

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

The University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, USA

and

The University of Thessaly, Volos, GREECE

The parties to this Memorandum are :

- [1] **The University of New Mexico**, MSC06 3850, Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001 USA (1-505-277-4032); email: intlagreements@unm.edu, website: <http://geo.unm.edu>, legally represented by Nicole Tami, Executive Director of Global Education Initiatives, and
- [2] **The University of Thessaly**, Volos, 38221 Volos, (+30 24210 74507 & 74538); email: vrec-int@uth.gr, website: www.uth.gr, legally represented by Spyros A. Karamanos, Professor and Vice-Rector of International Relations, Outreach & Lifelong Education.

Whereas, the above two parties believe that international understanding, educational opportunities for their students, and professional opportunities for their faculty and staff would be enhanced by this Memorandum; and

Whereas, the parties are linked by common academic and research interests; and

Whereas, the purpose of this Memorandum is to establish a framework for cooperation between:

- A. **The School of Engineering of the University of New Mexico**, which is managed as its educational unit by Donna Riley, Dean of Engineering and Computing, who signs this in this capacity to certify her knowledge of its content,
- B. **The School of Engineering of the University of Thessaly**, which is managed as its educational unit by Eftihia Nathanail, Professor and Dean of Engineering, who signs this in this capacity to certify her knowledge of its content and
- C. **The School of Sciences of the University of Thessaly**, which is managed as its educational unit by Vassilis Plagianakos, Professor and Dean of Sciences, who signs this in this capacity to certify his knowledge of its content.

Now, therefore, the parties agree as follows:

1. Types of Cooperation

- 1.1 The parties are willing in principle to cooperate on various activities of the above-mentioned educational structures, such as:



- a. Hosting of short-term study abroad undergraduate and graduate students in of the above-mentioned educational structures of both universities;
 - b. Collaborative research, courses, conferences, seminars, symposia, and lectures;
 - c. Exchange of publications, reports, and other academic information;
 - d. Reciprocal exchange of students (undergraduate and graduate), faculty, and staff;
 - e. Collaborative professional development;
 - f. Conduct Research and Development (R&D) projects, mainly sponsored by external funding sources and training activities;
 - g. Enrollment of degree-seeking students;
 - h. Establishment of undergraduate, graduate and possibly postgraduate programs partnerships in the field of engineering and science (double or articulation postgraduate degrees);
 - i. Other activities as mutually agreed.
- 1.2 This Memorandum shall be identified as the parent document of any specific program agreement between the parties. Each type of cooperation shall proceed according to the terms and conditions of a specific program agreement. Each specific program agreement shall memorialize all the commitments made by each party and shall not become effective until it has been reduced to writing, approved, and signed by the parties' duly authorized representatives.
- 1.3 The scope of activities under this Memorandum shall be determined by the funds available at both institutions for the collaboration described in each specific program agreement, and by the related funds obtained by either institution from external sources. Each institution shall be responsible for all expenses incurred by its employees under this Memorandum, except as may be stipulated in any specific program agreement.

2. Term, Renewal, Amendment, Termination and Dispute Resolution

- 2.1 This Memorandum shall become effective for an initial term of five (5) years from the date of the last digital signature by the parties' duly authorized representatives and shall automatically renew for successive five-year terms unless terminated as provided below.
- 2.2 This Memorandum may be amended and/or modified in a writing signed by the parties' duly authorized representatives.
- 2.3 Either party may terminate this Memorandum by giving the other party at least 180 days' written notice, but any students who have been accepted at either university at the date of termination may complete their courses of study, and any collaborative project in progress at the date of termination may be completed as specified in the pertinent specific program agreement. Termination shall be without penalty.
- 2.4 This Memorandum 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.
- 2.5 This document memorializes the parties' entire agreement. The parties shall sign two (2) originals of this Memorandum. Each party shall retain one original.



3. Digital signature hereof

Each party agrees that this MoU may be digitally/electronically signed, and that any electronic signatures appearing on this MoU are the same as handwritten signatures for the purposes of validity, enforceability, and admissibility.

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4. Notices

All notices required hereunder shall be in writing and delivered by a duly authorized representative of the party giving the notice and sent by email transmission to the addresses below. Either party may change its email address for notice purposes by providing prior written notice to the other party. Any notice sent by email shall be deemed to have been delivered at the time of confirmation of receipt.

AS WITNESS:

The Parties have caused this MoU to be duly signed by the undersigned authorised representatives & the administrators of their special educational structures that provide the present:

1.a	The University of New Mexico	Nicole Tami Executive Director of Global Education Initiatives	Nicole Tami Digitally signed by Nicole Tami Date: 2024.01.03 11:31:28 -07'00'
1.b	The School of Engineering of the University of New Mexico	Donna Riley Dean of Engineering and Computing	Donna Riley Digitally signed by Donna Riley Date: 2024.01.04 16:16:38 -07'00'
2.a	The University of Thessaly	Spyros A. Karamanos, Professor and Vice-Rector of International Relations, Outreach & Lifelong Education.	SPYRIDON KARAMANOS SPYRIDON KARAMANOS 30.11.2023 12:33
2.b	The School of Engineering of the University of Thessaly	Eftihia Nathanail, Professor and Dean of Engineering	
2.c	The School of Sciences of the University of Thessaly	Vassilis Plagianakos, Professor and Dean of Sciences	VASILEIOS PLAGIANAKOS 28/11/2023 12:01

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