

**Articulation Agreement between the University of Texas at
Arlington and the National Chung Hsing University**

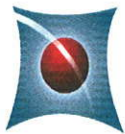


UNIVERSITY OF
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DEPARTMENT OF
CIVIL ENGINEERING

**University of Texas at Arlington
Arlington, Texas 76019
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And



國立中興大學

National Chung Hsing University

**DEPARTMENT OF
CIVIL ENGINEERING**

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Articulation Transfer Program

This Articulation Transfer Program Agreement between the University of Texas at Arlington (“UTA”) and National Chung Hsing University (“NCHU”) (collectively the “Parties”) aims at cultivating talents and utilizing the excellent educational resources from both intuitions to benefit students in expedited master’s programs from UTA. The initial program, through this Agreement, will be between the Parties Civil Engineering programs.

1.Coursework Requirement and Equivalent Courses

1.1 This Agreement is for NCHU students to receive an accelerated Master of Science/Engineering (“MS/ME”) degree in Civil Engineering from UTA. The current requirements for MS/ME degrees in Civil Engineering at UTA are as follows:

- a. For Master of Engineering, ten (10) didactic courses = 30 credit hours (no thesis).
- b. For Master of Science, eight (8) didactic courses = 24 credit hours (6 credit hours of thesis).

Appendix A contains the details of civil engineering area-specific requirements for the Master of Engineering and Master of Science degrees at UTA.

1.2 Through this Agreement, UTA will accept up to three (3) didactic courses = 9 credit hours from technical electives completed at NCHU towards the MS/ME degree in Civil Engineering at UTA. The three (3) courses will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the curriculum committee at UTA and NCHU depending on the sub-area discipline in civil engineering.

1.3 NCHU will ensure that NCHU courses being accepted by UTA towards ME/MS program are taken by senior undergraduate students at NCHU as electives; or, the NCHU courses are cross-listed with their corresponding graduate courses at NCHU.

2.Thesis Supervision for Master of Science

Students are required to complete six (6) credit hours of research-based thesis for the Master of Science Degree in Civil Engineering. The MS thesis will be identified and be supervised collaboratively by the civil engineering faculty at NCHU and UTA with the chairperson of the committee from UTA and a majority of the committee members being graduate faculty at UTA.

3. Application Process and Submittal

NCHU students applying for the transfer program must apply to UTA online at:

<https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.uta.edu%2Fadmissions%2Fapply%2Findex.php&data=02%7C01%7CABOLMAALI%40uta.edu%7C6275fa6596134807f95208d68603cea6%7C5cdc5b43d7be4caa8173729e3b0a62d9%7C0%7C0%7C636843748237927862&sdata=Qtw7FsHHPnWl%2Fdra2xJxrOq%2F%2B8xUI4gd4%2Bny7QEvCCY%3D&reserved=0>

To expedite the admissions process NCHU will submit to the UTA Civil Engineering Department a support letter identifying the student(s) applying for the program. It is also recommended that all applications be collected by NCHU and e-mailed as a single packet to the UTA CE department who will ensure that the applications are received and documents recorded with UTA's Division of Enrollment Management.

4. Admission Criteria

The requirements for unconditional admission to the MS/ME program in Civil Engineering at UTA are as follows:

- UTA Equivalent GPA of 3.0 during the last sixty (60) hours of Bachelors' coursework;
- Minimum Verbal GRE score of 146;
- Minimum Quantitative GRE score of 155; and
- Minimum TOEFL score of 79 or minimum IELTS score of 6.5

5. Graduation Requirements

Students must complete all required courses and maintain a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0. Students must also maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 out of 4.0 in the area-specific core courses, as shown in Appendix A.

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 at their respective institutions.

6.2 Students in the program will pay NCHU tuition and fees while they are registered

for courses and attending NCHU, and will pay UTA Civil Engineering out-of-state tuition and fees for courses while they are registered for courses and attending UTA. While registered as full-time students at UTA, students in the program will be eligible for the same scholarships as traditional Master of Engineering or Master of Science students.

6.3 Both parties reserve the right to change their tuition and fees for any component of the program. Students already progressing through the program may experience a change of fees in line with changes affecting all other students at their respective universities.

6.4 CE NCHU students, while at UTA, are responsible for tuition and fees, room and meal costs, travel, health and accident insurance, books and supplies, and incidental expenses.

6.5. All students while at UTA must purchase UTA health insurance. The cost of that coverage is added to the student's bill.

7. Term, Variation, Numbers, and Termination

7.1 This Agreement is subject to the Parties separate Agreement of Cooperation and will be effective for a period of 5 years from the date of signing.

7.2 The written provisions contained in this Agreement constitute the sole and entire agreement made between the Parties 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 Parties.

7.3 Either party will be entitled at any time, at its discretion, to terminate the program by giving written notice six (6) months beforehand to the other. Such termination will not adversely affect any students currently enrolled at any stage of the program. Each party will ensure that adequate arrangements are made to complete all commitments for enrolled students before the program is terminated.

8. General Provisions

8.1 **Force Majeure.** Neither party shall 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.

8.2 Agency. The Parties agree that, during the term of this Agreement, the Parties are engaged with each other as independent contractors and not as 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 party's prior written consent.

8.3 Language. If this agreement is translated into a language other than the English language, the document in the English language shall be the official, binding version.

8.4 Code of Conduct. Students will be required to comply with the Student Code of Conduct at the institution where they are attending.

9. Intellectual Property (if applicable)

9.1 Each party will retain individual ownership of all existing intellectual property rights in any contribution made by that party to the development of a program, or which it discloses to the other party in the course of performing its responsibilities under this Agreement.

9.2 Unless otherwise agreed, the parties shall jointly own all intellectual property jointly developed in relation to this program, with each party having any unrestricted license to use this jointly owned intellectual property during or after the term of this Agreement.

10. Dispute Resolution


Both parties shall endeavor to resolve any issue arising as to the interpretation of any provision of this Agreement, or in respect to any of the responsibilities of either party. If the dispute or difference is not settled by agreement within 30 working days of the dispute arising, then, unless agreed otherwise, it shall be referred to a qualified mediator agreed by the parties. If the parties fail to resolve any dispute through amicable discussion, negotiation, or mediation, either party may submit such dispute to a court of competent jurisdiction.

In witness whereof, the institutions hereto affix their signatures:

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT
ARLINGTON

NATIONAL CHUNG HSING
UNIVERSITY

By: 
Dr. Vistasp Karbhari

By: 
Dr. Fuh-Sheng Shieu

Title: President

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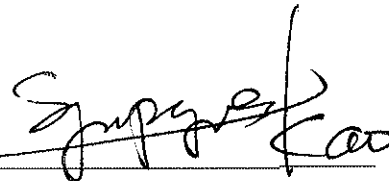
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Title: Dean of Engineering

By: 
Dr. Szu-Pyng Kao

Title: Chairman, Department of
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Date: May 14, 2019

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By: 

Dr. Ali Abolmaali

Title: Chairman,
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Date: May 13, 2019