

Arizona State University and National Central University  
1+1 Double Master Degree Program Agreement

**Arizona State University: The W. P. Carey School of Business**  
**National Central University: The Department of Business Administration**  
**Related Arizona State University Degree Program: MS Degree in Finance**

Introduction: The W.P. Carey School of Business (hereinafter referred to as the WPC school) at Arizona State University (hereinafter referred to as ASU) is proud to collaborate with the Department of Business Administration (hereinafter referred to as the BA Department) at National Central University (hereinafter referred to as NCU) on this 1+1 Double Degree Program. Upon successfully completing the 1+1 Double Master Degree program, participating students who meet graduation requirements for this Program will be conferred an accredited master degree (MBA) from the BA Department at NCU, Taiwan, and an accredited master degree (MS in Finance) from ASU, USA.

**Graduate Admissions and Satisfactory Academic Progress:**

1. The BA Department at National Central University will vet the students from:
  - a. its own department, and,
  - b. other departments/institutes at NCU who do not sign this type of agreement with the WPC School at ASU.

to participate in the 1+1 Double Master Degree Program to help ensure students are of the highest quality. For those from the above Category (a), except the required core course coded as BA5054, BA6082, and BA6083. These nominated students should have completed:

- i. the required master coursework at the BA department of NCU; and
- ii. all other graduation requirements at NCU must be met.

For those from the above Category (b), the nominated students must satisfy the conditions for admission which includes:

- i. completing all required master coursework at their respective departments/institutes and all other graduation requirements at NCU;
  - ii. completing six master level courses from the Management School at NCU; and
  - iii. completing one master level statistics-related course with three credits in total.
2. The nominated students will have completed 26 credits of their graduate coursework at National Central University and will have achieved a 3.2 GPA (or equivalent) and successful completion of an English Proficiency exam (i.e., TOEFL score of at least 550 (PBT) or 80 (iBT); IELTS overall band score of at least 6.5; Pearson Test of English (PTE) score of at least 60).
  3. The BA Department at NCU will provide the WPC School at ASU with a list and contact information of the students nominated for participation in the 1+1 Double Degree Program

in February of the students' first year in the master program at NCU. Students will apply to the ASU Graduate College by March 1 of their first year in the master program at NCU.

4. Nominated students must submit the graduate application and related fee and copies of their official transcripts, financial statements and English Language Proficiency test scores to the ASU Graduate College by March 1 of their first year in the master program at NCU. Applicants must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate College of ASU as well as the requirements of the academic program of interest at ASU.
5. The WPC School at ASU will evaluate the recommended students for admission to its MS in Management Program. Students must meet the admission requirements of the Graduate College of ASU and the academic unit of ASU. Graduate Admissions at ASU will issue an official admission letter and the SEVIS I-20 form to assist with their application for an F-1 visa to continue their education at the WPC School of ASU. Students are responsible for applying for the student visa and addressing all immigration matters with the appropriate authorities. Once the F-1 visa is issued and all ASU requirements of enrollment are satisfied, students will be permitted to enroll at ASU for the MS in Finance Program. Students who are unable to obtain an F-1 visa to enter the United States will continue their studies at NCU.
6. As per Graduate College policy at ASU, students must comply with all academic progress guidelines. All graduate students are expected to make systematic progress toward completion of their degree. This progress includes satisfying the conditions listed below, and achieving the benchmarks and requirements set by the individual degree programs. Each degree program should have in place policies for satisfactory academic progress. Students are responsible for verifying additional satisfactory progress policies as required by their degree program. If a student fails to satisfy the requirements of their degree program and/or the benchmarks outlined below, the student may be dismissed from their program based on the academic unit's recommendation to the Graduate College of ASU. The Graduate College Dean of ASU makes the final determination.
  - a. Maintain a minimum of 3.00 GPA on Graduate GPAs. If GPA falls below 3.00, the student must develop, with their advisor, an academic performance improvement plan that includes the conditions and timeframes for making satisfactory academic progress in their degree program.
    - The Plan of Study (hereinafter referred to as POS) GPA is calculated from all courses that appear on the student's approved POS.
    - The Graduate GPA at ASU is calculated from all courses numbered 500 or higher that appear on the transcript. The student is considered to be on academic probation until the conditions specified in the academic performance improvement plan are met and both GPAs are above 3.00.
  - b. Satisfy all requirements of the graduate degree program.
  - c. Satisfy the maximum time limit for graduation from the student's graduate degree program.
  - d. Successfully complete the culminating experience and, if required, the oral defense of the culminating experience.

Failure to maintain satisfactory academic progress may result in discontinuation from the double degree program.

### **Curricular and Degree Requirements:**

1. The attached Curricular Template specifies the 500-level and above graduate courses for the Program.
2. Students must complete the master degree requirements of the Graduate College and the academic unit at ASU. The Graduate College requires a minimum of 30 graduate credit hours and a minimum 3.0 GPA on both their POS and their cumulative GPA.
3. The attached academic Curricular Template specifies the number of credit hours and courses required to complete the master degree.

### **The Tuition and Fees**

1. Students who have not graduated from NCU need to register with NCU and pay the required tuition fee.
2. Students are responsible for all costs to study at the WPC School at ASU. The cost shall include travel between Taiwan and the United States, the standard tuition fees for the MS in Management Program, room and board, insurance and all other prescribed fees to be collected by ASU. The base fees are those published by ASU for International students. These fees may be adjusted at the sole discretion of ASU.
3. NCU will have no claim against fees collected by ASU. NCU waives all rights to commission on student fees paid to ASU.

### **Term and Termination**

1. This Agreement commences on the date of the last signature by a party to the Agreement. The duration of the agreement is three years.
2. In the third year after commencement of the Agreement, the parties will undertake a joint evaluation and the agreement will continue to be effective for another term of 3 years unless otherwise agreed below.
3. This agreement may be terminated by a party serving on the other party at least 6 months prior written notice. If the termination date falls during a phase of the Program, the agreement will be terminated after the completion date of that phase of the program.


Note: All such double degree (or equivalent) program agreements (i.e., MOU or addenda to existing agreements) must be reviewed and approved by the relevant Dean's Office, the ASU Provost's Office, the Graduate Dean, and the Department of Business Administration office and other relevant offices at NCU before students are admitted to the program.


Signatures:


Arizona State University


National Central University


  
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**Robert E. Page, Jr**      Date  
*University Provost*  
*Arizona State University*

  
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**Jyh-Chen Chen**      Date  
*Dean of the Office of Academic*  
*Affairs*

  
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**Andrew N. Webber**      Date  
*Vice Provost for Graduate*  
*Education of Arizona State*  
*University*

  
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**Gwo Ji Sheen**      Date  
*Dean of the School of*  
*Management*

  
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**Amy Hillman**      Date  
*Dean and Rusty Lyon Chair of*  
*Strategy*  
*W. P. Carey School of Business*  
*Arizona State University*

  
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**Ming Sung Cheng**      Date  
*Chair of Department of*  
*Business Administration*  
*School of Management*

# Curriculum of Plan of Study for Double Master Degree Program

National Central University  
School of Management  
*Master of Business Administration*

Arizona State University  
W.P. Carey School of Business  
*MS in Finance*

Year 1 (in NCU):  
NCU MBA Year 1  
NCU Courses

Year 2 (in ASU):  
Graduate/Matriculated  
ASU Grad Courses

First Year at NCU

Second Year at ASU

Semester 1 and 2

The MS-FIN curriculum consists of 4 quarter-based courses:

First Semester ( Credits)

FALL Semester

Financial Management (3)

Quarter 1:  
Statistics for Managers (3)  
Financial Accounting (3)  
Managerial Finance (3)

Marketing Management (3)

Quarter 2:  
Managerial Economics (3)  
Investment Strategies (3)  
Derivatives (3)

Human Resource Planning & Management (3)

Production & Operations Management (3)

Organizational Theory & Management (3)

Seminar (1)

Second Semester ( Credits)

SPRING Semester

Management Accounting (3)

Quarter 3:  
Fixed Income (3)  
International Finance (3)  
Advanced Corporate Finance (3)

Managing Information Technology (3)

Quantitative Methods (3)

Seminar (1)

Quarter 4:  
Risk Management in Banks and Financial Institutions (3)  
Entrepreneurial Finance (3)  
Finance Capstone (3)

NOTE: The Master of Science in Finance is a lock-step 12 course program.

Total: at least 26 Credits

Total: at least 36 Credits

\*: Admitted provisionally to Graduate College

\*\* : 500 level courses will be used towards ASU's graduate programs

\*\*\*: Course selective depends on choice of thesis or non-thesis option