## **Graduate Dual Degree Agreement**

#### Between

### National Taiwan Normal University, Taiwan

#### And

# The Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System on behalf of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA

In consideration of the promotion of educational cooperation and educational exchanges, and of the cultural relationships between the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) and National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU), this agreement has been executed between NTNU and the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System on behalf of UWM and shall be effective on the date of full execution by both parties.

- 1. Overview: UWM agrees to accept qualified graduate students from the Graduate Institute of Library and Information Studies (GLIS) at NTNU each academic year to pursue the Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) degree from UWM's School of Information Studies (SOIS). Accepted students will enroll in the SOIS MLIS as regular full-time graduate students, completing one semester of coursework (minimum of 12 credits) in residence at UWM and additional 10 credits of SOIS UWM online coursework while in residence outside of the United States. In accordance with UWM policy, NTNU students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0/4.0 while they are UWM-enrolled students.
- 2. Application Requirements: NTNU students' credential evaluation for UWM admission will be completed by UWM. The minimum GPA for admission is 3.0/4.0. Applicants holding another master's or Ph.D. degree, or the equivalent, or who earned an undergraduate cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 (4.0 scale) or above are not required to submit GRE/MAT scores as part of their applications. Applicants who do not meet either of these requirements are required to submit their GRE/MAT scores to be considered for admission. All NTNU students applying to UWM must meet the current minimum English proficiency requirements to be admitted. NTNU students coming to UWM must enroll in the MLIS program but this does not preclude NTNU students from later applying for admission to other UWM degree programs not covered in this agreement. There is no limit to the number of NTNU students who may be admitted to UWM under this agreement.
- **3. Credit Requirements:** NTNU students may transfer a maximum of 14 credits to the 36-credit MLIS program at UWM. The number of transfer credits will be determined by SOIS. The transfer credits must be from graduate-level or undergraduate/graduate (dual-level) courses, not from undergraduate courses. The transfer credits must have been taken no more than five years

prior to the date of matriculation at UWM. The transfer credits may not have been used to attain a previously-earned degree.

- **4. Funding:** Each academic year SOIS will provide a tuition scholarship in an amount equivalent to the difference between the out-of-state tuition charge and the in-state tuition charge for up to five participating NTNU students. An 8-credit tuition plateau applies to graduate students so that a credit load above 8 does not incur additional tuition charges. As a result, NTNU students taking 12 credits in residence at SOIS UWM are charged for 8 credits. Online tuition for all NTNU students will be calculated at the standard rate (as of 2018/19, the rate is \$800 per credit).
- **5. Transcripts:** At the conclusion of the NTNU students' academic program, UWM will, to the extent permitted by law, send an official transcript to NTNU. NTNU agrees that credits successfully earned at UWM will be transferable back to NTNU.
- **6. Degree:** Upon successful completion of the required master's curricula of each respective university, students will be awarded the master's degree of individual university.
- **7. Student Selection:** NTNU will be responsible for screening and selecting eligible students for this program. NTNU will provide UWM with the names of selected students, their academic qualifications, and their study plan prior to their enrollment. NTNU shall provide this information to UWM no later than May 30th for the following fall semester and no later than October 15th for the following spring semester. To be admitted at UWM, selected NTNU students must successfully apply via the regular UWM admission process.
- **8. Information Exchange:** UWM and NTNU shall regularly exchange their college bulletins and other information pertaining to courses, programs, and registration.
- **9. Record Keeping:** Each institution shall keep a record of the NTNU students sent and received under this agreement.
- 10. Tuition and Fees: No monies will be exchanged between the institutions who are parties hereto. The parties will not accept any funds or item of value, directly or indirectly, other than the institution's normal tuition and fees, from a participant or potential participant under this agreement, or any family member thereof, in exchange for that student's participation or potential participation hereunder. NTNU students are responsible for paying for their own travel and room and board for this program. NTNU students will be required to pay non-resident, out-of-state tuition (unless offered a tuition scholarship as noted above in Section 4) and UWM's Student Segregated Fee each term, and other applicable fees each term. NTNU students will be responsible for paying any special fees (club membership, use of specialist sporting facilities, etc.) and other individual fees such as for books, course materials, and excursions.
- **11. Health Insurance:** NTNU students enrolled at UWM are required to enroll in, purchase, and maintain the student health insurance available through UWM.

- **12. Housing:** UWM is not obligated to provide housing for any NTNU student, but, if requested, will attempt to secure dormitory space for NTNU students who desire such accommodations. Each NTNU student is responsible for all his/her housing costs.
- **13. Visa:** Each NTNU student shall be responsible for obtaining a visa and related documents necessary to pursue studies at UWM.
- **14. Conduct:** NTNU students are subject to the same academic requirements and rules of conduct at UWM as all other regularly-enrolled students. NTNU students will have the same privileges provided to other full-time UWM students during their program.
- **15. Withdrawal:** In the event a NTNU student withdraws or is canceled for any reason from the program of study prior to completion, the withdrawal and refund policies of UWM shall control.
- **16. Cooperation:** To the extent feasible, both universities will encourage direct contact and cooperation between their faculty members, departments, and research institutes under provisions of this agreement.
- 17. Non-Discrimination and Legal Compliance: In all aspects of this agreement, including and not limited to the selection of student participants, neither UWM nor NTNU shall discriminate against any student or potential student on the basis of age, ancestry, race, religion, color, handicap, sex, physical condition, developmental disability, sexual orientation, national origin, or any other protected characteristic. UWM and NTNU agree to comply with all relevant laws and to refrain from taking any actions that will result in either partner's non-compliance with any applicable laws.
- **18. Liability:** Both parties agree that NTNU and UWM will be prepared to answer and defend only that responsibility and resultant legal liability, involving personal injury and property damage, which is based upon or arises from their respective negligent acts or omissions that may occur in connection with this agreement.
- 19. Term: This agreement shall in the first instance be valid and binding for a term of three years. Thereafter, this agreement shall be automatically extended by additional terms of three years; provided, however, that either party may terminate the agreement by written notice to the other party, which shall be effective after six months upon receipt of such notice by the non-terminating party. In the event this agreement is terminated, the parties will allow any students who are currently enrolled at UWM to complete their program.
- **20.** Controlling Language: A translated version of this agreement exists; however, in the event of a conflict with the translation, the original English version of the agreement shall control.

For the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System on behalf of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee:

For National Taiwan Normal University:

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## **APPENDIX**

Table 1. Credit equivalencies for NTNU students

NTNU Course number	NTNU Course title (English)	Credits	SOIS Course Number	SOIS Course Title	Credits
ISM0110	Studies in Library and Information Science	3	INFOST 501	Foundations of Library and Information Science	3
ISD0210	Special Topics on Knowledge Organization	3	INFOST 511/719	Organization of Information/Special Topic in Information Studies	3
ISM0311	Studies in Information Seeking Behavior	3	INFOST 571	Information Access and Retrieval	3
ISC0210	Studies in Knowledge Management	3	INFOST XXX	Elective	1-3
ISC0512	Studies in Informetrics	3	INFOST XXX	Elective	1-3
ISM0430	Studies in Internet Technology	3	INFOST 584/XXX	Survey of Web and Mobile Content Development/Elective	3
ISM0317	The Design and Development of Instructional Materials	3	INFOST 670	Instructional Technologies	3
ISC8002	Studies in Health Information and Services	3	INFOST 835	Information Sources and Services in the Health Sciences	3
ISM0312	Studies in Information Literacy Education	3	INFOST 740	Information Literacy Instruction	3