

Memorandum of Understanding on the Double Degree Program
between
The Institute of Mathematics, Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology
and
The Graduate School of Science, Hokkaido University

Under the Academic Exchange Agreement concluded on March 17, 2015, between the Institute of Mathematics, Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology and the Graduate School of Science, Hokkaido University, both institutions implement the double degree program as follows in order to further facilitate mutual cooperation and educational research exchange in the doctorate program.

1. Double Degree Program

A double degree program (hereinafter referred to as a “DD program”) shall be a program in which academic degrees are separately conferred on students participating in a DD program (hereinafter referred to as “DD students”) who have completed educational programs on the doctoral degree level provided by individual institution based on an inter-institutional exchange agreement and satisfied the requirements for completion of each university.

2. Application and admission of the students

Students who will participate in the DD program will be selected initially by the home institution. The institution hosting such students (hereinafter referred to as a “host institution”) shall screen the selected students and make final admission decisions in each case. In principle, an application for the DD program shall be made by the deadline set by each institution.

3. Student status

DD Students will be of regular student status in both institutions and must follow enrollment procedures by the date designated by the host institution.

4. Period of study at the host institution

As a general rule, the period of study at the host institution shall be one year. However, this may be altered upon approval by both institutions.

5. Requirements for completion of the DD program

The DD students shall take courses of study and fulfill the requirements for completion of the doctorate program at both institutions to obtain a doctorate degree from each respective institution.

6. System for research supervision

Both institutions shall select supervisors for the DD students upon consultation prior to accepting the students. Supervisors from both institutions shall supervise the students jointly. The supervisor at the host institution shall actively supervise the students regarding credit

accumulation and research, and report on their status of enrollment and research progress to the home institution.

7. Academic grade and credit approval

Each institution agrees to provide the other with documentation of course records completed by the DD students and appropriate academic information on their performance. Units passed at one institution can be accepted for credits at the other institution.

8. Dissertation and examinations for the dissertation

When applying for a doctorate degree at the host institution, as a general rule, the dissertation shall be written in English. The final examination (including oral defense and examinations) of the doctorate program shall be conducted in English as a general rule at the host institution, and a doctorate degree shall be awarded from each institution pursuant to the regulations concerning doctorate degrees at each institution.

9. Screening of the dissertation

Both institutions shall actively encourage acceptance of faculty member(s) from the other institution as screening committee member(s) when screening the dissertation at each graduate school.

10. Entrance examination fees, matriculation fees, tuition, and other necessary fees

The DD students shall continue to pay tuition, and other necessary fees at the home institution. The host institution will waive fees for entrance examination, matriculation, and tuition for the students from the other institution. However, the DD students shall purchase the health insurance required by the host institution. The cost of any health insurance required, as well as any medical expenses not covered by such insurance, will be the personal responsibility of the DD students.

11. Housing and safety management for DD students

The host institution will assist the students in finding adequate housing on or near the campus. During the period of student's stay at the host institution, both institutions will work cooperatively to ensure the safety of the students.

12. Duration, revision and termination of the Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will be effective from the date of signing by both institutions and remain in force for the same period as that of the Academic Exchange Agreement between Institute of Mathematics, Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology and the Graduate School of Science, Hokkaido University. Both institutions shall consult each other if the situation arises in which this MoU is found to need revision or termination.

13. Other

Necessary matters concerning administration of the DD program in addition to what is prescribed in this MoU shall be specified separately upon consultation of both institutions.

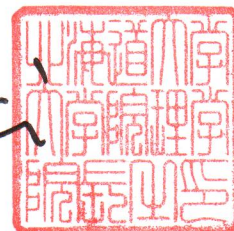
This agreement has been prepared in English in four originals, equally authentic. Two of the originals will be retained by each institution.



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