

**MEMORANDUM
OF UNDERSTANDING**

Almaty

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In order to strengthen the cooperation between Graduate School of International Studies, Yonsei University (Republic of Korea) (hereinafter referred to as the «GSIS») and Al-Farabi Kazakh National University (The Republic of Kazakhstan) (hereinafter referred to as the «KazNU») on Dual Degree Program, Vice-Rector Prof. Burkitbayev M.M., acting on behalf of the KazNU on the Charter, on the one part, and the Dean of GSIS Chung Min Lee, acting on behalf of the Yonsei University, on the other part, hereby agree to establish the following reciprocal Dual Degree Program based upon principles of mutual benefit.

1. General Conditions

This Memorandum is a legal basis for operating double degree programs within the master's programs of the Graduate School of International Studies, Yonsei University and the master's programs of Al-Farabi Kazakh National University. These Double Degree Programs (hereafter referred to as "the Programs") are programs that award the master's degrees of both institutions to students who complete both Master's programs.

Students who have completed the requirements of the Program will be awarded one of the GSIS degrees (degree of Master of Arts in Korean Studies or Master of Global Affairs & Policy or Master of Global Economy & Strategy) and one of the KazNU degrees (degree of Master of Korean Studies, Master of Foreign Philology, Master of Political Sciences, Master of Religion Studies, Master of Social Studies, Master of Culture Studies, Master of Philosophy, Master of Social Work, Master of Psychology, Master of International Relations, Master of International Law or Master of Regional Studies).

Students who have completed the requirements of any of the Programs will be awarded the degree of Master by GSIS and the degree of Master by KazNU.

The respective universities will accept a maximum of 2 students per academic year from the partner university and the number of participating students can be changed upon the agreement of both universities in advance of each academic year.

2. Academic Affairs

During the first year, the students pursue the Program at their home university. During the second year, they pursue their studies at the host university, following a specific and flexible program established by the program management at Yonsei and KazNU as well as the professors involved.

In exceptional cases where a program student cannot complete the coursework within the stipulated period, his/her enrollment period may be extended by one semester at a time with the mutual consent of both universities and the student. Tuition, fees, and living expenses necessary for the extended period of stay will be the student's responsibility.

Students from KazNU who enroll in the GSIS will be required to complete all the normal requirements for the program as determined by the GSIS in order to be awarded the Master's degree. Courses taken previously at KazNU may allow students to substitute required GSIS courses with more advanced courses, if approved in advance by the Dean of the GSIS. In this case, a maximum of 24 credits obtained at KazNU may be transferred to fulfill the course credit requirements at GSIS.

KazNU will validate the GSIS Master's degree programs as the first year of its Master's degree program. Students from the GSIS who enroll in the KazNU will be required to complete a minimum of 24 credits as determined by the KazNU before being awarded the Master's degree.

Academic contents of the Program will be decided upon through mutual discussion between the institutions within each university that will participate in the Program. Details of these items will be set out in a separate addendum to this agreement.

3. Admissions

First-year students in either school will be eligible to apply for admission to the other school and, if accepted, undertake the dual degree program. The candidates must meet the admission standards at each institution which may include their academic records, language proficiency, research skills and aptitude for the program.

The candidates have to submit an application dossier in which they indicate to the program administrator of their home university by the end of November of the first year. Each institution sends the application dossier with a recommendation to the other school. Final decision is with the accepting institution which will give favorable consideration to the recommendation.

The student will be required to show proof of health insurance before assuming his/her residency at the host university.

4. Tuition Fees

The participating students will pay tuition and academic fees to the school at which they are enrolled (first year at their home university, second year at the partner university). Students from the GSIS will also pay to Yonsei University the tuition amount charged to maintain student status in their second year.

All expenses other than those mentioned above shall be borne by the participating students, e.g. health insurance, housing fees and transportation.

5. Operations of the Programs

All academic issues connected with evaluation, supervision of student's thesis, final evaluation and setting up Evaluation Committee will be agreed upon through mutual discussion by both universities and will be set out in a separate addendum to this Memorandum.

Each party will provide transcripts of course work completed to the other party in a timely manner upon a student's completion of that course work. Each party will notify the other party of any substantial changes in curriculum or faculty members or staff pertinent to the program.

6. Duration of the Memorandum

The Memorandum is created in English. Two copies of the Memorandum shall be made, one to be held by each university, and both shall serve as original.

The Memorandum will come into effect upon signature of the Memorandum for a period of five years and the Memorandum will be automatically renewed for another period of five years unless any of the universities shall express to the other(s) in writing its intention of termination or adjustment, at least six months prior to the expiration date. If the Memorandum was terminated, students already enrolled in the program would be permitted to finish the program as specified in the Memorandum.

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