



Agreement Between The Catholic University of America and Fu Jen Catholic University

The Catholic University of America (CUA) and Fu Jen Catholic University (FJU), wishing to further relations between our two institutions through academic exchange in education, research, scholarship, and other related activities, do hereby commit to mutual and reciprocal cooperation toward our shared goal of internationalization of higher education in (academic discipline). The two institutions agree to enter an agreement described as below.

1. Overview of the 4+1 Program

Students from FJU join CUA as international graduate students to pursue a master's degree after they complete bachelor's degree in engineering at FJU. Granted that the undergraduate engineering degree requirements at FJU will be successfully matched with those at CUA, students from FJU may be allowed to pursue their master's degree through any of the following three arrangements:

a) Regular Master's degree program.

With the approval of the department chairs, up to two over-election of engineering courses at the graduate level beyond the normal requirements in the bachelor's program at FJU may be applied to the master's degree program at CUA.

b) Accelerated Joint Bachelor's/Master's Program.

An accelerated bachelor's/master's program was established to allow undergraduate students to pursue a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in a shorter time than pursuing both degrees separately. This is done by allowing a number of approved graduate engineering courses taken at FJU as part of the requirements for the bachelor's degree at FJU to be counted toward those for the master's degree at CUA. The admission requirements, application process and curriculum of the program are presented below.

(1) A currently enrolled undergraduate engineering student at FJU who has completed at least 60 semester credit hours (SCH) of undergraduate studies with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2 at the time of application is eligible to apply for the Accelerated Joint Bachelor's/Master's program. Eligible students can apply to this program only before they graduate with the bachelor's degree.

(2) After the department chair(s), and the graduate committee and the dean approve the application, the student is tentatively admitted into the graduate program of the major of the master's degree. The admission will become official after the student earns the bachelor degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2.

(3) Once accepted into the program, students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2 to remain in the program. Students with a cumulative GPA less than 3.2 are automatically dismissed from the program and have to formally reapply for readmission.

(4) The student must formally apply for graduate studies to the Office of Admissions during his/her last year of the undergraduate program.

(5) With the approval of the department chair(s), two engineering elective courses at the 500 level or greater used to satisfy the bachelor's degree requirements at FJU can be used to reduce the Master's level requirements at CUA by six credit-hours. In addition, with the approval of the department chairs, over-election of two engineering courses at 500

level or greater beyond the normal requirements in the bachelor's program at FJU may also be applied to the master's degree program at CUA to further accelerate the course of study for FJU students. Details of this program will follow the Academic Advising Handbook of CUA School of Engineering.

c) **Joint Master's Degree Program**

All master's degree programs at CUA School of Engineering participate in a joint degree program that allow students to earn two master's degrees from two different concentrations. The students must satisfy all requirements for both concentrations and may be allowed to designate up to four approved graduate engineering courses to help satisfy the requirements for both degrees. Typically, this would reduce the total number of graduate engineering courses required to earn both master's degrees from 20 courses to 16 courses. Further, if undergraduate students at FJU have been admitted in the Accelerated Joint Bachelor's/Master's program with over-election of graduate courses, this would further reduce the total number of graduate engineering courses required. Details of this program will follow the Academic Advising Handbook of CUA School of Engineering.

2. Promoting, Marketing, and Advertising

Promoting, marketing, and advertising to recruit students from FJU to join CUA will be the responsibility of FJU.

3. Interview

Students recommended by FJU will have to request an initial interview with the appropriate CUA program director. The objective of the interview is to provide the students with an introduction to CUA and current information regarding tuition and admission. The interview process will be the responsibility of CUA.

4. Admission

Eligible FJU students who are interested in coming to study at CUA for master's degree can apply for admission to CUA as international graduate students. The FJU students must meet all conditions required for international students and entering graduate students at CUA, including submission of all credentials translated to English and the results (score) of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or equivalent tests. The Catholic University of America International Student Guide booklet provides the details of the admission requirements.

5. Tuition Assistance

Students admitted into the 4 + 1 program at CUA are eligible to receive a graduate student scholarship in the amount of 50 percent of the yearly tuition. To be eligible to receive this benefit, the students need to have a GPA of 3.2 and maintain it during their studies at CUA. Awards are renewable for a total of two consecutive semesters. FJU students will be fully responsible for other expenses including admission fee, room and board, books, transportations, and medical insurance, etc.

6. Program Coordinator

Each institution shall appoint a coordinator who will represent his/her organization to work with his/her counterpart to implement the cooperative programs listed above.

7. Terms of Agreement

This agreement shall be valid for four years from the date it is signed by the two institutions. Either party may terminate this Agreement by written notice to the other. Such termination will be effective **six (6)** months from the date of written notice. Should this occur, both institutions agree to carry out terms of the Agreement for any student currently participating under the agreement.

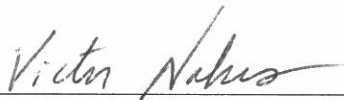
8. Changes to the Agreement

This Agreement may be modified, amended, or renewed by written consent of the parties signing below or by their legitimate successors.


This Agreement is signed in two original copies, one of which will be retained by each University.

**Signed for and on behalf of
The Catholic University of America,
Washington D.C., USA**

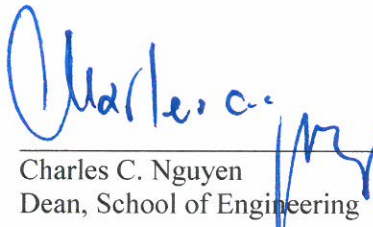
**Signed for and on behalf of
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