



# AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH JOINT INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE ENGINEERING PROGRAMS BETWEEN THE UNIVERSIDAD CARLOS III DE MADRID (UC3M) AND THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO (UNM)

#### **ANTECEDENTS**

In accordance with the Agreement of Cultural and Academic Cooperation established between the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (UC3M) and the Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM), on October 23, 2013, UC3M, represented by its Rector, Daniel Peña Sánchez de Rivera, and UNM, represented by its Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Chaouki Abdallah, agree to enhance their relationship as described in the following clauses and conditions of this agreement, which restates and entirely replaces the May 12, 2014 agreement concerning the same subject matter.

#### CLAUSES

#### Clause 1: Objective

The purpose of this agreement is to establish Joint International Programs that facilitate students who are registered on a full-time basis at UC3M or at UNM to jointly pursue Masters degrees at the partner university. The objectives of the joint program are:

- 1.1 To encourage collaborative research and intellectual interaction between UC3M and UNM through the activities of the participating students and their advisors;
- 1.2 To enhance human-resource development at both institutions by sharing the strengths and resources available to UNM and UC3M; and
- 1.3 To establish a joint Masters Program in electrical engineering at UNM (MS-EE), and in telecommunications engineering (MTE) or multimedia and communications (MMC) at UC3M, as described in Annex 1.

#### Clause 2: Student Status

2.1 Students must be registered at their home universities on a full-time basis and must complete a minimum number of credit hours before they may apply to the partner university (see details below and in Annex 1).

- 2.2 Students must apply as international students and must be admitted under the normal academic requirements, financial standards, application deadlines, and language requirements at the host university and its college or department.
- 2.3 Students shall abide by applicable immigration laws and regulations.
- 2.4 Students shall pay for their own tuition and mandatory fees at the host university, and will have the same options to apply for graduate assistantships or financial assistance as do other international graduate students, subject to applicable laws and policies governing the host university. Tuition and fees are subject to annual review and adjustment.
- 2.5 Students shall pay any special course, recreation, administrative, or lab fees at the host university.
- 2.6 Students shall pay for health insurance and any other insurance that that meets the host university's requirements. The host university will offer assistance with health insurance enrollment. All students must provide documentary proof of coverage to the host university. Insurance purchases can be waived for students whose current insurance coverage is reviewed by the host university and determined to meet host university requirements.
- 2.7 Students shall pay any medical costs that are not covered by health insurance.
- 2.8 Students shall pay for their own living, travel, and personal expenses. The host university's international programs office will help students locate appropriate housing on campus or off campus, as applicable.
- 2.9 No more than two calendar months after completing the Program:
  - a. UC3M students must visit <a href="http://registrar.unm.edu/Transcripts/request-online.html">http://registrar.unm.edu/Transcripts/request-online.html</a> to request that their transcript be transmitted directly to UC3M.
  - b. UNM students must contact the international office at UC3M to request that their transcript be transmitted directly to UNM.
  - c. All students shall provide course syllabi to their home university at the beginning of each semester.

#### **Clause 3: Masters Degree Program**

The Program is open to Master's students from UNM and UC3M, who will study one year at their home university and one year at the host university to earn the Joint Degree. UNM and UC3M will assess the qualifications of Program candidates. The host university will respect the home university's nomination of students, but the admission of a student to the Program is the prerogative of the host university. UC3M and UNM reserve the right to determine the dates by which students must be selected in order to guarantee the efficient processing of their applications. The host university will provide an orientation session, academic counseling at registration and as needed thereafter, and an academic advisor for each student.

Annex 1 lists the courses required for each Joint Masters Degree. UC3M will offer some courses in English and some courses in Spanish. The Parties agree to consider offering internships as part of the Program. On-line graduate courses will be accepted to meet Program requirements, subject to the policies and procedures of the university that provides the on-line courses, and of the university that is asked to grant credit for the on-line courses.

#### Clause 4: Application/Transfer of Credit to Partner University

The application or transfer of credits toward a Masters degree at UNM must adhere to the policy described in the University Catalog (http://registrar.unm.edu/UNM%20Catalog/index.html).

- 4.1 Course work must have carried graduate credit.
- 4.2 Course work must be from an accredited institution.
- 4.3 Students transferring a course to UNM must have obtained the equivalent of a grade "B" or better. Students transferring a course to UC3M must have obtained the equivalent of a grade "5" or better.
- 4.4 Course work and grades must be listed on the Program of Study form.
- 4.5 Upon completion of required course work and thesis or dissertation, students shall receive one degree from each of the partner universities.

#### Clause 5: Credit-Hour Equivalency

1 credit hour at UNM is equivalent to 2 ECTS credit hours at UC3M.

#### Clause 6. Program Administration

The academic requirements of this agreement will be administered by a permanent, joint management committee whose members are selected from the Parties' participating faculty.

#### Clause 7: Program Review

Every two years after this agreement is signed the management committee will review the progress of this joint program and suggest modifications to this agreement if needed. Any changes shall be approved at UNM by the Dean of the School of Engineering, the Faculty Senate Graduate Committee, and the Provost, and at UC3M by the Rector.

#### Clause 8: Term, Renewal, Modification, and Termination

- 8.1 This agreement is signed in duplicate. The coordinators at each university or their designees shall keep a copy of the agreement and any addendums.
- 8.2 This agreement shall become effective for an initial term of seven years from the date of the last signature by the Parties' duly authorized representatives. It may be renewed or modified in writing by the Parties' duly authorized representatives. However, the joint management committee may modify Annex 1 as needed from time to time in the normal course of the committee's oversight of academic requirements without the need to modify the clauses of this agreement.
- Either party may terminate this agreement by giving the other party at least six (6) months' written notice, but any students who have already been accepted into the Program will not be affected and will be allowed to complete their studies, subject to any applicable policies governing the time period for degree completion.

Both institutions declare the following addresses and contact persons for the Program:

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In accordance, we sign two identical and equally valid originals of this Specific Agreement. UNIVERSIDAD CARLOS I/I DE MADRID THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO Juan Romo Urroz, Rector Dr. Chaouki Abdallah, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic **Affairs** Date: October 7/2015 Date: 2 2/2015 Dr. Melinda Tinkte, Chair Dr. Jennifer Thocher Faculty Senate Graduate Committee Date: 5/21/15. Dr. Joseph Cecchi, Dean School of Engineering Date: 5/7/2015 Dr. Jane Lehr, Chair **ECE** Department

Date: April 28, 2015

## Annex 1 – Courses Required for the Joint Master's Degree: MS-EE from UNM and MTE or MMC from UC3M

The students will obtain two Master degrees:

- 1) Master of Science in Electrical Engineering (MS-EE) from UNM, and
- 2) Master in Telecommunication Engineering (MTE) or Master in Multimedia and Communications (MMC) from UC3M

#### Curriculum for students starting at UC3M in the MTE Program

#### First year at UC3M: 60 ECTS

Design and operation of communication networks
Advanced multimedia services
Design of electronic circuits for communications
Radiofrequency subsystems and antennas
Data Processing
Design of telematic applications
Electronic instrumentation and optoelectronics
Design and simulation of communication systems
Advanced techniques for signal processing in communications
Project management and telecommunications regulation

#### Second year at UNM: 19 credit hours

ECE 540. Advanced Networking Topics (3 credits)

ECE 512. Advanced Image Synthesis (3 credits)

The above two courses cover the competencies of the required UC3M course called "Multidisciplinary applications of information and communication technologies." Alternatively, two other courses with similar multidisciplinary content may be chosen with approval of the UNM and UC3M Program coordinators. If students cannot take ECE 540 and ECE 512 or two equivalent courses, they must take "Multidisciplinary applications of information and communication technologies" at UC3M.

Two additional elective courses from ECE 5xx or 6xx (6 credits)

ECE 590. Graduate Seminar. (1 credit)

ECE 599. Master's Thesis. (6 credits)

#### Curriculum for students starting at UC3M in the MMC Program

First year at UC3M: 30 ECTS

5 courses to be chosen from the MMC curriculum

#### Second year at UNM:

4 core courses in a chosen specialty (12 credits)

ECE 599. Master's Thesis. (6 credits)

If UC3M nominates students to the Joint Degree Program when they are admitted to the MMC degree program, the students can complete 30 ECTS at UC3M in one semester and 18 credit hours at UNM in the following semester, thereby obtaining the Joint Degree in one year. Alternatively, UC3M students may complete 60 ECTS at UC3M followed by an International Complement consisting of 18 credit hours at UNM to obtain the Joint Degree.

#### Curriculum for students starting at UNM in the MTE program

First year at UNM: 30 credits

The courses depend on the chosen specialty as follows:

#### Systems & Controls

ECE 500 Theory of Linear Systems

ECE 541 Probability Theory & Stochastic Processes

ECE 546 Multivariable Control Theory

ECE 523 / 421. Analog Electronics

ECE 569 / 469. Antennas for Wireless Communications Systems

ECE 536. Computer System Software

ECE 570. Optoelectronic Semiconductor Materials and Devices

ECE 539. Digital Signal Processing

ECE 540. Advanced Networking Topics

ECE 538. Advanced Computer Architecture

#### Signal Processing

ECE 500 Theory of Linear Systems

ECE 541 Probability Theory & Stochastic Processes

ECE 539 Digital Signal Processing

ECE 523 / 421. Analog Electronics

ECE 569 / 469. Antennas for Wireless Communications Systems

ECE 547. Neural Networks

ECE 536. Computer System Software

ECE 570. Optoelectronic Semiconductor Materials and Devices

ECE 540. Advanced Networking Topics

ECE 538. Advanced Computer Architecture

#### **Image Processing**

- ECE 533 Digital Image Processing
- ECE 541 Probability Theory & Stochastic Processes
- ECE 539 Digital Signal Processing
- ECE 523 / 421. Analog Electronics
- ECE 569 / 469. Antennas for Wireless Communications Systems
- ECE 547. Neural Networks
- ECE 536. Computer System Software
- ECE 570. Optoelectronic Semiconductor Materials and Devices
- ECE 540. Advanced Networking Topics
- ECE 538. Advanced Computer Architecture

#### Communications

- ECE 500 Theory of Linear Systems
- ECE 541 Probability Theory & Stochastic Processes
- ECE 542 Digital Communications Theory
- ECE 523 / 421. Analog Electronics
- ECE 569 / 469. Antennas for Wireless Communications Systems
- ECE 547. Neural Networks
- ECE 536. Computer System Software
- ECE 570. Optoelectronic Semiconductor Materials and Devices
- ECE 540. Advanced Networking Topics
- ECE 538. Advanced Computer Architecture

#### **Optoelectronics**

- ECE 561 Electrodynamics
- ECE 570 Optoelectronic Semiconductor Materials & Devices
- ECE 572 Physics of Semiconductors
- ECE 523 / 421. Analog Electronics
- ECE 569 / 469. Antennas for Wireless Communications Systems
- ECE 547. Neural Networks
- ECE 536. Computer System Software
- ECE 539. Digital Signal Processing
- ECE 540. Advanced Networking Topics
- ECE 538. Advanced Computer Architecture

#### Applied Electromagnetics

ECE 561 Electrodynamics

ECE 560 Intro. to Microwave Engineering

ECE 569 Antennas for Wireless Communications

ECE 523 / 421. Analog Electronics

ECE 547. Neural Networks

ECE 536. Computer System Software

ECE 570. Optoelectronic Semiconductor Materials and Devices

ECE 539. Digital Signal Processing

ECE 540. Advanced Networking Topics

ECE 538. Advanced Computer Architecture

#### Microelectronics

ECE 520 VLSI Design

ECE 523 Analog Electronics

ECE 576 Modern VLSI Devices

ECE 569 / 469. Antennas for Wireless Communications Systems

ECE 547. Neural Networks

ECE 536. Computer System Software

ECE 570. Optoelectronic Semiconductor Materials and Devices

ECE 539. Digital Signal Processing

ECE 540. Advanced Networking Topics

ECE 538. Advanced Computer Architecture

#### Power and Energy

ECE 582 Electric Drives and Transformers

ECE 584 Photovoltaics

ECE 588 Future Energy Systems

ECE 523 / 421. Analog Electronics

ECE 569 / 469. Antennas for Wireless Communications Systems

ECE 547. Neural Networks

ECE 536. Computer System Software

ECE 539. Digital Signal Processing

ECE 540. Advanced Networking Topics

ECE 538. Advanced Computer Architecture

If any of these courses has not been taken by the student he or she may take an equivalent one at UC3M in addition to second-year requirements.

#### Second year at UC3M: 36 ECTS

Advanced multimedia services (\*)

Design and simulation of communication systems (\*)

Project management and telecommunications regulation

Multidisciplinary applications of information and communication technologies (\*\*)

Master's Thesis

(\*) Some of these courses may be offered in Spanish only

(\*\*) If the student has taken ECE 512 and ECE 540 at UNM he or she need not take this course and may choose any other 6 ECTS to reach the total required number of ECTS.

#### Curriculum for students starting at UNM in the MMC program

#### First year at UNM: 15 credits

3 core courses according to the chosen specialty (9 credits)

Two additional courses to choose from ECE 5xx or 6xx (6 credits)

#### Second year at UC3M: 30 ECTS

3 courses (18 ECTS) to choose from the following:

Digital Signal Processing Applications

Information Theory

**Data Processing** 

Advanced Signal Processing

Speech and Audio Processing

**Digital Communications** 

Signal Processing in Communications

Multimedia Information Management

Image and Video Processing

Applications of Data Processing

**Broadband Communications** 

High Frequency Technology

**Advanced Communications** 

Master's Thesis (12 ECTS)

### Content equivalencies for UNM students obtaining the MTE at UC3M

The following MTE courses at UC3M are equivalent to the UNM courses listed below with respect to the competencies acquired by students.

UC3M	UNM				
Design and operation of communication	540. Advanced Networking Topics and				
networks	538. Advanced Computer Architecture				
Design of electronic circuits for	523 / 421. Analog Electronics				
communications					
Radiofrequency subsystems and antennas	569 / 469. Antennas for Wireless				
Radiofrequency subsystems and antennas	Communications Systems				
	ECE500 Theory of Linear Systems (Fall) and				
	ECE541 Probability Theory & Stochastic				
	Processes (Fall) and				
	ECE546 Multivariable Control Theory				
	(Spring)				
Data Processing	or				
	547 Neural Networks				
	or				
	595-013 Machine Learning				
	or				
	595-009 Advanced Machine Learning				
Design of telematic applications	536. Computer System Software				
Electronic instrumentation and	570. Optoelectronic Semiconductor Materials				
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Advanced techniques for signal	539. Digital Signal Processing				
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