

# A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN

Solid Rock Outdoor Ministries and Columbia International University

REAFFIRMED: MARCH 2017  
TO BE REVIEWED: MARCH 2022

## COMPATABILITY OF INSTITUTIONAL MISSION

Solid Rock Outdoor Ministries and Columbia International University are independent legal organizations, each governed by its own board of directors. The two institutions have developed this memorandum of understanding as a means of providing greater access to CIU students who wish to participate in outdoor leadership and wilderness education experiences. The two institutions will maintain the integrity of their separate programs. At Columbia International University, the educational unit that will implement this agreement is Columbia Biblical Seminary (CBS) of Columbia International University.

Solid Rock Outdoor Ministries (SROM) is a Christian outdoor leadership education and wilderness adventure ministry with its headquarters in Laramie, WY. Their programming activities include backpacking, rock climbing, mountaineering, back country cooking, alpine and back country living, orienteering, and community building. SROM programming occurs in the heart of the Rocky Mountains and desert southwest with courses and trips conducted in Wyoming, Colorado, and Arizona in locations such as Rocky Mountain National Park, Wind River Wilderness, and Grand Canyon National Park. SROM is accredited by the Association for Experiential Education (AEE).

The mission of Columbia International University (CIU) is to serve Christ and His church by inspiring, developing, and equipping people for lifelong pursuit of God and servant leadership in His global cause. This mission is encapsulated in our motto, "To know Him and to make Him known." Columbia Biblical Seminary (CBS) is an integral part of the University division of CIU. Its mission is "to equip Great Commission Christians for ministry in multicultural communities."

## Article 1

This agreement permits students from CIU and others who are qualified through registration via the CIU temporary student-application process to participate in SROM's specialized courses for credit. The specific SROM courses and the equivalent CIU courses to which this agreement applies are:

Wilderness First Responder	YOU 3435/YOU 5435 Wilderness First Responder (3)
40-Day/40-Night Adult	YOU 4630 Wilderness Leadership Training (6)
SROM Internship	YOU 4940 Wilderness Leadership Internship (3)
Wilderness Ministry Professional's Course	YOU 6436 Wilderness Ministry Professional (3)

Courses numbered 3000 and 4000 are undergraduate level; courses numbered 5000 and 6000 are graduate level.

## Article 2

### SROM agrees:

1. To provide priority access to students from CIU who wish to participate in SROM's courses.
2. To provide CIU with promotional materials and information to make available to their faculty and students.
3. To maintain directorship and staff with high levels of competency in their fields of instruction and will provide CIU a list including the credentials of each SROM professional.
4. To provide syllabi for each of the SROM courses for which CIU extends academic credit.

5. To charge students receiving credit from CIU the same rates as other SROM students for room, board, fees and equipment as established by SROM.
6. To receive directly any expenses beyond tuition such as: room, board, fees, and equipment- rental unless other arrangements are made with SROM.
7. To refund to any CIU student who terminates his/her enrollment before completion of the course the amount that pertains to SROM fees, equipment, and other costs according to their policies of refund.

### **Article 3**

#### **CIU agrees:**

1. To inform their students of the opportunity to study at SROM.
2. To determine the areas for which academic credit will be provided for each course offered at SROM and the amount of credits.
3. To permit CIU students and others who are qualified through via the CIU temporary student-application process to register at CIU for the courses identified above and to award academic credit to those students who complete the courses.
4. To charge and collect a recording fee of \$300 per course from each student attending SROM.
5. To require each student taking a course from SROM to sign a waiver declaring that CIU will not be held liable for any injury, grievance, legal issues, or liabilities associated with the field supervision staff (provided by SROM).
6. To apply the policies of CIU that relate to fee refunds in the event that a student terminates his/her enrollment before completing of the course.

### **Article 4**

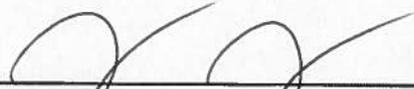
The Executive Director of Solid Rock Outdoor Ministries and the Provost of Columbia International University will each appoint an individual to serve as liaison with the other organization. The respective liaisons will coordinate all communication, screening and enrollment of students, faculty advising, and academic record keeping appropriate to maintaining this agreement.

### **Article 5**

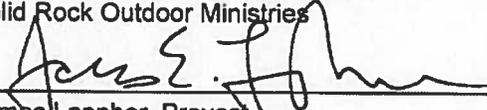
This document does not establish an academic partnership but an articulation agreement for the benefit of qualified students. This agreement shall be reviewed annually and may be cancelled at any time by either organization with appropriate protection for students enrolled in any given semester. The agreement may also be amended with the consent of both organizations.

**Approvals**

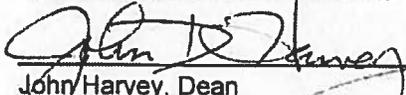
Solid Rock Outdoor Ministries and Columbia Biblical Seminary of Columbia International University agree to the terms of this agreement effective on the date of the final signature below, with an annual review established by the academic leadership of each university.

  
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Andrew Arnold, Executive Director  
Solid Rock Outdoor Ministries

5/11/17  
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Date

  
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James Lanpher, Provost  
Columbia International University

5/9/2017  
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Date

  
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John Harvey, Dean  
Dean, Columbia Biblical Seminary of Columbia International University

5/8/2017  
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Date

**Appointment of Organizational Liaison**

  
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Laura Albert  
Solid Rock Outdoor Ministries Liaison

5/10/17  
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Date

  
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Sam Rubinson, Professor of Youth Ministry,  
Family & Culture, Columbia International University

5/9/17  
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Final Approved