Cover Sheet for Proposed Reciprocal Exchange Agreement

1. Name and location of partner institution: Yeditepe University, Istanbul, Turkey

2. Proposed duration of agreement:
Starting date: January 1, 2010          Ending date: December 31, 2012

3. Principal Initiator(s) at Loyola
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5. Purpose of agreement: Student Exchange

6. Eligible Participants: Undergraduate students

Signature(s) of Loyola Contact:

Signature                       Name                        Date

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Signature                       Name                        Date
List Colleges/Departments Participating:
College of Business
College of Humanities and Natural Sciences
College of Music and Fine Arts
College of Social Sciences

Approval of Participating Departments and Colleges Listed Above

College of Business

College of Humanities & Natural Sciences

College of Law

College of Music and Fine Arts

College of Social Sciences

Administrative Approval

Center for International Education

Education Abroad Committee

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Application for Proposed Exchange

Please answer the following questions that are appropriate for the proposed exchange.

1. Please describe the proposed exchange.
   The proposed exchange will be with Yeditepe University, a private university in Istanbul Turkey. The Loyola School of Law has been sending students to a short-term faculty-led program for several years. The current exchange agreement was signed in November 2009 during a visit by Dr. Ed Kvet and Dean Brian Bromberger to Yeditepe.

2. What is the purpose of the proposed exchange? Faculty exchange? Student exchange? Other?
   Student exchange primarily although the College of Humanities and Natural Science is exploring the possibility of faculty exchanges in the sciences.

3. What are the strengths of the institution abroad?
   The university has approximately 16,000 students with a large number of programs including a medical school. The university is particularly strong in the sciences and could provide us with study abroad opportunities for students in subject areas who have not been able to study abroad, particularly Math and Physics. In addition, students who are interested in teaching in Math or English could take specific courses in the departments of Teaching Mathematics and English.

4. What kind of new opportunities does this program provide for students?
   This is one of two exchanges that are being proposed with private universities in Istanbul, Turkey and the first exchange program that we have had in Turkey or in any Muslim country. Almost all courses are taught in English and so students will be able to take courses for their major, minor, common curriculum as well as elective credit. Courses are also available that will help students understand Turkey and the Middle East. Although it is unusual for Loyola to have 2 programs in the same city and country, these two programs will allow most Loyola students to study in Turkey because Koç and Yeditepe have some of the same programs and some different programs. CIE, in consultation with the college and department will advise students on which institution has the most appropriate courses.

5. Who does it serve (e.g. specific majors, students of a particular language from any major, all undergraduate students, etc.)? How many? Is there demand or demonstrable need among the students? Is this a site that might be valuable to other departments or colleges? Have they been contacted them?
   Please see 7a below to see the specific majors that are available at Yeditepe. This program will be available to all undergraduate colleges although the courses available for the College of Music and Fine Arts are quite limited and that college may choose not to participate.

6. What are the admission requirements for the program? (Exchange Programs generally require a 2.75 or higher GPA.) Are there pre-requisites?
   This is not a competitive exchange because we can send up to 10 students but we will require a minimum of a 2.75 GPA and junior level status. All applicants will submit an essay and be interviewed by a faculty committee before being selected for the exchange.
7. If students’ matriculate at an overseas institution please provide the following information in as much detail as possible.

a. Academics

i. What courses would students be able to take? Are these courses for foreigners or are our students integrated with national students? Please provide a course catalogue or the Web site address if only available online.

Programs are taught in English except in theatre. As with all of our exchanges, students applying will be required to have the courses that they select at Yeditepe approved by their advisor, the chair of their department and the Associate Dean of their college at Loyola prior to their selection to participate in the exchange. The following is a list of the programs available. Specific Courses can be found at: [http://www.yeditepe.edu.tr/education/undergraduate](http://www.yeditepe.edu.tr/education/undergraduate). *(Note: Yeditepe seems to be transitioning to a new web design and some of the curriculum and course descriptions are only available at the old website: [http://oldweb.yeditepe.edu.tr/YEDITEN/Education.aspx?cacheid=/Yeditepe%20UniverSiteSi/English/Education](http://oldweb.yeditepe.edu.tr/YEDITEN/Education.aspx?cacheid=/Yeditepe%20UniverSiteSi/English/Education)*)

**College of Humanities and Natural Sciences**

- English Language And Literature
- History
- Mathematics
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Physics
- Translation and Interpreting Studies
- Turkish Language and Literature

**College of Music and Fine Arts**

- Art Management
- Graphic Design
- Plastic Arts
- Theatre

**College of Social Science**

- Advertising Design and Communication
- Journalism
- Public Relations and Publicity
- Radio-TV Cinema Studies
- Sociology
- Anthropology
- Visual Communication and Design
- Political Science and International Relations

**College of Business**

[Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences](http://www.yeditepe.edu.tr/)
ii. In what language are courses offered? If the program is in a language other than English, are there language prerequisites? How is a student’s language ability determined? Are language courses offered prior to the start of the program or during the program if a student were to need a refresher course? Is this an additional cost or included in the exchange benefit?

Courses are offered in English in all programs except Theatre. Turkish courses for foreigners are offered including an online course that students could take before students leave. CIE proposes that students be required to take Turkish while in Turkey.

iii. Do the courses meet Loyola requirements, e.g. major, minor, common curriculum, and/or electives?

Courses should be able to meet all Loyola requirements as long as approved in advance by the student’s advisor, chair, and the Associate Dean of their college at Loyola prior to their selection to participate in the exchange.

iv. What documentation would we receive from the foreign institution about the courses our students took and how they performed? Please describe the grading system and the expected course load for our students. How would this translate to Loyola’s credit and grading system?
v. What is the academic calendar and when are the breaks?

Fall semester begins in early September and ends in late December. Exams are at the end of December. Spring semester runs from mid-January to the end of May.

b. Student Services

i. Please describe the room and board options available to students in detail.

1. Where will the students live? On-campus? Off-campus? If students stay with host families, how are they selected and evaluated?

   Accommodations for students can be arranged in one of the modern Residence Halls located on the main campus. All rooms are double occupancy and furnished with refrigerators, private bathrooms, and internet access. There are snack bars, TV rooms and visitor salons within the buildings. The on campus lodgings can accommodate 4400 students. [Click here for photos of rooms](#). The university is located on the Asian side of Istanbul outside of the city.

2. Are the following services available to students in their housing:

   a. Air conditioning? Is it needed?
      Unknown but most buildings are air conditioned.

   b. Phones in room?
      No, students will need to buy local cell phones upon arrival.

   c. Shared or private bathrooms?
      Private bathrooms

   d. Furnished? Unfurnished? What should students bring?
Linen and towels are provided and serviced weekly.

e. Internet access from rooms? Wireless?
   Internet access is available.

3. Health and safety issues in housing
   a. Is access to housing/dormitories secure?
      Did not see the dormitories but the university itself is a closed community and Turkey is very security conscious.
   b. Does the facility appear to be clean?
      Did not see the dormitories but the university itself is very well maintained.
   c. Is the location of housing safe? Do students have a long way to walk at night?
      The campus peace and order is provided 7/24 through the Protection and Safety Authority's 90-person team and advanced camera monitoring systems in Yeditepe University main gate and all entrances and exits on the campus. Identification is required at the campus entrance.
   d. Is there access to public transportation?
      Students can use public transportation (including buses and ferries) as well as university buses to get into the tourist areas of Istanbul.

4. Who assists the students with their housing?
   Students will live in on-campus dormitories

5. Is temporary housing available if students arrive early?
   Unknown. CIE staff will determine as needed.

6. Where will the students eat?
   From the brochure, “There are four main restaurants located in the Student Social Center along with a classy pastry café with a view to the tennis courts. Also there are nine cafeterias or snack bars strategically located in the surrounding faculty buildings – available for both students and faculty.

   “Outside cafes with panoramic views of the forest-covered hills and distant sea offer agreeable venues for relaxing and student interactions as well as nearby picnic areas during the long seasons of good weather in Istanbul.”

7. How do students pay for housing and meals? What are the costs of the different housing options?
   Unknown. CIE staff will determine as needed.

ii. What office at the foreign institution would assist our students?
   International Office
iii. Is there an orientation for students on-site? What is included?

From handbook: “An orientation program at the beginning of each academic semester is organized by the International Office to present a general overview of the university to new students. You will learn about services available on campus and you can pick up information about how to get around Istanbul which is very helpful for those first few days. You will receive general info on purchasing books and other items, student clubs and details about the campus facilities. This is also a perfect time to meet the other exchange students and get acquainted with our full-degree program international students. Cultural activities and group excursions are discussed and later organized by the International Office. The Yeditepe Global Culture Club members and current leaders are introduced to new students and assist in the orientation process.”


iv. Are there special programs to help students adjust to the institution and the country, such as a buddy program, field trips, etc.? Please describe.

Each semester excursions, local get togethers, information seminars are organized usually during the first few weeks of the term focusing on the interest of students.

v. Are visas required for students and what support does the institution provide?

The International Office will provide assistance with obtaining a visa but it will be the student’s responsibility to apply prior to their departure at the Turkish Embassy or consulate. Upon the student’s arrival, he/she will need to apply for a residence permit.

vi. Will students have faculty advisors?

No, they will work with the staff in the international office to select their courses.

vii. Is support available for students with disabilities?

Turkey would be difficult for students with mobility issues. If we have students with other disability issues, CIE would contact the university to verify that appropriate assistance could be provided.

viii. Does the university provide computer labs for the students? Printers? Is there a fee for this? Is there wireless or other internet access on campus? Should students bring their own computers?

34 computer labs are available for students.

ix. What additional services not addressed above has the institution agreed to provide?

See student handbook for additional on campus facilities.
8. What are the health, safety and security risks at the proposed program site, and how will these be addressed?

There are currently no travel warnings or alerts on Turkey but there is a notice from the Embassy that there is an overall increase in violence and a continuing threat of terrorist activities and violence against US citizens and interest in Turkey. The University is self contained and located outside of the center of Istanbul.

The campus safety is provided 7/24 through the Protection and Safety Authority's 90-person team and advanced camera monitoring systems in Yeditepe University main gate and all entrances and exits on the campus. Identification is required at the campus entrance.

9. How would the program differ from current study abroad offerings, or would it replace a current offering? If the latter, what compelling arguments are there for such a change?

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10. What expenses are covered under the exchange agreement? (Tuition, fees, room and board, etc.)

Students pay tuition and fees at the home institution and would be responsible for room and board.

11. What provision is there for pre-departure orientation, debriefing of students and evaluation of program?

All students going on exchange participate in a pre-departure orientation and an evaluation upon their return.

12. Is there potential for the program to develop and grow? Are there opportunities for faculty exchanges, joint research projects, etc.?

There are numerous opportunities for faculty exchanges in related fields.