



Addendum to International Applications

Note: ALL institutions applying for membership with the *American Academy for Liberal Education* MUST attach this addendum to their completed application with the appropriate officer signing this Addendum.

The acceptance of an application for membership in the Academy IS NOT AN EXPRESS OR IMPLIED CONTRACT. Membership in the Academy is ENTIRELY VOLUNTARY, whether an institution does or does not meet the requirements for any particular form of membership is entirely up to AALE.

Scope of Accreditation for Non-US Institutions

Accreditation for institutions outside the United States does not confer eligibility for US Financial Aid funds. Nor does accreditation guarantee that transfer units or degrees will be accepted by universities or other institutions. Acceptance of transfer units and degrees is decided by the accepting institution.

International Agreements on Higher Education

The Academy attempts at all times to adhere to international treaties regarding cross-border education, accreditation and quality assurance. Nothing in AALE materials should be construed to be in conflict with any international agreements to which the US government is a signatory.

The Academy's International Priorities

In the belief that liberal learning transcends geographical and national borders, the Academy applies the same standards internationally as it does within the United States. This does not prevent the Academy from recognizing that different peoples and countries may interpret these requirements, and indeed, some aspects of liberal education itself, differently. The Academy makes every effort to employ the flexibility of judgment necessary to encompass such differences while also adhering to its own traditional standards.

Domestic Quality Assurance

All international applicants for accreditation must be recognized and authorized by their domestic governing agency. Additionally, each applicant must supply to the Academy the names of all quality assurance agencies within the home country of the applying institution. The Academy will be in communication with these agencies prior to conducting any third-party evaluations. All Academy visitors will be informed of the particulars of higher education of the country that they are visiting.

Language

All documents and communications with the Academy are to be submitted and conducted in English. The Academy will make every attempt to have at least one evaluator that is versed in the language in which courses are conducted at the applying institution.

Costs

All costs associated with accreditation activities undertaken by the Academy are to be payable in US funds only and are to be paid prior to rendered services.

Decorum

During site visits the Academy requires that Chancellors, Presidents, Vice-Presidents, rectors, deans and any other appropriate institutional officers be available for interview by Academy staff and/or third-party evaluators.

I, _____, *have read and understood this document.*
(PRINTED NAME)

Signature of Executive Officer

Institution Name

Date