



AGREEMENT ON 3+1+1(2) PROGRAM between UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI and NATIONAL CHUNG HSING UNIVERSITY

Purpose

This Agreement records the understanding between the University of Cincinnati (UC) and National Chung Hsing University (NCHU), collectively, the Parties, on development and delivery of 3+1+1(2) (hereafter referred to as an "Agreement") programs allowing for credit transfers between NCHU and UC contributing to the award of a Bachelor's degree at NCHU and a Master of Engineering degree or a Master of Science degree from the UC.

The Parties agree on the terms and conditions stated below:

1. The Parties

- 1.1 The University of Cincinnati (UC), hereinafter referred to as UC including the College of Engineering & Applied Science (CEAS), hereinafter referred to as CEAS.
- 1.2 National Chung Hsing University (NCHU), hereinafter referred to as NCHU.

2. Objectives

2.1 The primary objective of this Agreement is to develop programs that benefit both NCHU and UC. The 3+1+1(2) Program will provide NCHU students the opportunity to complete their Bachelor's degree from NCHU while at UC, and then qualify to continue studies for a one-year Master of Engineering degree or a two-year Master of Science degree conferred by UC.

Development of this program is anticipated to facilitate further collaborations between all engineering associated entities and departments of NCHU and CEAS at UC.

2.2 The Parties seek to establish 3+1+1(2) undergraduate and postgraduate program options, whereby students from NCHU will be admitted to the UC 3+1+1(2) Program (students will not formally matriculate into UC undergraduate programs to complete the senior year with student degrees awarded from NCHU and no undergraduate degree awarded by UC). Upon successful completion of the undergraduate degree with a

minimum GPA of 3.0 for the senior year and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better, students can be admitted to the graduate program at UC CEAS for the Master of Engineering or for the Master of Science degree. Upon successful completion of the degree requirements students will be awarded the Master of Engineering or Master of Science degree from UC.

2.3 The 3+1+1(2) Program at NCHU and UC CEAS will be established for the Engineering programs with matching curricula.

3. Program Overview

3.1 Program stages (adding Master of Science Program)

The 3+1+1(2) Program will be composed of 3 stages. Stage 1: 3 years at NCHU undergraduate program; Stage 2: 1 year at UC completing undergraduate courses, a research internship or senior project; Stage 3: 1 or 2 year(s) in the UC graduate program. Students, who successfully complete Stage 1 at NCHU, will be recommended for admission to Stage 2 at UC. Upon acceptance into the UC graduate program and successful completion of Stage 2, students will be awarded a Bachelor's degree from NCHU and, if qualified, admitted to a CEAS graduate program at UC.

3.2 Senior Year Program

NCHU students will complete their first three years of engineering study at NCHU, and then attend UC to complete their last year with credit transferred back to NCHU for the Bachelor degree award. No undergraduate degree will be awarded to the students by UC.

NCHU students will have an option to return to NCHU upon completion of one semester at UC. Should such students later aspire to undertake graduate studies at UC, such students will be required to apply as general applicants to UC graduate program.

3.3 UC undergraduate studies credit transfer to NCHU

NCHU students will take a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester while at UC, including research or project work. The UC credits will be recognized and transferred as per NCHU's policies on transferring credits. Students will be awarded the NCHU Bachelor's Degree if they earn enough credits from UC and meet the graduation requirements for a Bachelor's degree at NCHU.

3.4 Master of Engineering Program

UC's Master of Engineering degree requires a minimum of 30 credit hours of course work including the Capstone Project (described below); a thesis is not required for the degree. The Master of Engineering Program is designed to provide students with advanced knowledge and experience in their field of interest along with courses covering new developments in the respective disciplines.

Capstone Project – A key component of the Master of Engineering Program is a three-credit-hour Capstone. The Capstone can be completed as a written research paper, a project with an advisor, or an internship in the student's field of study. The Capstone can be performed at the University or a business workplace. The Capstone provides a mechanism to demonstrate a synthesis of knowledge and application of concepts to a specific problem. Faculty or professionals in the workplace will oversee the Capstone experience. All Capstones will include a written report.

For acceptance into either Master's Program at CEAS, students must have received an undergraduate degree including a senior year completed at UC with a minimum GPA of 3.0 on courses completed and a cumulative GPA of no less than 3.0 on the scale of 4.0.

3.5 Master of Science Program

UC's Master of Science degree is ordinarily completed within two years. The Master of Science Program is designed to provide students with advanced knowledge through research experience in their fields of interest along with courses covering new developments in the respective disciplines.

The Master of Science degree requires a minimum of 30 credit hours of course work and a thesis. A candidate for a Master of Science degree must complete and submit a written thesis that presents the candidate's research and findings.

For the acceptance to the Master of Science Program at UC, students must have completed the undergraduate degree including completion of the senior year at UC with a minimum GPA of 3.0 on courses taken, and a cumulative GPA no less than 3.0 on the scale of 4.0. It is the decision of the faculty in a graduate program to accept students into a Master of Science Program. Typically, to be admitted for a Master of Science Program students must have a cumulative GPA significantly above a 3.0 (usually 3.5 or higher). Further, to be accepted for a Master of Science Program there needs to be good alignment between the research interests of a faculty advisor and the student.

Students who apply to the Master of Science Program but who do not meet the criteria will be offered admission to the Master of Engineering Program provided that such students meet the aforementioned minimum requirements set forth in paragraph 3.4.

4. Admission Standards

4.1 Undergraduate Program

While students are enrolled during the first three years at NCHU, advisors at NCHU will evaluate individuals interested in the 3+1+1(2) Program based on the qualifications required. The qualifying criteria include but are not limited to relevant coursework, English proficiency, and continued interest in studying in the US educational system. Individuals who have demonstrated academic potential will be recommended for continuing in the 3+1+1(2) Program.

Before admission to the UC portion of the undergraduate program, all applicants will be required to demonstrate English proficiency. Students can demonstrate proficiency by taking the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), or through the International English Testing System (IELTS), or the Pearson Test of English (PTE). CEAS has established the following minimum requirements for the testing:

TOEFL-80 score on the IBT IELTS-Overall band score of 6.0 PEARSON-score of 47

Students should have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (3.0 on a scale of 4.0) or above on courses completed at NCHU.

Selected students recommended for 3+1+1(2) Program must satisfy the requirements for a U.S. student visa after being admitted to Stage 2.

4.2 Master of Engineering Program

Students must have a bachelor's degree in a corresponding program from NCHU, completion of the senior year at UC with a minimum GPA of 3.0 on the courses taken at UC, and graduate with a minimum overall GPA of 3.0. The GRE is waived for the Master of Engineering Program.

4.3 Master of Science Program

Students must have a bachelor's degree in a corresponding program from NCHU with a senior year completed at UC with a GPA of 3.0 on courses taken at UC, and graduate with a minimum GPA of 3.0. The GRE is required for admission into the Biomedical Engineering Master of Science graduate program. The other Master of Science Programs do not require the GRE. Graduate faculty from a program will review the applications and make admission decisions based on academic ability and research interests. Meeting the minimum GPA of 3.0 does not guarantee admission into a Master of Science Program. Students who meet the minimum admission requirement of 3.0 and who are not selected for a Master of Science Program will be offered admission into the Master of Engineering Program.

4.4 Student Responsibilities

While studying at both Universities, students will be required to comply with all of the regulations and requirements of each institution and be subject to any authorized changes to those regulations such as fees adjustments, etc. Notwithstanding this provision, UC and NCHU will recognize their continuing commitment to students within the program from their time of admission to the partner institution.

Students participating in the program are responsible for complying with all visa requirements and regulations of the host country; while the host Institution may assist with the acquisition of visas, it bears no responsibility for those who fail to maintain compliance with visa laws and regulations.

5. Responsibilities of the Parties

- 5.1 NCHU agrees to the following responsibilities and obligations:
- 5.1.1 To ensure program approval from the university decision-making bodies.
- 5.1.2 To promote the program and collaborate with UC in selecting potential students for the program.
- 5.1.3 NCHU will determine the minimum credit hours that the senior students will need to complete at UC in order to satisfy NCHU undergraduate program graduation requirements. The students should choose the courses agreed upon by respective departments/programs of both parties, and abide by NCHU regulations for transferring credits earned at UC.
- 5.1.4 NCHU shall forward completed applications for the Master of Science Program to the Admissions Office of UC by the posted application deadline.
- 5.1.5 NCHU is responsible for accepting returning undergraduate students who are unable for any reason to continue their studies at UC.
- 5.1.6 After NCHU students have completed senior UC courses to satisfy NCHU Bachelor of Science degree requirements, NCHU will assess successfully completed courses to assure credit transfer to the NCHU Bachelor of Science degree.
- 5.1.7 NCHU senior students who are unable to complete courses required by NCHU during their academic year at UC, have the option of 1) returning to NCHU to complete necessary course requirements or 2) requesting permission from both UC and NCHU to remain at UC for an additional semester to complete the necessary coursework for NCHU degree requirements.
- 5.2 UC agrees to the following responsibilities and obligations:
- 5.2.1 To ensure program approval from the university decision-making bodies.
- 5.2.2 To provide recruiting materials, to promote the programs via live or web-based presentations and to participate in recruiting activities as mutually agreed with NCHU.
- 5.2.3 Provide guidance to NCHU students regarding the documents required to be issued including a certificate of eligibility for a student visa and to provide guidance on applying for a student visa at the applicable Consulate/Embassy.

- 5.2.4 To provide students with information about accommodations or area establishments on-campus and in the local geographic area. Note that information that is provided is not an endorsement of the accommodation or area establishments.
- 5.2.5 UC will transfer NCHU students' credits for successfully completed senior courses at UC; these courses will receive credit towards the Bachelor of Science degree at NCHU. UC will also provide to NCHU the official transcripts of the successfully completed senior courses at UC.
- 5.2.6 UC will guarantee admittance of qualified NCHU students in good standing to a CEAS graduate program. UC will not guarantee admission into the Master of Science Program but will guarantee admission into a Master of Engineering Program.

6. Finances

- 6.1 Unless otherwise specified and agreed in writing by the Parties, each Party will meet the financial costs associated with delivering the academic components of the programs in their respective countries.
- 6.2 Students in the 3+1+1(2) Program will be charged UC out-of-state tuition and fees while they are at UC and registered for courses at UC. When registering as full-time Master of Engineering or Master of Science students at UC, they are eligible to apply for financial support consistent with the support opportunities available to other non 3+1+1(2) graduate students at UC.
- 6.3 During their study in UC, NCHU students will be exempt from payment of NCHU tuition; however students will be charged with NCHU fees including the insurance fee and Internet fee.
- 6.4 Both parties reserve the right to change their tuition and fees for any component of the program. Students already progressing through the program are subject to a change in tuition and fees consistent with changes affecting the other students at the respective institution.
- 6.5 NCHU students at UC, are responsible for tuition and fees, room and meal costs, travel, health and accident insurance, books and supplies, and incidental expenses.
- 6.6 All students while at UC must purchase UC health insurance. The cost of that coverage is added to the student's invoice.
- 6.7 On-campus housing cannot be guaranteed. Early application is critical. For students who apply for on-campus housing, the UC Office of Housing and Food Services requires payment of a deposit at the time a student applies for housing and a dining plan. Application for housing and a dining plan including payment of the deposit should take place well in advance of arrival at UC. The cost of housing and a dining plan depends

upon options selected by each student. Payment of the deposit can be made by credit card or by check. The UC Office of Housing and Food Services will submit an invoice to each student prior to the start of the semester. Payment is due in full when classes begin. Payments for housing and dining are to be made directly to the University of Cincinnati.

7. General Provisions

- 7.1 **Term.** This Agreement commences on the date both Institutions have signed and expires 5 years thereafter. The Institutions shall review this Agreement and the programs annually and the Agreement can be renewed or altered at any time by the procedures set forth under "Amendment" below. It may be extended for an additional 5 years by mutual agreement in writing.
- 7.2 **Termination.** Either party may terminate this agreement with six (6) months advance notice in writing. All notices hereunder by either party to the other shall be in writing, delivered personally, by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, or by overnight courier, and shall be deemed to have been duly given when delivered personally or when deposited in the mail, postage prepaid.
- 7.3 **Amendment.** This Agreement constitutes the sole and entire agreement made between the Institutions and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous agreements, discussions, or representations, oral or written, with respect to the subject matter hereof. Any amendments or renewals to this Agreement shall not be valid unless made in writing and signed by both Institutions.
- 7.4 Export Control Laws and Regulations. The parties agree to comply with the export and import control laws and regulations applicable to each respective party in the conduct of activities under this Agreement, and each party agrees to obtain export licenses or other export authorization, as may be required, prior to exporting any controlled items or technology. If this Agreement is simply hosting or exchanging of students or researchers, then U.S. export and import control laws apply to items hand-carried or shipped and or unpublished technical data that may be sent via electronic or physical means as well as storage.
- 7.5 **Force Majeure.** An Institution shall not be responsible for failure to perform any of the obligations imposed by this Agreement, provided such failure shall be occasioned by fire, flood, explosion, lightning, windstorm, earthquake, subsidence of soil, failure or destruction, in whole or in part, of machinery or equipment or failure of supply of materials, discontinuity in the supply of power, governmental interference, civil commotion, riot, war, strikes, labor disturbance, transportation difficulties, labor shortage, or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of such Institution.
- 7.6 **Agency.** The Institutions agree that, during the term of this Agreement, the Institutions are independent contractors and not a joint venture, partnership, trust, association, corporation, or formal business organization of any kind. Except as expressly

provided herein, neither party shall have the right to bind or obligate the other party in any manner without the other Institution's prior written consent.

7.7 **Language.** If NCHU chooses to translate this agreement into another language, NCHU warrants that the translated version accurately represents the understanding of the parties as described in the English language version. The Parties agree that this English language version in all respects shall be the controlling version of this Agreement.

8. Institutional Collaboration Agreement

This Agreement incorporates the terms and conditions of the Institutional Collaboration Agreements (ICA) by reference. In the event of a conflict between this Agreement and the ICA, the terms of this Agreement shall control.

9. Program Coordinators

Each institution will designate an office and an individual within that office (the "Coordinator") to oversee the activity. Coordinators should communicate regularly with each other.

Coordinators are responsible for tracking student numbers, suggesting needed program modifications, and handling concerns. Coordinators will provide their counterparts with up-to-date information on their own institution and its programs, including any institutional requirements applicable to exchange students.

Coordinators may assign or delegate aspects of the program to other employees.

The program coordinators are as follows:

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Final acceptance of this Agreement is subject to ratification by the Governing Bodies of the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this

Agreement was executed on the date

written below.

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