University signs agreement with Ukrainian counterpart for student and faculty exchanges

Edmonton—MacEwan University and the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (NaUKMA) in Ukraine have signed an agreement that will make it possible for faculty and student exchanges within specific departments, including sociology, journalism/communications, public health/nursing, political science, economics and social work.

“The National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy has been our valued partner for nearly two decades,” said Craig Monk, dean, Faculty of Arts and Science. “This new agreement is committed to bringing the world to Edmonton while seeking opportunities for our students and faculty to engage with colleagues abroad,” added Monk.

NaUKMA was the first university in independent Ukraine to adopt a western system of education, and is dedicated to the emergence of a new country. Teaching in Ukrainian and English, the university offers a range of programs from certificates to PhDs, and has 3,000 students within its six faculties.

“We are partnered with a university that is trying to innovate—trying to change—the system of education as a whole in Ukraine,” said Roman Petryshyn of the Ukrainian Resource Development Centre (URDC) at MacEwan University. “This is an interesting opportunity for our faculty and students to see how a whole society transforms from a communist system to a western democratic and market system.”

The URDC is an endowed institution within MacEwan University. Launched in 1988, it has received ongoing support from the Ukrainian Canadian community, and the governments of Alberta and Canada. URDC is engaged in a number of initiatives promoting community development and intercultural dialogue.

The funding—$30,000 per year—is provided by an endowment made by Peter and Doris Kule, who have also endowed MacEwan University’s Kule Theatre.

Founded in 1971, MacEwan University inspires its students with a powerful combination of academic excellence and personal learning experiences. Offering more than 65 programs including undergraduate degrees, applied degrees, diplomas, certificates, continuing education and corporate training, the university provides a transformative education in a creative, collaborative and supportive learning environment where creativity and innovation thrive. Located in Edmonton, Alberta Canada, MacEwan University offers a unique student experience that opens up diverse pathways for achievement and growth.

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