



International Memorandum of Understanding
Between
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA (ALABAMA, USA)
and
NATIONAL PINGTUNG UNIVERSITY (PINGTUNG, TAIWAN)

This International Memorandum of Understanding by and between the University of North Alabama (hereafter referred to as UNA) and National Pingtung University (hereafter referred to as NPTU) hereby agrees to the following terms for educational collaboration between the two universities.

I. Academic English Program

1. Through the QM-certified Academic English Program (AEP), UNA agrees to collaborate with NPTU and provide premium English language training courses to meet the General-English requirements of NPTU students.
2. AEP program includes 8-week sessions and has five entry points as follows:
 - January-March
 - March-May
 - June-July
 - August-October
 - October-December
3. Successful completion of UNA AEP program at level 5 will: Satisfy the General-English requirements at NPTU; and satisfy the English language requirement at UNA.

II. Global Studies Certificate Program

1. UNA agrees to accept qualified NPTU students to participate in the value-added Global Studies Certificate Program (GSC) at UNA as J-1 non-degree study abroad students.
2. The purpose of the GSC program is to provide international students a unique study abroad experience in the United States while earning a special certificate that enhances their global career opportunities. The curriculum design of each GSC track contains Introduction to Global Studies, one international component course, and three major core courses.
3. NPTU students of all majors are eligible to apply and may choose a Global Studies Certificate among several career fields including: Computer Information System, Marketing, Management, Exercise Leadership, Health Promotion, Sports Management, and other professional fields in Communications, International Relations, Technical Writing, and American Studies when available.

4. The GSC Program requires 15 credit hours (5 courses) to be completed on-campus within one semester (fall or spring).
5. NPTU students will pay the regular international student tuition and fees at UNA based on the 15 credit hours.
6. UNA agrees to reserve and award 15 GSC scholarships in the amount of \$5000/semester to NPTU students per academic year.
7. A minimum TOEFL score of 61 (internet-based), IELTS 5.5, Duolingo 90, PTE 46, or TOEIC 600 or successful completion of UNA AEP is required.

III. Bachelor Transfer Programs (2+2)

1. UNA agrees to accept NPTU students as transfer students and provide priority admission processing.
2. All UNA bachelor degree programs are open to NPTU transfer students including:
 - AACSB accredited BBA
 - ABET accredited Computer Science, and Engineering Technology
 - Other STEM programs: Biology, Chemistry, Math, Physics, etc.
 - Applied Health Science
3. NPTU agrees to actively recruit and recommend its students to UNA to pursue bachelor degrees.

IV. Science Education Bachelor to STEM Majors (4+1 second bachelor degree)

1. UNA agrees to accept qualified NPTU science education graduates to apply for STEM programs at UNA and provide priority admission processing.
2. Admission priority will be given to applications for Biology, Chemistry, Math and Physics programs.

V. Bachelor to Master Progression (4+1)

1. UNA agrees to accept qualified NPTU bachelor graduates to apply for master degree programs at UNA and provide priority admission processing.
2. All UNA master degree programs are open to NPTU graduates including:

<u>NPTU</u>	to	<u>UNA</u>
BBA		MBA
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Accounting, Finance, Global Business○ Health Care Management○ Human Resource Management○ Information Systems, Project Management○ Sales and New Business Development

- **BA/BS** **MS in Applied Manufacturing Engineering**
 - (online or cohort of 10 on campus)

 - **BA/BS** **Master of Professional Studies**
 - Community Development
 - Information Technology
 - Security and Safety Leadership

 - **BA/BS** **MS in Health and Human Performance**
 - Exercise Science, Kinesiology
 - Sport Management
 - Wellness and Health Promotion

 - **BA/BS in English** **MAED in English to Speaker of Other Languages**
3. NPTU agrees to actively promote UNA master degree programs and recommend its students to UNA for graduate studies.

VI. Accelerated Master Degrees (3+1)

1. NPTU students in junior/senior status are eligible to take 9 credits of online graduate courses including MBA courses at UNA.
2. There are flexible options for NPTU students to complete an accelerated master degree at UNA by taking the remaining required credits on campus, online, or a combination of online and on-campus.

VII. Admission requirements

1. An official NPTU transcript showing a grade point average of at least 2.75 on a 4.00 scale.
2. A minimum TOEFL score of 61/79 (internet-based), IELTS 5.5/6.0, PTE 46/54, Duolingo 90/100, TOEIC 600/670, or successful completion of UNA AEP with a pass grade 80/90 is required for bachelor/master programs.
3. A minimum GMAT score of 450 is required for the MBA Program (currently waived until further notice). MPS program does not require GMAT/GRE.

VIII. Scholarships

NPTU students will pay the regular international student tuition and fees at UNA. UNA agrees to provide the following scholarships to NPTU students annually when funds are available:

- AEP Online Course Scholarship of \$1,050 or AEP On-Campus Course Scholarship of \$1,905 limited to students who choose the micro-

credential certificate option.

- \$4,152 Global Learning Community Housing Scholarship that covers a 12-month double occupancy accommodation at Rice Hall with full-time enrollment during fall, spring, and summer.
- \$10,000 academic scholarships per academic year, equally distributed in fall and spring with full-time enrollment for bachelor programs.
- \$7,000 academic scholarships per academic year, equally distributed in fall and spring with full-time enrollment for master programs.
- The scholarships are renewable based on student's academic performance at UNA, and these scholarships cannot be combined with other UNA operating budget-funded scholarships.

IX. Agreement Implementation and Duration

1. This memorandum will be administered by the respective Offices of International Affairs at UNA and NPTU.
2. Each university shall designate an individual who will serve as the responsible officer for this agreement. These officers are responsible for the execution of all aspects of this program. The designated responsible officers for this agreement are:

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3. This memorandum is valid for five years (5) and becomes effective on the date that it is signed by the official representatives of both universities. This agreement will be reviewed and may be renewed upon mutual consent of both parties at the end of the fifth year. Either party may cancel this agreement upon one year's advance notice to the other party. In such a case, all NPTU students enrolled at UNA will be allowed to complete their intended programs.
4. Two (2) original copies of this agreement shall be prepared and signed by the university officials from both parties and each university keeps one original on record.

X. Other Collaboration Initiative

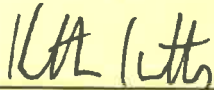
Both UNA and NPTU agree to explore other international cooperation initiatives of mutual interest to further enhance educational excellence and opportunities at both universities.

XI. Official Signatures

Duly authorized representatives of UNA and NPTU executed this agreement as of the day and year are given below.

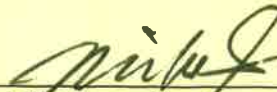
FOR UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA

FOR NATIONAL PINGTUNG UNIVERSITY



Dr. Kenneth Kitts
President

Date: October 14, 2021



Dr. Mike Y. K. Guu
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Date: Oct. 28th, 2021