

ACADEMIC AGREEMENT

between

Union Institute & University (UI&U)

and

Immigration & Customs Enforcement – Miami Field Operations

Consistent with shared objectives to provide quality educational programs for students, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office – Miami, FL Academy (ICE D) enters into this academic agreement with UI&U in order to provide bachelor's level degree completion opportunities for their graduates.

Union Institute & University is a private university that has its main campus in Cincinnati, Ohio, and academic centers in California, Florida, and Vermont. UI&U is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Organizations and Schools (230 North LaSalle St., Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604) and is authorized as a degree-granting institution by the Ohio Board of Regents, the Florida Commission for Independent Education, and the Vermont Board of Education and has been determined by the California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education to be exempt from state requirements for authorization by reason of its institutional accreditation.

ICE D is a training academy associated with the Miami, FL Field Operations Unit of the Training Management Division/Homeland Security.

This agreement applies to ICE D's Miami, Florida Field Office.

UI&U and FLETC seek to demonstrate leadership within regional and national higher education distance learning communities by removing barriers to transferability for learners and their credits to enhance educational opportunities. UI&U and FLETC agree to the following:

1. Credit Review -

- This Academic Agreement documents 33 credits of eligible credit award (22 credits for FLETC and 11 credits for ICE); UI&U will award no more than 30 total credits to each student who successfully complete the Immigration & Customs Enforcement Deportation Integrated (ICE D) training program at FLETC. The selection of credits and application to the degree program will be determined through academic advising once the student is admitted to UI&U.
- This credit agreement will be extended to any person who completes a similar program in which the same curriculum and learning outcomes can be demonstrated (Appendix A).
- The Academic Agreement will specify the acceptance of credits as either elective credit within the major or as general electives.
- UI&U's undergraduate programs reserve the right to assign credits to its own degree graduation criteria, major or concentration requirements, or electives where it sees fit. Once approved, specific courses will be summarized on a table showing credit awards by UI&U.

2. Additional Services - UI&U will provide services necessary to ensure a smooth transfer: admission assistance, financial aid, registration, access to a virtual library, and technology. ICE D students planning to transfer will have the opportunity to schedule advising and degree planning with an academic support coordinator at UI&U. Every effort will be made to see that ICE D transfer students receive favorable consideration in the transfer of the coursework and that the courses they need to complete their studies will be made accessible to them.

3. Catalog Policies – ICE D students transferring to UI&U will be governed by the UI&U catalog in effect once they apply for admission at UI&U.

This agreement will remain in effect until modification or termination is sought by UI&U or ICE D. Written notice will be required six months prior to an intended termination. Reviews will be conducted in June every four years to assess ongoing continuation of this agreement. Both institutions will monitor the continual development of curriculum and work cooperatively to adjust curriculum content, course sequencing, policy, and procedures as needed.

This agreement will become effective on May 1, 2012 as authorized by the signatures below. This agreement will remain in effect until May 1, 2016.

Questions regarding this agreement may be addressed to Dr. Patricia Brewer, Associate Provost, Union Institute & University, Cincinnati, OH 45206; phone: (513) 487-1182.

Date: _____

Roger H. Sublett, Ph.D.
President
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Date: _____

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Appendix A

Credit recommendations included in this agreement pertain to ICE-D academy training as outlined in the accompanying credit evaluation worksheet. The following training academies, located in Glynco, GA, Artesia, NM or Charleston, SC are confirmed as having comparable training programs:

United States Border Patrol Academy
Immigration Officer Basic Training Course (IOBTC)

Prospective students must present documentation that confirms training completion, regardless of academy attended. Documentation for training received prior to 2003 would be noted by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).

As of May, 2012, the following law enforcement positions within ICE in the Miami Enforcement Removal Office require training comparable to that included in this agreement. Therefore, any prospective student who now holds or has held this position would be eligible for the credit award:

Assistant Field Office Director
Deportation Officer (DO)
Deputy Field Office Director
Field Office Director
Immigration Enforcement Agent (IEA)
Supervisory Detention and Deportation Officer (SDDO)
Supervisory Immigration Enforcement Agent (SIEA)

