



**Agreement to Establish a Shared-Credit (4+1) Integrated Master's Program Between
The University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, USA and
Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Amrita University, India**

The Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) and Amrita University (AMRITA) agree to establish a Shared-Credit (4+1) Integrated Master's Degree called the UNM Global Engineering Scholars Program ("GES Program") as described below:

CLAUSE 1: OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a Shared-Credit Program at the UNM School of Engineering (SOE-UNM) that allows AMRITA students to count up to 9 hours of credit towards both a Bachelor of Technology degree from AMRITA and a Master of Science degree from UNM. The objectives of the GES Program are:

- a. To encourage collaborative research and intellectual interaction between the parties through the activities of the participating students and their advisors; and
- b. To educate students with rich and meaningful experiences across nations so they become competitive in a globalized market.

CLAUSE 2: STUDENT STATUS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. Students must be registered at their home universities on a full-time basis and must complete AMRITA coursework equivalent to 120 UNM credit hours before starting their UNM coursework.
- b. Students must apply to UNM as international students and be admitted under the generally applicable academic requirements, financial standards, application deadlines, application procedures, and language-proficiency requirements for international graduate students within UNM and each engineering department. UNM waives the GRE requirement for students applying to the GES Program.
- c. Students admitted to the GES Program will pay tuition and mandatory student fees only at UNM, which are set each spring for the upcoming academic year and are posted at <http://bursar.unm.edu>. Discounts on non-resident base tuition and mandatory fees are available to eligible cohort groups of 10 or more students who are affiliated with an academic or governmental institution. Discounts do not apply to the summer session, when all students pay resident base tuition and mandatory student fee rates, nor to differential tuition, course fees, or other applicable fees. See Appendix A. GES students will have the same opportunity as other UNM students to apply for graduate assistantships or financial assistance at UNM, subject to applicable laws and policies
- d. Students must buy health and accident insurance that meets UNM requirements and is valid in the U.S.A. for their entire stay, including travel days. It is strongly recommended that this insurance also be valid in any third countries the students may transit or visit. Students must pay any medical expenses that are not covered by insurance. This requirement can be waived for students whose own insurance coverage is reviewed and determined to meet UNM requirements.

- e. Students shall pay their own living, travel, and personal expenses, plus administrative fees charged to all incoming international students and applicable course fees.
- f. Students must meet all generally applicable UNM graduation requirements.
- g. Students shall comply with U.S. immigration law and other applicable laws.

CLAUSE 3: CREDIT-HOUR EQUIVALENCE

1 credit hour at UNM is equivalent to __1__ credit hour(s) at AMRITA.

CLAUSE 4: PhD DEGREES SOE-UNM

Students who complete the GES Program and wish to pursue a PhD degree at SOE-UNM must fulfill UNM's generally applicable requirements, including but not limited to the following:

- a. Master's Degree in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM) discipline.
- b. Complete the PhD-degree credit-hour requirements at SOE-UNM.
- c. Pass the PhD qualifying exams taken at SOE-UNM.
- d. Complete an 18-credit-hour PhD dissertation (including dissertation defense).

Each department may elect, upon request by the student, to offer financial aid to an admitted student on a case-by-case basis and according to the department's merit-selection criteria for offering financial aid.

CLAUSE 5: WITHDRAWALS FROM THE PROGRAM

- a. Students working to complete a four-year Bachelor of Technology degree at AMRITA who withdraw from the GES Program may transfer the credits they earn at UNM to AMRITA and apply them to their AMRITA B Tech degree.
- b. Students who have already completed a Bachelor of Technology degree at another institution but withdraw from the GES Program may seek to transfer the credits they earn at UNM to an engineering graduate degree program at another institution .

CLAUSE 6: PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

This program will be administered by a permanent, joint management committee, whose members are selected from the participating faculty from SOE-UNM and AMRITA.

CLAUSE 7: PROGRAM REVIEW

SOE-UNM and AMRITA agree to review the progress of this GES Program and suggest any needed modifications to the Program and/or this Agreement two years after its effective date, and every two years thereafter.

CLAUSE 8: COUNTERPARTS BY FACSIMILE OR EMAIL

This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which together shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. In the event that any signature is delivered by facsimile transmission or by e-mail delivery of a ".pdf" format data file, such signature shall create a valid and binding obligation of the party executing (or on whose behalf such signature is executed) with the same force and effect as if such facsimile or ".pdf" signature page were an original thereof.

CLAUSE 9: ADDITIONAL TERMS

- a. This Agreement will become effective upon signing by both parties for an initial term of five (5) years, and shall automatically renew for successive terms of five (5) years each, unless terminated in writing as provided below.
- b. This Agreement may be amended and/or modified in a writing signed by the parties' duly authorized representatives.
- c. Either party may terminate this Agreement by giving the other party at least six (6) months' written notice, but any AMRITA students who have already been accepted at UNM will not be affected and will be allowed to complete their studies, subject to any applicable UNM policies governing the time period for degree completion.
- d. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Mexico.
- e. Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer any rights, remedies, claims or interests upon a person not a party to this Agreement.
- f. This Agreement is signed in good faith and in accordance with the administrative rules and procedures governing each party. Therefore, any dispute that may arise concerning its interpretation and implementation will be resolved amicably through negotiations.

Both institutions declare the following addresses and contact persons for purposes of this Agreement:

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UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

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This document memorializes the parties' entire agreement. The parties shall sign two (2) originals of this Agreement, all contents being identical and equally valid. Each party shall retain one original.

AMRITA UNIVERSITY



Dr. P. Venkat Rangan
Vice Chancellor

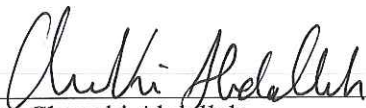
Date: 24/11/2015



Dr. Maneesha. V. Ramesh
Director, Amrita Center for International Programs

Date: 24/11/15

**REGENTS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO**



Dr. Chaouki Abdallah
Provost and Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs

Date: September 30, 2015



Dr. Joseph Cecchi
Dean, UNM School of Engineering

Date:

APPENDIX A

DISCOUNTED TUITION AND MANDATORY FEE RATES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

To promote understanding and goodwill, to strengthen cultural ties, and to broaden student experience and horizons, the UNM Board of Regents approved discounts (“Discounts”) to UNM’s non-resident base tuition and mandatory student fee rates (“Non-Resident Rates”) for international undergraduate and graduate students. The Discounts are available to the eligible student cohort groups described below that are affiliated with an academic or governmental institution.

UNM will consider the admission of all students subject to acceptance of their qualifications and availability of requested majors and/or non-degree courses or programs.

UNM colleges and schools offering the Discounts include:

Anderson School of Management
College of Arts & Sciences
College of Education
College of Fine Arts
Honors College

College of University Libraries & Learning Sciences
School of Engineering
School of Architecture & Planning
School of Public Administration
University College

Discounts are applied only to Non-Resident Rates for the fall and spring semesters. *Discounts do not apply to the summer session, when all students pay resident base tuition and mandatory student fee rates (“Resident Rates”), nor to differential tuition, course fees, or other student and program fees.*

Discounts are calculated with the following formula regardless of the number of credit hours taken each semester:

- a. $(\text{Non-Resident Rates} - \text{Resident Rates} = \text{Difference}) \times \text{Discount \%} = \text{Amount of Discount.}$
- b. $\text{Non-Resident Rates} - \text{Amount of Discount} = \text{Cohort Rate.}$

For undergraduate students the formula is applied to the tuition rate for 15 credit hours. For graduate students the formula is applied to the tuition rate for 12 credit hours. Rates are posted at <http://bursar.unm.edu>.

- a. 10-19 students: 25% discount
- b. 20-29 students: 37.5% discount
- c. 30-49 students: 50% discount
- d. 50+ students: 70% discount