



**Agreement to Establish a Shared-Credit (4+1) Master's Program Between  
The University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, USA and  
Universidad de Ingeniería y Tecnología - UTECH, Lima, Perú.**

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The Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) and Universidad de Ingeniería y Tecnología - (UTECH) agree to establish a Shared-Credit (4+1) 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 UTECH students to count up to 9 hours of credit towards both a Bachelor of Science degree from UTECH 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 UTECH 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, and language-proficiency requirements for international graduate students within 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 by the UNM Board of Regents and are posted at <http://bursar.unm.edu/tuition-info/tuition-and-fees.html>. They 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. Admitted students will not pay tuition and fees to NU while they are enrolled in the GES Program.
- 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 applicable special course fees, lab fees, recreation fees, and administrative fees charged to all incoming international students.
- f. Students must meet all generally applicable UNM graduation requirements.
- g. Students shall comply with U.S. immigration law and other applicable laws.

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**CLAUSE 3: CREDIT-HOUR EQUIVALENCE**

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

**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. Have 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 five-year Bachelor of Science degree at UTEC who withdraw from the GES Program may transfer the credits they earn at UNM to UTEC and apply them to their UTEC degree.
- b. Students who have already completed a Bachelor of Science 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 UTEC.

**CLAUSE 7: PROGRAM REVIEW**

SOE-UNM and UTEC 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: ADDITIONAL TERMS**

- a. This Agreement will become effective upon signing by both parties 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 UTEC 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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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.

**UNIVERSIDAD DE INGENIERIA Y  
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General Manager Director

Date: 09/17/14

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Date: 09/18/14

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