

**Cooperative Academic Agreement  
Between  
Shaanxi Normal University  
And  
The Arizona Board of Regents  
On Behalf of  
Northern Arizona University**

In view of a common commitment to global education, to continue to promote understanding and goodwill, to strengthen cultural ties, and to broaden the experience and horizons of faculty and students, Shaanxi Normal University (hereinafter referred to as SNNU) and The Arizona Board of Regents for and on behalf of Northern Arizona University, (hereinafter referred to as NAU) agree to enter into a cooperative academic relationship for the purpose of providing academic experiences for students and opportunities for faculty exchanges. The following are the terms of this agreement:

**Principles of Degree**

**2+2 Dual Degree Model**

1. On the basis of the 2+2 model, SNNU undergraduate students will complete the first two years of coursework at SNNU and then enroll at NAU for the last two years or until the requirements for the program of study have been completed.
2. Upon successful completion of all requirements, SNNU students will be awarded a bachelors degree from NAU and a bachelors degree from SNNU.

**Eligibility**

1. SNNU students are eligible to enroll in any program NAU to which transfer students are admitted.
2. SNNU will review applications to ensure that students recommended to NAU meet the requirements of NAU Office of International Admissions in terms of GPA, TOEFL and/or IELTS scores, and have sufficient academic preparation for the programs of study they wish to pursue.
3. NAU will consider the applications of all students enrolled at and nominated by SNNU for participation in any program covered by this agreement.

**Admission and Enrollment**

1. SNNU will submit dossiers containing all of the documents required for admission to NAU to the designated staff person at the Center for International Education.
2. Applications must be submitted prior to the published deadlines.

3. NAU reserves the right to make the final admission decision regarding all applications.
4. NAU will offer an orientation program to all newly admitted SNNU students at the start of each semester and will provide assistance with the registration process to SNNU students.

### **Academic Credit and Advising Issues**

1. SNNU students will receive appropriate academic advising by NAU staff and faculty prior to the start of their program of study.
2. NAU considers enrollment in 12 credits to constitute a full course of study in a given semester and necessary for completion of the program of study within the time frame prescribed.
3. No representations are given to SNNU regarding the time in which they will complete the requirements of their program of study.
4. The academic transcript reflecting each student's performance will be sent to SNNU at the conclusion of each student's period of study.

### **Academic and Disciplinary Regulations**

1. SNNU students will be expected to remain in good academic and disciplinary standing in accordance with the rules that apply to regularly enrolled students at NAU. NAU reserves the right to dismiss students from the program and NAU if they fail to comply in this regard.
2. NAU agrees to make SNNU students aware of its academic and disciplinary policies and procedures during orientation and in various written material.

### **Housing**

1. NAU undertakes to make all reasonable efforts to locate and provide suitable on-campus accommodation for SNNU students, provided the appropriate housing forms are completed and returned to NAU by the deadline dates.
2. NAU guarantees temporary housing upon arrival to SNNU students.

### **Health Insurance**

All SNNU students enrolled at NAU are required to purchase the student health insurance provided through NAU and will be eligible to use the campus Student Health Center.

### **Access to Facilities**

SNNU students will be granted the same access to university facilities as regularly enrolled NAU students, including the library, computing, sports and social facilities.

### **Student Integration**

NAU will make every reasonable effort to integrate SNNU students into life in the United States and international student life by integrating them into regular undergraduate courses and providing a range of programming options through student organizations, etc.

### **Financial Arrangements**

1. NAU will bill SNNU students for the tuition, housing costs and other fees incurred in a given semester.
2. SNNU students are responsible for all other costs associated with their stay at NAU.

### **Faculty Exchange**

1. Both SNNU and NAU commit to support the exchange of faculty between institutions.
2. Except for salary and benefits, visiting faculty will be accorded the usual faculty privileges by the host institution.
3. The home institution will be responsible for paying the salary and benefits of visiting faculty members. The host institution bears no responsibility for providing funds to visiting faculty members for any purpose.
4. All faculty exchanges must be approved in writing by the appropriate host department as well as the dean of the college concerned.

### **Non-Discrimination**

Neither party will discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, national origin, color, religion, sexual orientation, veterans/national guard/reserves status, disability or any other prohibited characteristic.

### **Revision and Duration**

This agreement is subject to revision by mutual consent. It shall be considered a continuing agreement with the understanding that it may be terminated by mutual consent at any time. Either part may terminate it at the completion of an academic year by giving at least 90 days prior written notice. This agreement may only be altered or amended by the written agreement of both parties.

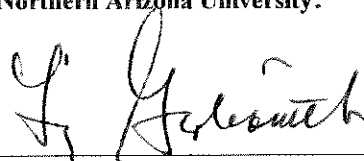
Agreed and Accepted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012

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