



ARISTOTLE  
UNIVERSITY OF  
THESSALONIKI



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR STUDENT EXCHANGE  
between  
ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI,  
SCHOOL OF ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING  
and  
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION,  
KOBE UNIVERSITY

This Memorandum of Understanding is to promote the exchange of students and thereby partly implement the ideals expressed in the Agreement of Academic Cooperation between the two parties concluded on Oct. 22. 2021.

1. The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, School of Electrical and Computer Engineering (hereinafter referred to as "AUTH") and the Graduate School of Science, Technology and Innovation, Kobe University (hereinafter referred to as "KU") will exchange students under the following terms:
  - 1.1 Nomination of exchange students  
Each exchange student shall be nominated according to the relevant procedure and at the direction of the home institution. The host institution will admit exchange students according to its established policies and procedures.
  - 1.2 Number of exchange students  
The number of students to be sent from each institution will not exceed one for each year, including students participating in Erasmus + program, balancing the number of students over a period of two years.
  - 1.3 Duration  
In principle, the period of stay for each exchange student at the host institution will be for one full academic year. However, if the exchange student so desires, the period of stay can be shortened. In that case, the minimum duration of study period is 3 months, or 1 semester.
  - 1.4 Status of exchange students  
The status of each exchange student at AUTH will be "Erasmus+ International exchange student". The status of each exchange student at KU will be "non-degree special auditing student" or "non-degree special research student".
  - 1.5 Tuition exemption  
The exchange program is based on the principle of reciprocity. The exchange students will remain enrolled at their home institution where they pay their tuition and other related fees. The host institution will exempt relevant fees for admission, examination and tuition for the exchange students.
  - 1.6 Credit transfer  
At the end of the semester, the host institution will send an official academic transcript for each exchange student to his or her home institution. It shall be the sole responsibility of the home institution to decide how many transfer credit units the student may actually receive for courses taken at the host institution.
  - 1.7 Regulations  
Each exchange student will be subject to the same regulations as pertain to the students of the host institution. In case where an exchange student fails to observe the host institution's rules or regulations, the student must take full responsibility for his or her behavior. This may further lead to reconsidering this student's admission to this exchange programs.
  - 1.8 Accommodation  
In case university accommodation is not available, each institution will provide the exchange students with assistance in making room arrangements for the period of exchange. However, room charges will be the responsibility of the exchange students.
  - 1.9 Expenses / Insurance  
Travel and other incidental expenses, and health and accident insurance will be borne by each exchange student. However, government and/or other scholarships may be used to cover these expenses.
  - 1.10 Administration  
The exchange program (Erasmus+ International program) will be coordinated by the Department of European Educational programs of AUTH and the Academic Affairs Section of KU.

2. **Duration, amendment and termination**  
 This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force for the period during which the Agreement of Academic Cooperation is valid, commencing on the date of signing by both parties. It may be terminated by either party giving twelve (12) months prior notice to the other party in writing, without prejudice to the completion of ongoing programs. The Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by the exchange of letters between both parties.
  
3. **Personal Data Protection (when concluding a student exchange agreement with countries under GDPR)**  
 In accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and with the provisions of the legal system for the Protection of Personal Information in Japan, the signatories of this document undertake to treat the personal data to which they have access in the development of the functions conferred by this agreement as strictly confidential information and utilize it appropriately.  
 The purpose of the treatment is to carry out a student exchange according to the terms set forth in this agreement. This agreement is the basis that legitimizes the parties involved in the processing of personal data derived from its execution. To comply with data protection laws both in Greece and in Japan, exchange students from the home university will need to sign a consent form to permit the host university to process, store and transfer their personal data to their home university. Each party shall act as a controller in respect to the processing of the personal data. If necessary, the parties may communicate with each other to deal with any queries or incidents.  
 The confidentiality obligations established in this agreement will last indefinitely and will remain in force after the termination, for any reason, of the relationship between the parties.
  
4. **Dispute resolution**  
 Should any disputes arise between the parties in connection with this agreement or any items not covered by this agreement, the parties shall use their best efforts to resolve the dispute through negotiation between the parties.  
 Any dispute arising under or in connection with this agreement which cannot be resolved by amicable discussions between the parties shall be jointly referred to the legal authorities or other private/public agency for resolution in either party's country. In the unlikely case the dispute remains unresolved, it shall be resolved by the competent jurisdiction regarding the defendant.  
 In the event of a dispute, both parties shall continue to carry out all their respective responsibilities under this agreement not affected by the dispute.
  
5. This Memorandum of Understanding is written in duplicate in English and both parties retain one copy each of the authentic texts.

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

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 Date: Oct. 22. 2021

  
 Date: Oct. 2. 2021