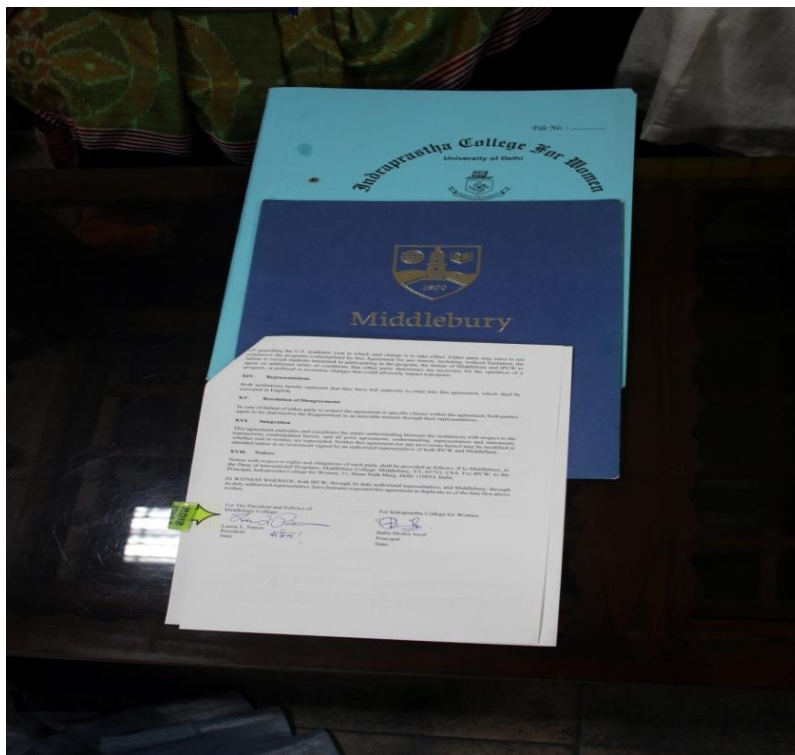


MoU with Middlebury, Vermont, USA

The College signed an agreement and MoU with Middlebury, Vermont, USA for student and faculty study programs on 12 April, 2019.



Agreement of Cooperation

Between

Indraprastha College for Women, Delhi, India

and

The President and Fellows of Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont, USA

I. Preamble

The President and Fellows of Middlebury College (hereafter referred to as Middlebury), represented by its President, Dr. Laurie L. Patton, headquartered in Middlebury, Vermont, U.S.A., and Indraprastha College for Women (hereafter referred to as IPCW), represented by its Principal, Dr. Babli Moitra Saraf, headquartered in Delhi, India, hereby enter into an academic agreement of cooperation with a view to enhancing collaboration and cooperation between these two institutions for the purpose of promoting and furthering their respective educational purposes and determining whether Middlebury and IPCW can establish academic programs as described below.

Subsequent to this document's signing, Middlebury and IPCW will explore the feasibility and mode of expansion of the terms of academic cooperation, with the possibility of including faculty exchanges at Middlebury, IPCW, and the Middlebury Institute of International Studies, as well as additional student program options at the Middlebury College Language Schools and Middlebury's Bread Loaf School of English.

Middlebury and IPCW (hereinafter the "Sides") will carry out the programs through the Dean of International Programs, the C.V. Starr-School in India (SiI), and the Middlebury Office of International Programs and Off-Campus Study (IPOCS), on the one side, and the Office of International Programs at IPCW, on the other. The core program includes the provision and oversight of courses of study, living accommodations, cultural enrichment, and academic enhancement.

The areas of cooperation will include any program offered at either institution that promotes the above-mentioned goals. However, any specific program shall be subject to mutual consent, availability of funds and the approval of both Sides. The terms of such mutual assistance and cooperation shall be discussed and agreed upon in writing by the responsible authority of each institution prior to the initiation of any particular program or activity. Such programs may include:

1. exchange of library resources
2. exchange of faculty members
3. exchange of publications
4. joint research projects

To initiate this cooperative arrangement, Middlebury and IPCW agree to begin an agreement through which Middlebury students in India (SiI) will be allowed to study at IPCW for a semester or an academic year, beginning with the Fall 2019 semester.

II. Program schedule and academic calendar

The starting and closing dates and the academic calendar for each semester will be set in advance by mutual agreement between the Sides by March 15 of each year before the fall semester.

Middlebury students may enroll at IPCW for one semester (Fall or Spring) or two consecutive semesters. (Fall and Spring); one semester enrollees may also have the option of extending for the following semester if they later choose to do so by November 15th of the fall semester or June 1st of the Spring semester.

III. Middlebury students attending IPCW

Middlebury students shall meet all admissions requirements for IPCW.

Middlebury will be responsible for providing information regarding the students enrolled in the program to IPCW by April 1 of the academic year preceding the proposed period of study if students will begin their study during the Fall semester, and by November 15 for students expecting to study in the Spring semester.

Middlebury students may attend IPCW for the full academic year, for the Fall semester only, or for the Spring semester only. Students may face some limits on choices of courses, as some courses might be dependent on the courses offered in earlier semesters or the scheduling of classes may not allow the particular combination.

The curriculum available to Middlebury students will consist of courses offered at IPCW. Middlebury students will participate in classroom and tutorial work with IPCW undergraduates. The students are required to attend both the lectures and seminars for these courses, and must take all exams (oral and written) and hand in all required written work, as appropriate.

Students will pursue two or three courses per semester at IPCW. For students who enroll in two courses, one of them must be a regular IPCW course, while the second course can be another regular IPCW course or an Independent Study course which will be arranged by IPCW. For students who enroll in three courses, at least two of them must be IPCW courses, and the third can be an IPCW course or an Independent Study course arranged by IPCW specifically for the student. For Independent Study courses, students work on a topic of their choice under supervision of a faculty member with whom they meet once a week and at the end of the semester they are required to submit a dissertation (4000 words) and appear for a viva. Full-year students may replace one of their IPCW courses in the second semester with a for-credit internship, which will be organized by Middlebury. In addition to IPCW courses, students will take a Hindi language course taught by teachers outside of IPCW.

Student academic work will be evaluated on an on-going basis throughout their stay, and grades will be given at the end on the basis of their tutorial assignments, attendance at lectures and seminars and the quality of their participation there-in. For the Independent Study Program students will be evaluated on the basis of evaluation of the dissertation and viva by a faculty member. The grades will be reported to Middlebury within one month after their leaving the college.

IV. Enrollment and Insurance

Middlebury will enroll participants in this program from among registered undergraduates at both Middlebury College and at other colleges or universities in the United States who have applied to study abroad. International students (with citizenship other than U.S.) who participate in the Middlebury program will be admitted on identical terms as U.S. citizens and will not be subject to any additional condition or requirement.

Middlebury participants enrolled in the SiI will normally have a 3.0 average in their major and a 2.7 average overall.

Middlebury will provide students with health insurance coverage, including medevac and repatriation, for the duration of their participation in the program.

IPCW agrees to enroll all participating students and to provide students with a formal letter of admission and other documents as may be required for establishing their student status for visa and other purposes.

V. Middlebury Director

Middlebury agrees to provide a full-time Director, who reports to the Dean of International Programs. This director will reside in India and will oversee student participation in all aspects of the programs. The Director

will provide IPCW officials with a list of student participants each semester; these students will not be required to submit application materials to IPCW directly, as they will have already been selected to participate. The Director will also organize and lead student excursions, deal as a 'first resort' with academic, housing, or discipline problems among the students, and coordinate efforts with IPCW colleagues at all levels to ensure that all parts of the program are in place and working effectively.

VI. Housing and Facilities

The Middlebury Director will be responsible for finding housing arrangements for all students. IPCW will assist whenever possible in making appropriate contacts. IPCW students may also live in off-campus accommodations with Middlebury students. When possible, some Middlebury students in India may be housed on-campus at IPCW, and would pay prevailing room and board charges.

IPCW will provide students on the Middlebury program with access to computer facilities and the internet on campus, the libraries of IPCW, and all other facilities and events at IPCW that are available to regular students of the university.

Neither Middlebury nor IPCW assumes any responsibility or liability for any claim or cause of action on account of any personal injury, accident, damage to person or property, expenses, or other loss caused, suffered, or incurred by a Middlebury student/s during, arising out of or in any way associated, directly or indirectly; with the placement of such student with an off-campus family. Students shall sign a waiver releasing Middlebury against any and all such liability and responsibility for living arrangements incident to this agreement. Students shall also be required to sign a waiver releasing IPCW from responsibility or liability for off-campus housing arrangements.

VII. Cultural Program and Excursions

The Middlebury Director will organize occasional excursions for students on the Middlebury program. Students are allowed to travel outside of New Delhi independently on weekends, holidays, and during regular student vacations. The Middlebury Director will consult with IPCW counterparts about dates for independent student travel, so as not to conflict with the schedules and academic calendar at IPCW.

The Middlebury Director will develop, in cooperation with IPCW colleagues, co-curricular activities for students on the Middlebury program, which may include films, guest speakers, and club activities. Regular IPCW students will also have access to these activities. Middlebury students will also have access to all IPCW clubs and sports activities. In general, the goal of these activities is to maximize the exposure of Middlebury students to Indian culture. These activities will also be connected, when feasible, to the academic program of the Middlebury program

VIII. Student Conduct

Students will be expected to abide by the laws and customs of India and by the policies and regulations of IPCW. In cases where disciplinary action may be warranted, IPCW officials will communicate with the Middlebury Director to come to an appropriate resolution.

Middlebury students are expected to return to their home institution to complete whatever degree requirements remain at their home institution. As a general rule, Middlebury students shall not be admitted as degree candidates at IPCW prior to completion of their degree from their home institution, and will not be able to enroll at IPCW outside of the Middlebury program prior to the completion of their degree.

IX. Tuition & Fees

IPCW will charge Middlebury a tuition fee for each student (SiI) in the amount of USD\$4,000 per semester, and USD\$7,000 for a full academic year. These payments will be made by Middlebury no later than 45 days after presentation of an invoice for each academic semester from IPCW through a bank wire transfer to the

appropriate account as designated by IPCW. An additional payment of \$500 will be made to IPCW for organizing the independent guided study.

Middlebury students in India shall be responsible for arranging and paying for all travel and for all living expenses associated with their study at IPCW.

X. Provision of classroom for Hindi language teaching at the college

IPCW will provide a classroom facility for SiI to conduct Hindi classes at the college. These classes will be taught by teachers outside of IPCW. IPCW will also permit other SiI students to attend these classes held on its campus. SiI shall pay a fee of \$350 per semester for the use of classroom facility.

XI. Faculty exchanges and joint research

To enrich the academic programs and research interests of the Sides, study and research visits between the faculty and research staff at Middlebury and IPCW may be undertaken. Exchanges may consist of invitations to lecture, conduct seminars and colloquia, or to participate in other academic activities of the host institution. Exchange of personnel shall be initiated by the individual's home institution or the host institution, and shall consist of a proposal outlining the terms and conditions under which such visits are to take place. When originating with the home institution, the proposal shall include a written summary of the proposed visitor's credentials. In all cases, relevant offices at each institution (International Programs and Off-Campus Study at Middlebury, and the Principal, IPCW) will be informed of any exchange activity.

Funding arrangements for the exchange of faculty and joint research projects between the Sides shall be agreed to in advance in writing by both Sides. Monies to support these exchanges may be supplied by the host institution or be borne by the faculty member, or they may come from grants or other funds obtained either singly or jointly by the Sides. Whenever feasible, Middlebury and IPCW shall collaborate to seek additional support for their joint activities.

Any proposal for joint research or an educational project shall be evaluated and approved in writing by duly appointed representatives of the Sides. In the event that such proposal is accepted as a joint effort, the Sides shall actively seek outside funding for the joint project.

All publications resulting from the collaboration between the Sides under this agreement shall include recognition of this agreement therein. Likewise, all courses and formal presentations which result from collaboration between the institutions under this agreement shall include mention of this agreement.

Any publication including, but not limited to, books, academic journals, and other research information which is the result of this agreement shall be exchanged by the Sides.

All research and other activities conducted under this agreement shall be conducted in accordance with the laws and regulations that apply to the institution at which such research or other activities take place.

XII. Non-discrimination

All exchanges of students, research staff, and faculty shall be decided on the basis of the aforementioned criteria and no person shall be excluded from participating in any of the above described exchanges on the basis of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age [except that all students must be at least eighteen (18) years old] religion, national or ethnic origin, disability, or status as a veteran.

XIII. Duration and Validity of Agreement

Unless either party has provided prior written notice of non-commencement, the agreement will take effect on 1 June 2019, with the first students expected to take up residence in India by July 2019, and will be renewed automatically on a yearly basis for a period of three (3) years unless either party gives six (6) months' notice of its wish to modify or cancel the Agreement. Any change must be established and agreed upon before March

15th preceding the U.S. academic year in which said change is to take effect. Either party may elect to not commence the programs contemplated by this Agreement for any reason, including, without limitation, the failure to recruit students interested in participating in the program, the failure of Middlebury and IPCW to agree on additional terms or conditions that either party determines are necessary for the operation of a program, or political or economic changes that could adversely impact a program.

XIV. Representations

Both institutions hereby represent that they have full authority to enter into this agreement, which shall be executed in English.

XV. Resolution of Disagreements

In case of failure of either party to respect the agreement or specific clauses within the agreement, both parties agree to try and resolve the disagreement in an amicable manner through their representatives.

XVI. Integration

This agreement embodies and constitutes the entire understanding between the institutions with respect to the transactions contemplated herein, and all prior agreements, understanding, representation and statements, whether oral or written, are superseded. Neither this agreement nor any provisions hereof may be modified or attended unless in an instrument signed by an authorized representative of both IPCW and Middlebury.

XVII. Notices

Notice with respect to rights and obligations of each party shall be provided as follows: If to Middlebury, to the Dean of International Programs, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT, 05753, USA. For IPCW, to the Principal, Indraprastha College for Women, 31, Sham Nath Marg, Delhi 110054, India.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, both IPCW, through its duly authorized representative, and Middlebury, through its duly authorized representative, have hereunto executed this agreement in duplicate as of the date first above written.

For The President and Fellows of
Middlebury College:



Laurie L. Patton
President
Date:

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For Indraprastha College for Women:



Babli Moitra Saraf
Principal
Date:

