**DUAL OR SHARED DEGREE PROGRAM AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

**COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**

**AND**

**NAME OF OTHER INSTITUTION**

This Dual or Shared Degree Program Agreement (“**Agreement**”) is entered into on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ (“**Effective Date**”) and is between Iowa State University of Science and Technology, 1550 Beardshear Hall, Ames, IA 50011 USA (“**ISU**”) and name of other institution and address (“**UX**”).

# PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to allow qualifying students from UX to transfer to ISU for the purpose of obtaining the following degree:

A. Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in the following areas:

* + - Aerospace Engineering
    - Chemical Engineering
    - Civil Engineering
    - Cyber Security Engineering
    - Construction Engineering
    - Electrical Engineering
    - Environmental Engineering
    - Computer Engineering
    - Software Engineering
    - Industrial Engineering
    - Mechanical Engineering

B. Master of Engineering (M.Eng.) or Master of Science (M.S.) in the following areas:

* + - Aerospace Engineering
    - Chemical and Biological Engineering
    - Civil Engineering and Environmental Engineering
    - Electrical and Computer Engineering
    - Mechanical Engineering
    - Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering

D. PhD

The degree selected above shall be awardedfrom ISU, and qualifying students shall be allowed to transfer credit for courses taken at ISU to UX so that the qualifying students may also obtain a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ degree in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_from UX (“**Program**”). This Agreement also serves as an Educational Program Agreement as required by the Memorandum of Cooperation and Understanding entered into by the parties on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

# PROGRAM COORDINATORS; COMMUNICATION

The Program Coordinator for each institution shall be:

For ISU: name and contact information

For UX: name and contact information

Each party shall communicate in a timely manner with the other party’s Program Coordinator regarding matters relating to this Program, including but not limited to any student emergency, disciplinary problem or academic problem.

# TERM AND TERMINATION

The term of this Agreement shall begin on the Effective Date and shall continue for a period of five years. Either party may earlier terminate this Agreement by giving not less than 90 days prior notice to the other party. Early termination of the Agreement will not alter the responsibility of the parties to carry out the terms of the Agreement with respect to any students who are participating in the Program at the time notice of termination is provided.

# PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

## Selection of Participants

## UX shall nominate UX students for admission to the Program. Each year, UX shall provide a list of nominated students to ISU by insert date. Each nominated student must satisfy the admission and course requirements set forth in Addendum A. ISU reserves the right to change the admission and course requirements. ISU shall notify UX as per Section XII of this Agreement of any changes to the admission and course requirements.

ISU reserves the right to make the final admission decision with respect to each nominated student. ISU shall notify UX by insert date each year of its admission decisions.

UX will continue to monitor the eligibility of admitted students as they complete their studies at UX and notify ISU if any admitted student becomes ineligible to study at ISU.

## Degree Requirements and Conferral

The requirements for the degree identified in Section I from ISU are set forth in Addendum A. ISU shall award the degree to UX students who successfully complete all degree requirements.

UX shall award the degree identified in Section I to students who successfully fulfill the degree requirements of UX. UX shall accept the courses set forth in Addendum A, successfully completed at ISU, for transfer toward the degree from UX.

Both parties reserve the right to change their respective degree requirements. A party shall notify the other party as per Section XII of this Agreement of any changes to its degree requirements. The Parties agree that such changes will not impact any students who are participating in the Program at the time such notice is provided.

# STUDENT SERVICES AND FINANCES

## Access to Resources

ISU shall provide UX students in the Program access to the same facilities and services available to other similarly-situated students at ISU. The obligations of ISU set forth in this Agreement are limited to UX students and do not extend to dependents.

## Housing

UX students in the Program are responsible for arranging their housing while attending ISU. ISU shall provide information to UX students regarding any on-campus housing opportunities. ISU does not guarantee that housing on-campus will be available. Where ISU housing accommodations are available, UX students must complete the relevant housing accommodation application by ISU’s stipulated deadline and pay the standard rate for housing. ISU housing is restricted to UX students only and do not extend to dependents of UX students. ISU represents that student housing accommodations meet or exceed local standards.

## Visas

# ISU shall provide UX students in the Program with assistance and documents needed to apply for appropriate nonimmigrant visas for their study period at ISU. ISU does not guarantee the issuance of the required student visa by the United States of America.

## Health Insurance

ISU shall automatically enroll UX students in the Program in ISU’s Student and Scholar Health Insurance Program. UX students are responsible for paying the applicable premium and must maintain health insurance throughout their participation in the Program.

## Finances

UX students in the Program are responsible for timely payment of ISU international tuition (including the experiential learning tuition rate for certain majors and classifications) and fees, special course fees, Student and Scholar Health Insurance Program premiums, textbooks, course materials and supplies, housing, meals, passport and visa expenses and living and miscellaneous expenses. Expenses of dependents are the responsibility of UX students.

# STUDENT CONDUCT; INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

# UX students in the Program shall be subject to applicable ISU policies and rules and to applicable laws and regulations issued by government entities, including those that pertain to immigration. ISU reserves the right to dismiss UX students for violating ISU policies and rules or applicable laws in the United States. UX students dismissed from the Program must immediately depart the United States at their own expense. The dismissal of a UX student from ISU shall not abrogate this Agreement nor the arrangements regarding other UX students.

If a UX student engages in a research project with an ISU faculty member that results in the creation or development of intellectual property, the ownership of the intellectual property shall be determined in accordance with ISU policy and the requirements of any third-party sponsor of the research project. If faculty from ISU and UX should desire to collaborate on a research project, ISU and UX shall enter into a separate written agreement that sets forth the scope of the collaboration and the ownership of any intellectual property that may result from the project, seeking to preserve the amicable relationship between the institutions, subject to the terms of the current specific legislation in each country involved.

# TRANSCRIPT; STUDENT RECORDS

At the conclusion of each UX student’s participation in the Program at ISU and to the extent permitted by law, ISU shall send UX an official transcript of credits and grades for the UX student. Each party shall use records of UX students only to the extent necessary to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement and hold such records in strict confidence. Neither institution may disclose such records except as required by this Agreement, as required by law or as otherwise authorized in writing by the student. An institution may disclose such records to its employees with a need-to-know so long as the institution requires such employees to abide by the terms of this Agreement.

The Parties agree that all personal data will be properly collected, stored, processed, secured, archived or destroyed in compliance with Federal, State and applicable international privacy laws, such as the EU General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR). The Parties further agree to mutually cooperate to formalize any additional agreements regarding the transfer of personal data required by any such law.

# PROMOTION; USE OF NAMES AND TRADEMARKS

# Each party grants, for the term of this Agreement, a limited, non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use its name and designated trademark(s) (the “Trademarks”) to the other party solely for the promotion of the Program. Each time a party reproduces and/or republishes the other party’s Trademarks it shall do so in a form identical to that provided by each party, without alteration. Each party shall use the other party’s Trademarks in a careful and prudent manner. Except as otherwise set forth in this paragraph, no party shall use the other party’s Trademarks without prior written consent of the other party. The parties acknowledge by this Agreement that they acquire no right, title or interest in and to the other party’s Trademarks other than to use the Trademarks in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. A party may not assign, transfer or sublicense its right to use the other party’s Trademarks without the prior written consent of other party. Requests for consent pertaining to ISU Trademarks shall be emailed to the ISU Trademark Licensing Office at [trademark@iastate.edu](mailto:trademark@iastate.edu).

# EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

# In connection with this Agreement, neither party shall discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, age, sex, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, disability, status as a U.S. veteran or other legally protected status.

# LIABILITY

To the extent permitted by applicable law, each party to this Agreement shall be responsible for the liabilities arising out of its own conduct and the conduct of its officers, employees and agents.

# DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The parties shall make a good faith effort to obtain an amicable resolution in the event of a dispute relating to this Agreement.

# NOTICE

# Notices relating to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered by an internationally recognized carrier (e.g. Federal Express) or by e-mail to the other party at the address set forth below. Notice shall be deemed effective upon receipt.

Notices to ISU:

Dr. Ann Marie VanDerZanden

Associate Provost for Academic Programs

1550 Beardshear  
515 Morrill Rd  
Ames, IA 50011-2103 USA

Email: [vanderza@iastate.edu](mailto:vanderza@iastate.edu)

Notices to UX:

name and contact information

# ENTIRE AGREEMENT; MODIFICATION

This Agreement (including any Addenda attached to this Agreement) is the entire contract between the parties. Unless otherwise specified in this Agreement, this Agreement supersedes all prior contracts or agreements between the parties relating to the Program. No modification of this Agreement will be effective unless it is in writing and signed by the parties.

# WAIVER

A failure to enforce provisions of this Agreement in whole or part will not negate the Agreement or constitute a waiver to subsequently enforce the provisions at a future time.

# SEVERABILITY

If a court determines a provision of this Agreement is unenforceable, the provision shall be amended to the minimum extent necessary to render it enforceable. If such amendment is not possible, then the provision shall be disregarded and the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in effect. If, however, amending or disregarding the provision deprives a party of a material benefit intended to be conferred by this Agreement, then this Agreement shall be deemed terminated.

# ASSIGNMENT

This Agreement may not be assigned or transferred by either party without the prior written consent of the other party, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

# RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES

The parties are independent contractors. This Agreement does not create a partnership, franchise, joint venture, agency, or fiduciary or employment relationship between the parties. There are no third-party beneficiaries to this Agreement.

# FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party shall be deemed in default of this Agreement or liable for damages if its performance of any obligation under this Agreement is prevented or delayed by causes beyond its reasonable control, including but not limited to, acts or omissions of communications carriers, energy shortages or outages, strikes or labor disputes of other’s workforces, fires, floods, inclement weather, acts of God, pandemic, war, terrorism, civil disturbances, or acts of civil or military authorities.

**SIGNATURES**

Each party represents and warrants that the person executing this Agreement on its behalf is authorized to do so. The parties consent to this Agreement being executed in any number of counterparts and delivered by electronic transmission in PDF format. The parties also consent (if applicable) to the use of electronic signatures in connection with the signing of this Agreement. The parties agree the electronic signatures shall be legally binding with the same force and effect as manually executed signatures if they are made using a technology designed for electronic signatures (*e.g.*, DocuSign).

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| **IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Ann Marie VanDerZanden  Associate Provost for Academic Programs  Office of the Senior Vice-President & Provost    \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  William Graves  Dean, Graduate College    \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Samuel Easterling  Dean, College of Engineering  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Name of the Coordinator  Program Coordinator | **NAME OF OTHER INSTITUTION**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Name  Title      \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Name of the Dean  Title  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Name of the Coordinator  Program Coordinator |

**ADDENDUM A**

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

1. Application Documents and Fees (*list application and other documents (e.g., official transcript) that students must submit, any admission fees that must be paid, and the deadlines for submitting them)*
2. Academic Requirements *(list academic requirements for admission, such as number of semesters or years to have been completed at home institution, courses to have been completed at home institution and minimum cumulative grade point average)*

Academic Requirements for Admission to Iowa State University College of Engineering - BS

* 1. A minimum XXX transfer cumulative grade point average (equivalent to UX grade XXX average on all transferable college courses)
  2. Details about which classes can be transferred – Admissions has some standard language about this that varies by institution.

The following are applicable to the selected degree program:

1. Bachelor of Science Degree Academic Program (2+2, 3+2)
   1. The parties agree that undergraduate students at UX may matriculate to Bacherlor of Engineering programs at ISU as indicated in Section I.
   2. Students who successfully complete the curricular requirements at UX, including course articulations that will count towards a B.S. degree in 2 years, and who begin coursework at ISU during a Fall semester, will be on track to obtain a B.S. degree as identified in Section I from ISU in a minimum of two years.
   3. Students will be able to count the coursework completed at ISU towards their Bachelor’s degree at UX.
   4. Actual time to ISU degree will depend on progress made by the candidate.
2. Master of Engineering/Master of Science Degree Academic Program (1+1, 2+1)
   1. The parties agree that first-year graduate students at UX may matriculate to a Master of Science (M.S.) or a Master of Engineering (M.Eng.) program at ISU as identified in Section I.
   2. Students who successfully complete the curricular requirements, including course articulations that will count towards a the degree(s) identified in Article I, and begin coursework at ISU during a Fall semester will be on track to obtain a degree in the aforementioned programs from ISU in a minimum of one year.
   3. Students will be able to count the coursework completed at ISU towards their Master’s degree at UX.
   4. Actual time to ISU degree will depend on progress made by the candidate.
3. Master of Engineering/Master of Science Degree Academic Program (International Concurrent Program)
   1. The parties agree that undergraduate students at UX may matriculate to a Master of Science (M.S.) or a course work only Master of Engineering (M.Eng.) degree program at ISU as identified in Section I.
   2. Students who are projected to successfully complete the curricular requirements at UX with a few select courses/project to be completed at ISU that will count towards a bachelor degree can begin coursework at ISU during any time during their final year to be on track to obtain a Master of Science (M.S.) or a course work only Master of Engineering (M.Eng.) degree as identified in Section I.
   3. Students will be able to double count up to six (6) credits completed at ISU towards the master degree, as permissible under a concurrent degree program at ISU.
   4. Actual time to ISU degree will depend on progress made by the candidate.
4. PhD Academic Program
   1. The parties agree that master students at UX may matriculate to PhD programs at ISU in any of the engineering programs of mutual interest.
   2. Students who successfully complete the curricular requirements at UX for a Master Degree, including course articulations that will count towards a PhD degree in and who begin coursework at ISU will be on track to obtain a PhD degree from ISU.
   3. Students are expected to pass their Preliminary and Final Oral exams during their time at ISU.
   4. Additionally, students will be able to count the coursework completed at ISU towards their degree at UX.
5. English Proficiency Requirement *(list any English proficiency requirement for your department or college)*

Applicants whose primary language is not English must meet the English proficiency requirement by any one of the options listed below.

| **Option** | **Minimum Score or Grade Required** |
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| TOEFL | Internet-Based TOEFL (IBT) score of 79 with a minimum score of 17 in both the Writing and Speaking sections |
| Paper-Based TOEFL (PBT) score of 550 |
| IELTS | Overall band score of 6.5 with no sub score below 5.5 |
| PTE | Score of 53 |
| SAT | If test was taken *prior* to March 2016, Critical Reading (CR) score of 420 |
| If test was taken in March 2016 or later, Evidence-Based Writing and Reading (EWR) score of 460 |
| ACT | English sub score of 19 |

1. Financial Requirement
2. United States immigration regulations require international students to document the availability of financial resources to pay for all their educational, living, and other expenses (and those of any accompanying dependents) for the duration of their studies prior to the issuance of the Form I-20 or Form DS-2019 (formerly Form IAP-66) to obtain a visa to enter the United States.
3. Students must complete the Financial Statement for International Students (<https://www.admissions.iastate.edu/apply/pdf/intl_finstate.pdf>) and submit supporting documentation. Estimated educational and living expenses can be found on the ISU website (<https://www.admissions.iastate.edu/apply/pdf/intl_ug_estexp.pdf>).
4. Maximum Number of UX Students

The parties estimate the number of UX students that will be admitted to the Program will be no more than \_\_ students per year.

**MINIMUM CREDIT HOURS**

In order to comply with United States immigration regulations, UX students participating in the Program must enroll full time for each Fall and Spring semester of participation (twelve credits for undergraduate students and nine for graduate students). If UX students enroll in a summer session, UX students must enroll full time during that session (no less than six credits for undergraduate students and no less than five credits for graduate students). No more than three credits of coursework delivered at a distance (online) can count toward the full-time requirement in any one semester or session.

**ARTICULATED COURSES**

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| **UX Course Number and Title** | **Credits at UX** | **ISU Course Number and Title** | **ISU Credits** |
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**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

### Requirements for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Degree at ISU

1. Core Courses/Major Requirements
2. Electives or Subfields
3. Other Requirements (e.g., capstone project, thesis)
   * 1. Requirements for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Degree at UX
4. Core Courses/Major Requirements
5. Electives or Subfields
6. Other Requirements (e.g., capstone project, thesis)

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS** *(list any administrative responsibilities a party is expected to perform in connection with the Program that are not already addressed in the Agreement, such as marketing and recruitment)*