

Articulation Agreement
Between
Lincoln University, New Zealand
And
National Dong Hwa University, Taiwan
4+1/1.5 Undergraduate – Master Programme

Article One. General Provisions

1. Lincoln University and National Dong Hwa University agree to establish a joint educational programme that fosters internationalized education, cultural exchange, and collaboration in areas of mutual interest and benefit, as detailed in the following terms and conditions.

- 1.1. Cooperating Parties

- (1) **Lincoln University, New Zealand**, herein referred as ("Lincoln")
Programme Representative: International Office
Address: Ellesmere Junction Road/Springs Road, Lincoln, Canterbury, New Zealand, 7647
 - (2) **National Dong Hwa University, Taiwan**, herein referred as ("NDHU"),
Programme Representative: Office of International Affairs
Address: No. 1, Sec. 2, Da Hsueh Rd. Shoufeng, Hualien 974301, Taiwan, R.O.C.

2. Joint Programme

- 2.1 The "4+1.5 Undergraduate – Master Programme" will be implemented in the following disciplines:
 - a. Master of Business (Global Management & Marketing)
 - b. Master of Business (Finance)
 - c. Master of Fintech & Investment Management
 - d. Master of Applied Computing
 - e. Master of Environmental Policy and Management
 - f. Master of Precision Agriculture
 - g. Master of Tourism Management
 - 2.2 The 4+1/1.5 Programme will be jointly implemented and administered by Lincoln and NDHU. For the first four years, students will study at NDHU. If students meet the 4+1/1.5 Programme requirements, they will continue their studies at Lincoln after completing their undergraduate degrees at NDHU.
 - 2.3 Upon successful completion of all course work and programme requirements, students will be awarded a Bachelor's degree from NDHU and a Master's degree from Lincoln.

Article Two: 4+1/1.5 Programme Operations

The following provisions outline the eligibility criteria for programme participation.

3. Student Enrollment

- 3.1 Guidelines for students interested in the 4+1/1.5 Programme:
- a. Students must apply for the 4+1/1.5 Programme through NDHU.
 - b. Lincoln retains the right to make final admission decisions for the 1/1.5 years at Lincoln.
- 3.2 Students in the final year of a relevant undergraduate degree may also apply for the 4+1/1.5 Programme through NDHU.
- 3.3 To be eligible for the 4+1/1.5 Programme, students must meet the following requirements within their four years of study at NDHU:
- a. Complete all courses and earn the required credits from NDHU.
 - b. Satisfy Lincoln's English language requirements for Master's study.

4. Admission requirements

- 4.1 All applications for study at Lincoln are subject to Lincoln's entry and selection criteria as documented in Lincoln's academic regulations. Lincoln reserves the right to decline admission based on these regulations. The specific minimum academic requirements to be accepted as a full degree-seeking student in the following Master's programmes under this agreement are:
- a. Master of Business (Global Management & Marketing)
 - b. Master of Business (Finance)
 - c. Master of Fintech & Investment Management
 - d. Master of Applied Computing
 - e. Master of Environmental Policy and Management
 - f. Master of Precision Agriculture
 - g. Master of Tourism Management

To be accepted, students must

- a. Completion of all undergraduate academic requirements at NDHU.
 - b. Achieve a B or 70% average on the final year of the relevant bachelor degree.
- 4.2 Students must provide evidence of meeting Lincoln's English language proficiency requirements for the Master's programme, as specified on: (<https://www.lincoln.ac.nz/international-students/english-language-requirements/>), equivalent to an IELTS minimum score of 6.5 (with no band less than 6.0).
- a. Students who do not meet Lincoln's English language proficiency requirements may apply for Lincoln's English for Academic Purposes (EAP) programme. Students achieving LUAE Level 4 will be eligible for enrollment at Lincoln, provided they meet the requirements of Clause 4.1.
- 4.3 Students must successfully complete all necessary paperwork for admission at Lincoln and obtain a student visa to study in New Zealand.
- a. NDHU students can begin either in Lincoln's first semester (February-June), second semester (July-November), or Summer semester (November-February) if the programme is available. Applications for Semester 2 must be received by April 30 of that year. Applications for Semester 1 must be received by October 31 of the previous year. Applications for the Summer Semester must be received by August 31 of that year.
 - b. Students submit the application. The following documents are required with the application.
 - Original or certified copy of NDHU transcript in Chinese
 - Original or certified copy of English translation of NDHU transcript
 - Original or certified copy of NDHU degree certificate in Chinese
 - Original or certified copy of English translation of NDHU degree certificate

- c. Students who have not yet had their NDHU degree conferred before the July intake will receive conditional entry to the selected Master's programme. Conditionally admitted NDHU students must enroll full-time in the selected Master's programme and complete the prescribed coursework for the Lincoln Master's degree.
- d. For the July intake, Lincoln will accept an official certifying letter in Chinese and English from NDHU to issue a formal offer of placement to support the visa application for the selected Master's programme.
- e. Failure to provide official records of bachelor's degree conferral will result in restrictions on future registration, and students will not be permitted to continue their Master's programme at Lincoln.

Article Three

NDHU Student Participation in the 4+1/1.5 Master Programme

- 5.1 Upon successful completion of all coursework and programme requirements, students will receive a Bachelor's degree from NDHU and a Master's degree from Lincoln.
- 5.2 While enrolled in the 4+1/1.5 Programme at Lincoln, NDHU students must:
 - a. Adhere to all policies and regulations of Lincoln and NDHU.
 - b. Follow the curriculum, teaching plans, course syllabi, and requirements set by Lincoln and NDHU.
 - c. Complete all required and elective courses and fulfill all degree requirements.
- 5.3 Fees
 - a. Each student will pay tuition and related fees for the Bachelor's degree at NDHU.
 - b. Each student will pay tuition and related fees for the selected Master programme to Lincoln. The tuition fee at Lincoln is subject to annual change.
 - c. Students in the 4+1/1.5 Programme are responsible for:
 - Applying for, obtaining, and renewing the appropriate visa and covering any associated costs.
 - Applying for and obtaining appropriate health insurance.
 - All costs associated with travel, study, living expenses, graduation, field trips, course incidental costs.
 - All other personal expenses.

Article Four

Indemnification

- 6.1 The Parties shall each indemnify and hold harmless the other, its officers, agents, employees and students, for any and all liability, damages and cost attributable to the negligent acts or omissions of the indemnifying party, its officers, agents, employees and students while acting in the scope of their employment, and in furtherance of activities described in this agreement.

Article Five

Termination and Amendment

- 7.1 This agreement must be ratified by the approving authorities at NDHU and Lincoln to become effective and will be valid for five years.

- 7.2 In the event of the agreement being terminated, students shall be permitted to complete the scheduled period of study for which they are enrolled in.
- 7.3 This agreement may be amended by the exchange of letters between Parties. Such amendments, once approved by both Parties, will become part of this agreement.
- 7.4 The agreement may be terminated by either university with notification to the other party six (6) months prior to the effective date of termination.
- 7.5 This agreement is written in English. Each party shall keep one copy.

Article Six

Application of Law and Settlement of Disputes

- 8.1 This Agreement and all questions of construction, validity and performance under this Agreement shall be governed by the institution's country of law and shall be subject to the respective exclusive jurisdiction of their respective courts, if applicable.
- 8.2 Should any dispute arise in the implementation of this Agreement, it shall be settled through negotiation. If the dispute cannot be settled, both parties agree to go to arbitration and submit their case to the arbitration board in the country in which the dispute arose.

Article Seven

Relevant staff of NDHU and Lincoln will make reasonable efforts to visit each other's institutions.

- 9.1 Both parties agree that the academic and disciplinary policies and requirements of both parties shall be respected.
- 9.2 Both parties may send relevant staff to the other institution at their own expense for the purpose of supervising and appraising the teaching quality and educational administration.
- 9.3 This agreement may not be renewed by either institution without the advanced written consent of the other party.
- 9.4 Any notice to either institution related to this Agreement must be in writing and signed by the legal representative or designee, and shall be deemed sent when mailed postage prepaid by certified, express mail, or other overnight mail service or hand delivered and addressed as follows:

Lincoln Contact: International Office

E-mail: Patrick.yeung@lincoln.ac.nz

Mailing Address: PO Box 85084, Lincoln University, Lincoln 7647, Christchurch, New Zealand

NDHU Contact: International Cooperation Division

Telephone Number: +886-3-8905107

E-mail: ice@gms.ndhu.edu.tw

Mailing Address: No. 1, Sec. 2, Da Hsueh Rd. Shoufeng, Hualien 974301, Taiwan, R.O.C.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have hereby caused this MOU to be executed by their duly authorized representatives as of the day and year set forth above.

Signed and Dated:



Signature

22 January 2024

Date

Prof. Grant Edwards
Vice Chancellor, Lincoln University

Signed and Dated:



Signature

Dec. 10, 2023

Date

Prof. Han-Chieh Chao
President, National Dong Hwa University

