



**Memorandum of Understanding**

**Between**

**The Regents of the University of Michigan  
On Behalf of the  
The University of Michigan - Dearborn  
Dearborn, Michigan, USA**

**And**

**National Institute of Technology  
Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu, India**

WHEREAS, the University of Michigan – Dearborn (UM-D), located in Dearborn, Michigan, USA and the National Institute of Technology (NIT-T), located in Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu, India, wish to undertake academic collaboration, offer educational opportunities for their students, and develop and implement faculty exchange programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed by and between the parties as follows:

1. UM-D's College of Business (COB) has developed courses for *Master of Science (MS)* degrees in Business Analytics, Supply Chain Management, Information Systems, Finance, and Accounting. Each degree program consists of 30 credit hours of approved graduate coursework as prescribed in their respective curricula. In addition, COB has developed courses for a *Master of Business Administration (MBA)* degree that requires 36-48 credit hours of approved graduate coursework, depending on the student's background. Students in all these programs will receive the relevant degree conferred by the Regents of the University of Michigan upon the recommendation of the COB faculty.

UM-D's College of Engineering and Computer Science (CECS) has developed courses for *Master of Science (MS)* degrees in Computer Information Science, Engineering Management, Information Systems and Technology, Program and Project Management, and Software Engineering, and *Master of Science in Engineering (MSE)* degrees in Automotive Systems Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Energy Systems Engineering, Industrial and Systems Engineering, Manufacturing System Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering. Each degree program consists of 30 credit hours of approved graduate coursework as prescribed in their respective curricula. Some of the programs may also have pre-requisites that need to be satisfied. Students in all these programs will receive the relevant degree conferred by the Regents of the University of Michigan upon the recommendation of the Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies and the CECS faculty.

2. UM-D will accept applications from a cohort of students from NIT-T into these graduate degree programs. Students must have satisfactorily completed a four-year undergraduate degree program, and will follow UM-D's normal admissions procedures to these programs.
3. TOEFL scores are not required for admission to graduate programs at UM-D for all students who had English as their language of instruction for their undergraduate degree.
4. Applicants to COB graduate programs are required to take either the GMAT or the GRE and get a total score of at least 550 in the GMAT (or equivalent GRE score). However, students who satisfy any of the following conditions are not required to submit GMAT or GRE scores for admission to COB MS programs.
  - Earned an *undergraduate* degree with a 3.2 GPA (based on UM-D's approved grade conversion scale) from an AACSB or ABET accredited program within the previous five years.
  - Earned a *graduate* degree from a regionally accredited institution (domestic or international) in a field requiring significant analytical or quantitative work, such as business, economics, engineering, or statistics.
  - Have earned any of the following certifications: CAS, CFA, CFM, CPA, FRM, SOA, or passed a state bar exam.

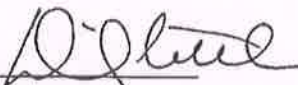
Notwithstanding any of the above conditions, COB reserves the right to require the GMAT or GRE of any MS applicant.

5. GRE scores are not required for admission to graduate programs at CECS.
6. The admitted cohort each year will consist of a minimum of 5 NIT-T students (total over all degree programs) for the first two years, which will increase thereafter to a minimum of 10 NIT-T students. UM-D and NIT-T will work out the maximum size of the cohort on a case-by-case basis.
7. For NIT-T students enrolled in UM-D under this MOU, the following special conditions apply:
  - a) The degree programs will run each year for twelve (12) consecutive months commencing in September, and consisting of the following semesters: a Fall semester from September through December, a Winter semester from January through April, a Summer-1 semester in May and June, and a Summer-2 semester in July and August. It is expected that students will complete their MS/MSE degree in four consecutive semesters (i.e., 12 months), but in no more than five consecutive semesters (i.e., 16 months) unless there are compelling situations (e.g., medical emergency) that mandate a sixth semester. The MBA degree may take up to two years (i.e., up to eight semesters) depending on the credit hours required.
  - b) Completed applications (including official transcripts and all official test scores) must be received by March 31 in a given year to facilitate the cohort starting the program that year.
  - c) Students must be physically present on campus at UM-D during the Fall and Winter semesters, and be enrolled in at least 9 credit hours of approved graduate coursework during each semester, i.e., a total of a minimum of 18 credit hours over the two semesters. The maximum allowed credit hours in either semester is 12.

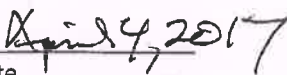
- d) UM-D will review and consider credit transfers for appropriate graduate level courses not taken at UM-D. For CECS programs, Rackham Graduate School at University of Michigan's normal credit transfer policies will apply.
  - e) For each NIT-T student admitted to a graduate program under this MOU with a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0 (based on UM-D's approved grade conversion scale), UM-D will offer a scholarship equal to **80% of the difference between the resident (in-state) and non-resident (out of state) tuition and fees.**
  - f) Students need to maintain a minimum GPA of 3.2 (on a 4.0 scale; calculated based only on courses taken at UM-D) while enrolled at UM-D to retain their eligibility for the scholarship.
  - g) The scholarship is valid for the duration of the degree program.
  - h) Students will be eligible to purchase the health insurance coverage that is available for all full-time graduate students at UM-D. Students must show proof of adequate health insurance coverage during their enrolment at UM-D.
  - i) All other costs (e.g., travel, housing, meals, health insurance, transportation, etc.) are the responsibility of the students.
  - j) Students can sign up for UM-D housing on campus and student meal plans subject to their availability.
8. This MOU will become effective when both parties have signed the document. This agreement will be in effect for five years and may be extended with the mutual consent of the two institutions.
  9. This MOU supersedes all preceding MOUs between the two parties.
  10. The MOU may be terminated by either party after giving written notice of 60 days.

**For the Regents of the University of Michigan  
On Behalf of the University of Michigan-Dearborn:**

**On Behalf of NIT-Tiruchirapalli**

  
Daniel E. Little  
Chancellor

  
Mini Shaji Thomas  
Director

  
Date

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