



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Dhanekula Institute of Engineering and Technology,

Gangur, India

AND

University of Silicon Andhra,

California, USA

FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ACADEMIC COOPERATION

The general objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to stimulate and facilitate the development of collaborative and mutually beneficial programs which serve to enhance the intellectual life and cultural development on both campuses, and to contribute to increased international cooperation. Thus, ***Dhanekula Institute of Engineering and Technology (DIET)*** and ***University of Silicon Andhra (UofSA)*** have agreed that in support of their mutual interests in the field of education and research:

1. The two educational institutions will:

- a) Cooperate in the exchange of information relating to their activities in teaching and research in fields of mutual interest. In the event any confidential information is exchanged, the parties will enter into confidentiality agreements, as appropriate, prior to the exchange of information.
- b) Promote appropriate joint academic projects and joint courses of study for the purpose of upskilling, with particular emphasis on student learning outcomes.
- c) Endeavor to encourage students and staff to spend periods of time at the other party's university (the "Host University"), when appropriate. The exchange of students / faculty will be dependent on the execution of a formal Student/Faculty Exchange Agreement prior to commencement of this activity.
- d) Conduct short courses, as mutually agreed in writing between the parties prior to commencement of this activity.
- e) Conduct cultural projects, as mutually agreed in writing between the parties prior to commencement of this activity.
- f) Conduct study tours, as mutually agreed in writing between the parties prior to commencement of this activity.

2. The two Educational Institutions will facilitate the exchange of graduate students. Such exchanges may take place for a period normally of one academic year fulfilling norms of regulating bodies from both ends (or at least one term or semester). The academic standing of such students shall be determined by the Host University. Exchange students will be accorded the rights and privileges of students in the host country in accordance with the regulations of the Host University relating to students and will be admitted under the terms and conditions relevant to the Host University. Accreditation for the academic work carried out by a graduate student during the period of study at the Host University will be at the discretion of the student's home university.



3. The parties will work to develop an articulation agreement between *UofSA* and *DIET* so that students who graduate with a bachelor's degree from *DIET* may apply for admission to selected graduate degree programs at *UofSA*.
4. Admission to a specific department or course is subject only to a student being satisfactorily qualified for the chosen area of study and to the availability of resources in the period for which admission is sought.
5. The aim of the Memorandum of Understanding shall be to document the parties' common intentions to achieve a broad balance in the respective contributions and benefits of the collaboration, and the MOU shall be subject to periodic review by both Universities. This MOU is not legally binding, and as such, it does not give rise to any legal liability.
6. In the implementation of specific cooperative programs, a written agreement covering all relevant aspects, including funding and the obligations to be undertaken by each party, will be negotiated, mutually agreed, and formalized in writing, prior to the commencement of the program.
7. This MOU will be in effect from the date as of which it has been signed by duly authorized representatives of both parties. It will remain in effect until either party terminates it. A party may terminate this MOU by providing a written notice of termination to the other party that is signed by a duly authorized representative of the party giving notice. Any notice of termination shall specify a date of termination that is no less than three (3) months after the date of the notice. Any amendments to this MOU must be in writing and signed by duly authorized representatives of both parties.

The undersigned, being duly authorized representatives of the university for which they are signing, hereby sign their consent to this MOU.

SIGNATURES

Signed to, and on behalf of
behalf of

University of Silicon Andhra

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Raju Chamarthi, Provost

Date: 29-11-2021

Provost
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Signed for and on

Dhanekula Institute of Engineering and Technology

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D K R K Ravi Prasad, Director

Date: 29-11-2021