# **Cooperative Academic Arrangements**

The institution ensures the quality and integrity of the work recorded when an institution transcripts courses or credits as its own when offered through a cooperative academic arrangement. The institution maintains formal agreements between the parties involved, and the institution regularly evaluates such agreements.

# **Judgment**

lacktriangle Compliant  $\ \square$  Non-Compliant  $\ \square$  Not Applicable

#### **Narrative**

Credit earned through cooperative academic agreements appears as transfer credit on the student's transcript. The University of South Carolina Columbia and the regional Palmetto College campuses do not transcript courses or credits earned at other institutions as its own.

Academic Affairs Policies ACAF 2.05 Consortial Academic Contracts and Agreements and ACAF 2.06 International Academic Agreements ensure the quality and integrity of the courses or credits recorded on a University of South Carolina transcript when offered through a cooperative academic arrangement. ACAF 2.05 and ACAF 2.06 define the standards and processes according to which consortial academic contracts and agreements are developed, governed and reviewed. If the proposed or renewal agreement is related to a new or existing academic program or degree, the academic unit head(s) must also follow the procedures outlined in ACAF 2.00 Creation and Revision of Academic Programs and submit the agreement through the faculty governance review process to ensure the quality of the program and compliance with SACSCOC and the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education regulations. If the agreement is with a non-SACSCOC-accredited institution, inside or outside the United States, the following disclaimer statement must be used in any materials describing the relationship and the University of South Carolina is responsible for reviewing, approving, and monitoring the non-SACSCOC partner institutions' statements of relationship to ensure conformity with the disclaimer:

The University of South Carolina is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award Associate, Baccalaureate, Masters, and Doctoral degrees. [Name of partner institution] is not accredited by SACS Commission on Colleges and the accreditation of University of South Carolina does not extend to or include [name of partner institution] or its students. Further, although University of South Carolina agrees to accept certain course work from [name of partner institution] to be applied toward an award from University of South Carolina, that course work may not be accepted by other colleges or universities in transfer, even if it appears on a transcript from University of South Carolina. The decision to accept course work in transfer from any institution is made by the institution considering the acceptance of credits or course work.

All consortial academic contracts and agreements are subject to the authority of the Board of Trustees. The Office of the Provost oversees their development and review for the University of South Carolina Columbia and the regional Palmetto College campuses (referred to as *Regional* in the policy).

The institution maintains formal agreements between the parties involved and consortial academic contracts and agreements will usually have five-year terms unless otherwise stated in the agreement. The responsibilities of all parties to the agreement, provision for ensuring the quality of the programs and courses offered through the agreement, and provision for evaluating the agreement in relation to the mission of the institution are addressed in either the contract review and renewal form or agreement.

# **Domestic Cooperative Academic Arrangements**

Domestic cooperative academic agreements include the following:

Claflin University: Dual Degree B.S. Chemistry from Claflin and B.S.E. Chemical Engineering from the University of South Carolina Columbia and Dual Degree B.S./B.A. from Claflin and M.P.H. from the University of South Carolina Columbia

Midlands Technical College: Bridge Program

Vermont Law School: Dual Degree MS Environmental Law from Vermont Law School and J.D. from the University of South Carolina Columbia (renewal in progress; updated contract will be provided to on-site review team).

# **International Cooperative Agreements**

Dual or joint programs with international institutions are listed below:

Contract Type	Partner Institution	Degree Designation	Programs	BOT Approval	Start Date	Renewal Exp	iration
Joint Degree	Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Qatar		Sport and Entertainment Management	12/17/2019	2020		2025
Joint Degree	Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Qatar	MS	Exercise Science	12/17/2019	2020		2025
Dual Degree	Mannheim School of Business Mannheim, Germany	'MIB-MIM	International Business - Management	4/15/2011	2011	2012 2018	2023
Dual Degree	ESCP Europe, Paris, France	MIB-MMM	International Business - Management	4/12/2012	2012	2017	2022
Dual Degree	EM Lyon Business School, Ecully, France	PhD-PhD	Business Administration/ Management	4/20/2018	2017		2022
Dual Degree	Aalto University, Helsinki, Finland	MIB-MIB	Economics and Business Administration/International Business	6/24/2016	2016		2021
Dual Degree	ESSEC Business School, France	MIB-MIB	International Business	10/19/2018	2019		2024
Dual Degree	EGADE Business School of Instituto Technologico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Mexico	PhD-PhD	Business Administration	10/19/2018	2018		2023
Dual Degree	Facultad de Economia y Negocios, Universidad de Chile, Santiago, Chile (FEN)	PhD- PhD	Business Administration	10/19/2018	2018		2023
Dual Degree	Beijing International Studies University (BISU)	BS-BS	Tourism or Hospitality Management	10/19/2018	2015	2017 (effective Fall 2019)	2024
Dual Degree	National Economic University (NEU), Hanoi, Vietnam	BS-BS	Hospitality management	12/18/2018	2019		2024
Dual Degree	National Taiwan Normal University, Taiwan	MIHTM-MSLHM	International Hospitality and Tourism Management/Sport, Leisure and Hospitality Management, with a focus in Hospitality Management	6/20/2014	2014	2019	2024
Dual Degree	Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, Korea	PhD-PhD	Business Administration- Business Administration	12/17/2019	2019		2024
Dual Degree	IAE Argentina Business School, Argentina	PhD-PhD	Business Administration- Business Administration	10/11/2019	2019		2024
Dual Degree	National Taiwan Normal University, Taiwan	MSEM-MS	Sport and Entertainment Management/Sport, Leisure, and Hospitality Management with a focus on Sport Management	6/20/2014	2014	2019	2024
Dual Degree	National Taiwan Normal University, Taiwan	PhD-PhD	Hospitality Management/Sport Leisure and Hospitality Management	6/20/2014	2014	2019	2024
Dual Degree	National Chengchi University (NCCU), Taiwan	MMC-MA	Mass Communication	12/17/2019	2020		2025
Dual Degree	Yonsei University, Korea	MS	Engineering programs	12/19/2017	2012	2017	2022

Please note that the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (SC CHE) revised its policies in 2018 to require program modification proposals for existing programs entering dual/joint program agreements. Prior to that, courtesy notification was permitted, but not required. As a result, dual programs implemented prior to 2018 may not have evidence of SC CHE approval or acknowledgement.

Transcript examples showing how credit is recorded for both domestic agreements and international agreements are provided.

The evaluation of consortial academic contracts and agreements considers the following factors: consistency with university mission, agreement activity, appropriateness of administration, adequacy of risk and safety management, academic soundness, and ongoing viability (see the Domestic Contract Review Form and International Agreement Review Form). The Office of Academic Programs will initiate and coordinate regular reviews of non-international agreements per ACAF 2.05 Consortial Academic Contracts and Agreements (see the Domestic Contracts Spreadsheet for a list of agreements and their review dates). Global Carolina within the Office of the Provost will initiate and coordinate regular reviews of international agreements as per ACAF 2.06 International Academic Agreements. Global Carolina's website provides information about international agreements, including types of agreements and steps to develop, review, and renew agreements.

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