

Articulation Agreement between College of Notre Dame of Maryland and China Women's University

I. PURPOSE

College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Inc. (Notre Dame) and China Women's University (CWU) enter into this Articulation Agreement (Agreement) so that students enrolled in eligible degree programs (as outlined in the attached articulation documents) will have a clear understanding of how their credits will transfer to Notre Dame. The 3+2 articulation agreement outlines the general education, major and graduation requirements/credits needed to complete a baccalaureate degree at College of Notre Dame.

Students need to have **completed the first three years of the China Women's University program** (as outlined on the accompanying articulation course chart) prior to enrolling at Notre Dame to be eligible for consideration under this agreement. This Agreement outlines the transfer of courses in the following programs:

First three years of study at CWU in ----- to completion of BA in Notre Dame program

Accounting

Finance Management

Social Work

Social Work

BA in Business

BA in Business

BA in Psychology

BA in Liberal Arts

Accounting or Finance BA in Liberal Arts, Math & Economics

IL ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Notre Dame will:

- 1. Accept the requirements that China Women's University students complete for their first three years of study as outlined in the Articulation document included with this agreement as Attachment #1 and as stated in the Notre Dame Transfer Policy.
- 2. Accept transfer-appropriate courses with a grade of "C" or better, up to a maximum of 90 credits in transfer.
- 3. Continue working with China Women's University on additional detailed articulation agreements that provide guidelines on program-to-program transfer.
- 4. Award 25% tuition discount to qualified * transfer students from China Women's University if a cohort of 10 to 15 enroll full time for any given semester in the Women's College. If 15 or more CWU students enroll in the Women's College a 30 % tuition discount will be provided
- 5. Provide opportunities for qualified (see "admissions" section) transfer students to enroll in the English Language Institute prior to enrollment in the Women's College if TOEFL is below 500 (480-500) and/or if English language immersion is advised.

B. China Women's University will:

1. Publicize this articulation agreement and notify prospective qualified * students of

this opportunity.

2. Implement a pre-screening process for applicants. Recommendation to study at Notre Dame will be based on a strong academic program, ability to be admitted under the Notre Dame transfer requirements and maturity to handle a study abroad experience.

- 3. Be provided with a 25% tuition discount for CWU students if a cohort group of 10 to 15 enroll full time in the Women's College. If 15 or more CWU students enroll in the Women's College a 30 % tuition discount will be provided. Should this number fall below 10 for any incoming cohort, students will be expected to pay the full tuition costs.
- 4. Advise CWU students on the requirements needed to complete the dual-degree at CWU which will include a Bachelor Thesis.
- C. Jointly Notre Dame and China Women's University will:
 - 1. Designate appropriate officials to review this Agreement annually to make any changes that are mutually agreed to by the parties as needed. This would include the continuing development of program-to-program articulation guidelines.

III. ADMISSIONS

A. Students desiring to enter the bachelor's degree program(s) must apply to Notre Dame and meet the requirements for admission to the Women's College as indicated on the College's website and/or the current College catalog.

Fall 2010 requirements – * Qualified transfer students must have a cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.5 and successful completion of program (3 years at CWU) as outlined in Articulation documents. English proficiency as evidenced by a score of 500 or higher on the TOEFL, writing sample and recommendation of the CWU study abroad screening committee will also be required.

- **B.** Students must be admitted as a degree seeking full time student to be eligible for participation under this articulation agreement.
- C. Students who have been pre-screened and recommended by CWU will be sent to Notre Dame for the admissions review. Notre Dame will be responsible for handling admission of students, and the decision of the Notre Dame Admission's staff will be final.

IV. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A. LIABILITY

1. China Women's University shall save, defend, indemnify, and hold Notre Dame, its officers, trustees, employees, and agents harmless for any and all claims, actions and suits for bodily injury, death or property damage arising under this Agreement or any extension thereof, unless caused by the willful misconduct of Notre Dame, its employees, contractors, or agents.

2. Notre Dame shall save, defend, indemnify, and hold China Women's University, its officers, trustees, employees, and agents harmless for any and all claims, actions and suits for bodily injury, death or property damage arising under this Agreement or any extension thereof, unless caused by the willful misconduct of China Women's University, its employees, contractors, or agents.

B. TERM AND RENEWAL

1. This Agreement shall have an initial term of two (2) years beginning on date signed below by the two College presidents. Unless terminated pursuant to the terms outlined below, this Agreement and the program will continue for consecutive one-year periods.

C. TERMINATION CLAUSE

- 1. Either party may terminate this Agreement at the end of the initial term or at the end of a renewed term by giving the other party at least one year written notice. Such termination, however, will not apply to students already accepted to the Notre Dame.
- 2. This Agreement may be terminated by either party at any time due to a material default of its terms by the other as long as the default has not been cured within a ninety (90) day period from written notice of the default.

D. STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

1. Payment information

The students are expected to pay tuition, room and board and other necessary fees to the College of Note Dame of Maryland. The student must make payment of necessary fees according to the rules of the college.

The International Student Cost Guide outlines important additional costs students must be able to meet as they apply to their particular situation. The Cost Guide, which is updated annually, is attached as an addendum to this Agreement.

2. Housing

Students from China Women's University enrolled at College of Notre Dame of Maryland will be placed in college housing. If this is not possible for some reason, College of Notre Dame of Maryland will assist the students in finding appropriate accommodations. In either case the cost will be borne by the students.

3. Health Insurance

China Women's University students are required to purchase health insurance or give evidence that they have comparable insurance coverage. In either case, medical evacuation and repatriation coverage must be included.

E. MISCELLANEOUS

- 1. This Agreement is not assignable but shall bind the corporate successors of Notre Dame and China Women's University.
- 2. This Agreement will not create an employment or partnership relationship between Notre Dame and China Women's University.
- 3. CWU faculty may enroll for full time study in the English Language Institute at a 25% tuition discount. This full time enrollment may include the ability to audit one class through the English department in the Women's College at no additional cost.
- 4. One appointed CWU faculty member who will travel to Notre Dame with the cohort of CWU students (10 or more) will be granted the opportunity to study in the English Language Institute at no tuition cost. Notre Dame will provide free on-campus housing for the faculty member (female) who accompanies the group. <u>Costs for transportation, meals and other personal expenses will not be covered.</u>
- 5. No amendment to this Agreement shall be valid and binding unless in writing signed by both parties.
- 6. Notice of any action taken by either party and required to be reported to the other party under this Agreement shall be mailed, certified delivery, to the other party at the address stated below.
- 7. The laws of the State of Maryland govern this agreement.

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Authorized signatures:

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Date

11/13/2009 Date