

## **SUNY Cuba Initiative (2015 – present)**

Under the SUNY System agreement signed with the Cuban Ministry of Higher Education in February 2017, seven SUNY campuses have entered formally into collaborative relationships with Cuban counterpart institutions. In addition, SUNY OGA has formed a multi-campus task force to work with the Ministry on its priority of upgrading the nation's English Teaching (TESOL) capabilities.

1. **University at Albany – University of Information Sciences**  
MOU signed in February 2017.  
Focus of collaboration: Informatics
2. **Buffalo State College – Central University of Las Villas**  
MOU signed in February 2018.  
Focus of collaboration: Archival Restoration and Language Instruction
3. **SUNY Cortland – University of Physical Culture and Sports**  
MOU signed in February 2018.  
Focus of collaboration: Sports Management and Kinesiology
- SUNY Cortland – University of Havana**  
MOU signed in February 2018.  
Focus of collaboration: History of Caribbean Baseball
4. **Farmingdale State College – University of Holguín**  
MOU signed in February 2018  
Focus of collaboration: Entrepreneurship, Sustainable Energy and Engineering Technologies
5. **SUNY New Paltz – Superior Institute of Design**  
MOU signed in February 2017  
Focus of collaboration: Graphic Design and 3D printing
6. **SUNY Old Westbury – University of Matanzas**  
MOU signed in February 2018  
Focus of collaboration: Education and Afro-Caribbean Culture
7. **SUNY Potsdam – University of Cienfuegos**  
MOU signed in February 2017  
Focus of collaboration: Music and Anthropology

Three additional SUNY campuses have exchanged faculty visits to/from Cuban universities and are in the process of creating formal collaborations under this initiative: 8. **FIT**, 9. **Geneseo** and 10. **Stony Brook**

**SUNY TESOL Consortium members:** Stony Brook, New Paltz, Buffalo State, Cortland, Old Westbury

**More background:** Prior to Governor Andrew Cuomo's April 2015

The **University at Buffalo** has historically been at the vanguard of U.S. HEI collaboration in Cuba. In 2002, UB launched a Master's of Humanities (MAH) Program in Caribbean Cultural Studies, jointly operated by UB and the University of Havana as the first joint-degree granting program established between a U.S. and a Cuban university. In 2007, restrictions regarding financial transactions in Cuba, made by the Bush Administration, effectively suspended the program.

Since the mid-1990s, **SUNY Oswego** has operated a popular study abroad program to the University of Havana. This program remains a significant source of U.S. students to Cuba's flagship higher education institution.