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Review of Bachelor Degree Programs of Ukrainian-American Concordia University: International Business and International Economic Relations

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I have been cooperating with the Ukrainian-American Concordia University since 2016 as a guest professor in business and economics, contributing to several ongoing bachelor degree programs and courses, as well as academic conferences. I also assist in establishing academic relationships with U.S. Universities. My academic work at UACU has kept me in direct contact with faculty in the International Business and International Economic Relations programs. I have assisted with ongoing developments by faculty to evolve and improve various courses and the overall academic programs to keep academic content current and learned skills responsive to the needs of Ukrainian and international businesses.

Based on my teaching experiences with U.S universities, including the University of Colorado and the Colorado School of Mines, in Bachelor and P.HD. programs, I can state with certainty that UACU's course content, educational pedagogy and faculty qualifications are equal to that of highly rated universities in the United States.

Both the International Business and International Economic Relations Bachelor Degree programs include up to date theoretical knowledge, teach practical skills in current employment demand, and place a strong emphasis on economic sustainability and business ethics. The Bachelor Degree program in International Economic Relations maintains a good balance between business and economics courses.

The Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) is a part of the Bachelor Degree program in International Business and Bachelor Degree program in International Economic Relations and is accredited by FIBAA of Germany and subsequently accredited in the United States. UACU is a Member of CHEA, the American Council for Higher Education Accreditation. UACU courses are accredited and readily transferrable to U.S. universities. One example is the University of Minnesota at Crookston, with whom UACU conducts a Dual Degree program for BBA degree students involving mutual recognition of course credits.

Previously, as President of the Economics Institute of the American Economic Association, located at the University of Colorado, I oversaw economics and business programs as well as an English language program for students from the around the world. I have observed during my cooperation with UACU that it also maintains very high standards for English language capabilities for students enrolled in the various Bachelor Degree programs, offers excellent Business English courses, and employs highly-fluent English-speaking Ukrainian professors; all of which greatly facilitates their ability to teach business and economics courses in English to high academic standards.

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