The Academic Agreement
Between
The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, USA
And
South Central University for Nationalities, China

This agreement is intended to promote cultural exchange and development of education and cooperation between the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse (UW-L) and South-Central University for Nationalities (SCUN). Through friendly consultation in the principle of equity, both sides have reached this agreement.

Successful completion of the requirements of this joint program will result a BS degree conferred by the South-Central University for Nationalities and a Master of Software Engineering degree (MSE) to be conferred by the authority of the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse. This joint MSE program is administered by the UW-L Computer Science Department in coordination with the Foreign Affairs Office, Graduate School, and College of Computer Science at SCUN. The UW-L Office of International Education will serve as the primary UW-L contact for non-curricular matters associated with this program.

Program Structure

This program is structured as a 3+2 program: students will complete 3 years of degree work at SCUN and 2 years at UW-L. The two years at UW-L will consist of two academic years of graduate study (four semesters). During this time students will complete a total of 36 credits that will include all coursework for the MSE degree. Appendix I provides details of the program structure.

Under this structure, UW-L agrees to:
1. Provide faculty and good facilities for all courses taught in U.S.A.
2. Provide faculty to teach selected short seminars (approx. 2 weeks) at SCUN once each year at a mutually agreeable time.
3. Provide faculty supervision of capstone projects.
4. Issue MSE degrees to the students who have successfully completed the program.
5. UW-L will send official transcripts and degrees back to SCUN.

SCUN agrees to:
1. Provide good facilities and support for the seminars taught by UW-L faculty at SCUN.
2. Provide one teaching assistant for the seminars taught by UW-L faculty at SCUN.

Admission and Enrollment

Each admitted student must satisfy all of the following admission requirements:

1. Complete all requirements of the SCUN Computer Science Major program and provide official evidence of receipt of the associated Bachelor's degree.
2. Satisfy UW-L's graduate English proficiency requirement by reporting scores from the iBT or IELTS exams. UW-L's current requirement for these exams is 6.0 IELTS or 79 iBT.
3. The student is required to produce a bank statement, as required by SEVIS and the United States Department of Homeland Security to indicate enough funding to cover one year of study.

SCUN agrees to recruit and enroll students and to forward all required documents to UW-L . SCUN will report to UW-L each year on students who are on track to apply to the program. UW-L agrees to accept up to 22 Chinese students into the joint program for each year of the agreement. If less than 17 students enroll, either UW-L or SCUN may decide to cancel or suspend the program.

Program Cost and Payment

UW-L will offer SCUN students a comprehensive program fee that incorporates both an attractive tuition and university fees. This fee does not include mandatory health insurance, housing, meals, textbooks and personal expenses. The comprehensive program fee will be set for the entire two-year period and negotiated on a yearly basis in order to adjust for changes in program delivery costs.

Both universities will cover the salary and travel expenses for their own faculty. SCUN will provide free local transportation between the airport and the university and a complimentary air-conditioned apartment on campus for UW-L faculty during the time they are teaching courses offered in China.

The comprehensive program fee is divided into two payments (50% due for the first year, 50% due for the second year). In the event that a student is having difficulty obtaining a visa, a delay of up to one year separation between the third and forth year of the program is acceptable. Students under this agreement will be considered as special contract students with all the same rights and access to UW-L facilities as other students. UW-L's Office of International Education will provide an orientation to assist SCUN students to adjust to American culture and local community.
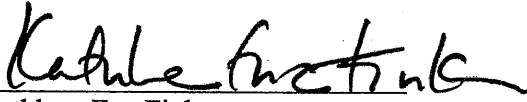
This agreement shall be in effect immediately upon signing. This agreement may be amended at any time with mutual consent, and may be terminated by a minimum of six months written notice.

Graduation

Students who successfully complete all the requirements will be awarded the BS from SCUN and MSE degree from UW-L. UW-L will send the degree certificates and original transcripts to SCUN and convocation will be held at SCUN.
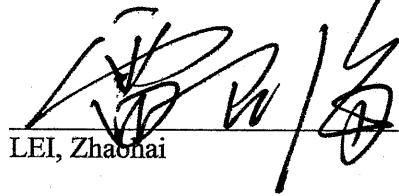
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Appendix I - Program Structure

The Master of Software Engineering (MSE) program at UW-L requires that each student complete 36 credits to graduate - 24 credits of coursework (5 core courses and 3 elective courses) and 12 credits of capstone project.

Admission Requirements

Students must complete a Bachelor's degree with an academic major in Computer Science from SCUN. This must include the equivalent of the following courses:

CS	120	Software Design I (4 credits)
MTH	207	Calculus I (5 credits)
CS	220	Software Design II (3 credits)
CS	270	Assembler Programming & Intro to Computer Organization (3 credits)
MTH	208	Calculus II (5 credits)
CS	340	Software Design III (3 credits)
CS	341	Software Engineering (3 credits)
CS	370	Computer Architecture (3 credits)
MTH	225	Mathematical Logic (4 credits)
CS	441	Operating System Concepts (3 credits)
CS	442	Structure of Compilers (3 credits)
CS		Elective Courses (15 credits)

A cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 / 4.0 on all SCUN coursework is required.

First Year Coursework at UW-L
Fall   C-S 741 – Software Engineering Principles (3 credits)
       C-S 743 – Software Verification and Validation (3 credits)
       MSE elective (3 credits)
Spring C-S 546 – Object-Oriented Software Development (3 credits)
          C-S 742 – Formal Methods in Software Development (3 credits)
          MSE elective (3 credits)

Second Year Coursework at UW-L
Fall   One MSE elective (3 credits)
       C-S 798 – Software Development Project Capstone (6 credits)
Spring C-S 744 – Management Issues in Software Engineering (3 credits)
          C-S 798 – Software Development Project Capstone (6 credits)

Appendix II - Operational Deadlines

The following deadlines will be observed in each year of program operation.

Oct 15 SCUN reports on student cohorts in the pipeline. This includes cohort size and for each students current GPA, courses taken and current IELTS/iBT score.

Jan 1 SCUN will report current GPA and IELTS/iBT score for each student on track to apply to UWL for the next fall.

Mar 1 UW-L admission application due. This will include transcript including fall courses, courses in progress for spring semester and IELTS/iBT score.

Apr 1 UW-L will communicate admission decisions.

May 1 First/second year payment due at UW-L.

July 15 Final transcript of SCUN courses and copy of degree certificate due at UW-L for students starting first year at UW-L.

UW-L's Office of International Education will determine the dates for making housing arrangements, providing SEVIS and VISA information as well as scheduling arrival and orientation dates for the fall semester.