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FIU EXTENDS ITS OUTREACH IN LATIN AMERICA

Florida International University is expanding its links with graduate business schools in Latin America.

FIU’s College of Business Administration launched a two-year dual degree program that lets students from partner schools abroad earn an MBA from their home institution as well as a Master’s of International Business degree from FIU in South Florida.

Agreements for the dual-degree program have been signed with Universidad ORT in Montevideo, Uruguay; The COPPEAD Graduate School of Business Administration of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil; Universidad de Anahuac in Mexico City; Universidad de San Andres in Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile in Santiago, Chile.

The program is especially attractive to foreign students because, after completing their FIU’s master’s program, they can apply under F-1 visa status for 12 months of optional practical training at a U.S.-based company.

The first group of students — from Brazil’s COPPEAD — will begin studies at FIU under the dual-degree program this January.

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Meanwhile, the University of Miami announced a partnership with a business coalition to boost the quality of kindergarten through 12th grade education in Latin America.

UM said its School of Education will team with the Latin American Basic Education Ini-