of both parties.

**University of Notre Dame du Lac**

**Ukrainian Catholic University**

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Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.  
President

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Archbishop Borys Gudziak  
President

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