

Opening the Doors to US Higher Education in the EMEA Region

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- ▶ Collaborating with universities
 - Locally, Regionally & transatlantic
 - Strong parent institutions (MSU & SLU)
- ▶ Governmental regulations
 - Open University application
- ▶ Assessing the market
 - Need for flexible & adoptable modern education
 - Cyprus a crossroad of the region and a Gateway

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- ▶ **Why Cyprus?**
- ▶ Long tradition in education.
- ▶ Central geographical location, an ideal platform to serve as a gateway for American education in the countries of the region.
- ▶ Will serve as a synergistic Institution ready to establish relationships with local Universities and share its vision
- ▶ Opportunities for research and consulting.

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- ▶ ***Technology, culture, human capital, educational level***
- ▶ E-libraries & Blackboard fundamental tools
- ▶ Ability to grow as needed
- ▶ To draw resources as needed
- ▶ Large pool of faculty staff
- ▶ To build on strong parent Institution programs
- ▶ Offering BA, MA, MBA & PhD degrees

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Murray State University

- In Cyprus since 2005
- MBA Cohort One 15 Students (Completed)
- MBA Cohort Two 15 Students (Completed)
- TESOL Cohort One 15 Students (Completed)

All students graduated

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Saint Louis University

- In Cyprus since 2005
 - MA Cohort One 19 Students (Completed)
 - MA Cohort Two 16 Students (Completed)
 - All students graduated
 - MA Cohort Three 15 Students (In Progress)
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- PhD Cohort One 15 Students (In Progress)
 - PhD Cohort Two 5 Students (Tentative)

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Program Features

- ▶ Hybrid courses
- ▶ Same admission requirements
- ▶ Same curriculum
- ▶ Same professors
- ▶ Same graduation requirements

The Next Step: What?

- ▶ Proposed Autonomous Open University: Application for Murray State Open University of Cyprus (MSOUC)
- ▶ Integrated Strategic Partnership of MSU, SLU, GCIS

The Next Step: Why?

Internal Efficiencies and Synergies:

- Sharing of teaching faculty
- Sharing of teaching methodologies and expertise
- Research collaboration of faculty
- Virtual library resource leveraging

The Next Step: Why? (cont.)

External Scope:

- Regional focus
- Rapid response to market needs
- Alignment with Bologna

The Next Step: How?

- ▶ Formal application to Cyprus Ministry of Education:
Under review
- ▶ Tentative MSOUC website development

- Home

- Mission

- Central Administration

- The Open University Experience

- Associated Institutions

- Schools

- Programs

- Academic Calendar

- Costs & Scholarships

- Alumnae



Message from the President



Welcome to the Murray State Open University of Cyprus,

We are excited that you are interested in exploring the wealth of academic possibilities that await you at the MSOUC. We have a wide variety of high quality programs that are specially designed to assist working professionals fulfill their educational goals. While this site is designed to provide thorough information on our university and our programs, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need any assistance. Good luck as you embark on this exciting new journey.

Sincerely,
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