

## **Sino-US Co-operation Agreement for Dual Degree Program**

### **Fayetteville State University and Hebei Normal University**

1. Fayetteville State University is hereafter referred to as FSU, and Hebei Normal University is hereafter referred to as HNU.
2. FSU and HNU, authorized and entrusted by their universities separately, on the basis of mutual benefits, advantageous exchange, and co-development, hereby make the following agreement on cooperation in establishing a dual degree program in “Mathematics and Applied Mathematics” and “Computer Science.”
3. FSU and HNU do hereby agree that the length of the dual degree program is at least four (4) years, which shall consist of eight (8) semesters that can be divided into two (2) stages. During the first stage lasting for three (3) years encompassing semesters 1 through 6, students will study the common basic and professional basic courses at HNU. During the second stage lasting for one (1) year or year 4 encompassing semesters 7 and 8, students will continue studying at least 30 remaining credit hours of computer science undergraduate courses at FSU.
4. FSU and HNU do hereby agree to establish a United Management Committee (UMC) consisting of four faculty members and one administrator from each university. The UMC shall be charged with organizing a four-year curriculum plan to allow the students to enroll in at least 30 credits of required computer science courses during the second stage of study. The UMC will hold a meeting at least once a year, and each side should have at least three (3) members attending the meeting.
5. FSU and HNU do hereby agree that upon completion of all the courses according to the procedures set forth in paragraph 3, specifically the first three-year stage and the second one-year stage, students from HNU can receive diplomas for undergraduate study and a Bachelor’s degree in “Mathematics and Applied Mathematics” granted by HNU, and a Bachelor’s degree in “Computer Science” granted by FSU.
6. HNU does hereby agree to recruit only well-qualified students. Only students who passed the entrance examination for HNU that year can meet the requirements for enrollment. The undergraduate students must have a TOEFL score at or above the minimum requirements set by FSU before coming to FSU.
7. FSU does hereby agree to admit qualified students that are enrolled in the program to be educated for at least one year during the second stage of study to earn a bachelor’s degree in computer science. Students who successfully complete the first stage of study will be reviewed by the UMC. In addition, the committee will be responsible for recommending student enrollment to FSU to continue the second stage of study. The number of students coming to FSU for

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the second stage of study will be mutually agreed upon by FSU and HNU. Students shall meet all admission and registration requirements for international students, as described in the current FSU undergraduate catalog.

8. FSU and HNU do hereby agree that students who are not able to obtain a U.S. visa for the second stage of study at FSU will remain at HNU to complete the Bachelor's degree in "Mathematics and Applied Mathematics". FSU will not be obligated to issue a degree under such circumstances.
9. FSU does hereby agree to assist HNU in resolving any individual questions or problems that might arise regarding the application and/or registration process, subject to published deadline dates.
10. FSU does hereby agree to accept the transfer credits from HNU for courses designated by the UMC.
11. FSU and HNU do hereby agree that HNU students entering second stage of study at FSU shall be fully responsible for the payment of tuition and fees to FSU at the current rate, book costs, living expenses, travel, and any other expenses that may arise during their stay at FSU. HNU also agrees to advise each student to purchase appropriate medical insurance as required by FSU.
12. FSU does hereby agree to send faculty during summer and/or winter breaks on a voluntary basis to teach 2- to 3-week condensed courses. Tuition and fees for such courses shall be paid to HNU at its current rate by students enrolled in these courses. Payment of living, travel, and any other expenses, including faculty salary for teaching such courses, shall be the full responsibility of HNU.
13. FSU does hereby agree that the Assistant Vice Chancellor for International Education and the Chair of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science will direct the HNU students to the appropriate offices for academic advice and their living arrangements while enrolled at FSU.
14. In order to have the earned credits applied to the dual degree program, students enrolled in this program must request FSU to send a final transcript indicating credits earned to HNU. FSU does hereby agree to provide HNU with information concerning the academic performance of these particular students.
15. This agreement will be subject to annual review at both institutions. Either party may terminate this agreement at any time by giving at least one (1) year's notice in writing to the other party. If either party ends this agreement ahead of time for whatever reasons, both parties shall be responsible for the education and cultivation of those students who are enrolled in this program at the time of termination according to this agreement until all the cultivation tasks are fulfilled, and the corresponding degrees are granted.

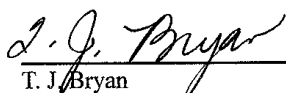
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This agreement shall be effective for a period of five years, starting on the day of signing by the Chancellor of FSU and President of HNU.

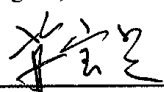
Further details of this cooperative agreement shall be collaborated upon through mutual consultation.

The representatives of Fayetteville State University and Hebei Normal University, by jointly signing this cooperative agreement for establishing a DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM, do hereby affirm their strong belief in the fact that the newly established relationship between the two institutions will greatly benefit students in the future.

This agreement is prepared in Chinese and English, and both are equally binding.

  
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T. J. Bryan  
Chancellor  
Fayetteville State University

2006/07/06  
Date

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Su Baorong  
President  
Hebei Normal University

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