

Substantive Change Cover Sheet

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INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

INSTITUTION (NO ABBREVIATIONS PLEASE)

CITY + STATE/PROVINCE

University of South Carolina Columbia

Columbia, SC

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE RESTRICTION

1. Is the institution currently on Warning, Probation, or Probation for Good Cause?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
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SUBMISSION INFORMATION

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE TYPE (SELECT FROM DROP-DOWN LIST: SUBMIT ONLY TYPES DEFINED IN POLICY)

SUBMISSION DATE

Program Change: Dual Academic Award

03/09/2022

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE DESCRIPTION (BRIEF SUMMARY)

INTENDED IMPLEMENTATION

Creating a dual academic award with Universidad Adolfo Ibanez in Santiago, Chile

08/01/2022

OFF-CAMPUS INSTRUCTIONAL SITES SUBMITTED IN THIS SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE

Site Name, Physical Address, City, State/Province, ZIP or Postal Code, and Country/Territory

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5.	There are more than 5 sites in this submission → <input type="checkbox"/>

PROGRAMS SUBMITTED IN THIS SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE

Include credential AND discipline: e.g., Associate of Arts in English, Bachelor of Science in Physics, Certificate in Office Management, etc.

1.	PhD Business Administration
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5.	There are more than 5 programs in submission → <input type="checkbox"/>

SUBMITTED

I certify the information on this form is correct and accurately represents the current status of the institution at the time of submission.

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Office of Executive Vice President for
Academic Affairs and Provost

March 7, 2022

Dr. Kevin Sightler, Director of Substantive Change
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Sightler:

This letter serves as notification to the Southern Association of Colleges and School Commission on Colleges of new dual degree programs with Universidad Adolfo Ibanez Business School undertaken by the Darla Moore School of Business. The University of South Carolina, in partnership with Universidad Adolfo Ibanez, will offer a dual doctoral degree, effective Fall 2022.

Contact information for both parties to the agreement is listed as follows:

For University of South Carolina
Harris Pastides
Interim President
University of South Carolina – Columbia
206 Osborne Administration Building
Columbia, SC 29208

For Universidad Adolfo Ibanez
Harald Beyer
President
Diagonal Las Torres 2640
Peñalolén Av., Presidente Errázuriz
3485, Las Condes

Upon completion of the program, students will earn a Ph.D. in Business Administration from the University of South Carolina – Columbia, and a Ph.D. in Business Administration from the Universidad Adolfo Ibanez. Students must meet the degree requirements of each institution and each institution will award separate degrees. The research will be collaboratively supervised between the two institutions, and it will be expected that dissertation committees will consist of faculty from both institutions. No changes are being made to curriculum, admissions, or other university policies. This degree has been approved by the UofSC Board of Trustees and the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education.

The University of South Carolina is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award doctoral degrees. Our dual degree

partner in Chile is not accredited by SACS Commission on Colleges and the accreditation of University of South Carolina does not extend to or include Universidad Adolfo Ibanez or its students. Further, although University of South Carolina agrees to accept certain coursework from Universidad Adolfo Ibanez to be applied toward an award from University of South Carolina, that coursework 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 coursework in transfer from any institution is made by the institution considering the acceptance of credits or coursework.

We do not anticipate any new costs associated with this dual degree program. The signed Memorandum of Understanding and contact information for the program representative at Universidad Adolfo Ibanez is attached.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this notification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen J. Cutler" with a small "cs" monogram at the end.

Stephen Cutler
Interim Provost

Enclosure

SC/TH:jp

C: Trena Houph, Director of Academic Programs and eLearning
Donald Miles, Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation

AGREEMENT OF ACADEMIC COOPERATION

UNIVERSIDAD ADOLFO IBÁÑEZ
AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COLUMBIA, SC
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
for the
DUAL DEGREE DOCTORAL PROGRAM

In order to advance academic collaboration between Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez (UAI) and the University of South Carolina, Darla Moore School of Business (South Carolina) both institutions will cooperate in the development of a dual degree doctoral program. This program will provide opportunities for Ph.D. students to expand their learning and research and to enhance their academic mentoring to include faculty from both institutions.

A. Purpose of the Program, Definitions and General Principles

The institutions seek to enhance and expand doctoral education for their Ph.D. students in Business Administration. Students will take course work and conduct research under the instruction and supervision of faculty from both institutions. Students will complete a dissertation supervised by faculty from each partner institution. Students will receive Ph.D. degrees from each university upon completion of the degree requirements for each school. Transfer of academic credit between the institutions may be approved to meet academic program requirements.

In this agreement “home institution” refers to the institution at which a student is initially accepted and “host institution” to the institution which has agreed to receive a dual degree student. “UAI student” applies to students who are initially accepted at UAI, “South Carolina student” to students initially accepted at Darla Moore School of Business. “Dual degree student” corresponds to a student participating in the dual degree program.

The requirements for each degree have to be fulfilled. Each institution will be the sole judge of whether or not a student has completed the requirement for the degree that it awards. Each institution will be the sole judge of whether or not a student has met any progression requirements for its degree. Each institution may change the requirements for their degree according to their own governance process, informing such changes to the partner institution. If a student does not meet the requirements for the award of the host institution’s degree, the home institution reserves the right to award its own degree to the student.

At UAI, the Academic Vice Rector approves applications for graduation upon completion of all UAI doctoral degree requirements.

At South Carolina, the Dean of the Graduate School approves applications for graduation upon completion of all South Carolina doctoral degree requirements.

B. Eligibility for participation

1. Each home institution will be responsible for selecting their participating students. Each home institution will nominate students to the host institution. The host institution shall make the final admission decision regarding those nominated based upon the existing admission criteria of the host institution.

2. Dual degree students must meet all eligibility requirements for admission to each doctoral program and must follow the normal application process for graduate admission to each institution. UAI may nominate students that have achieved an average score of 600 or higher in the EXADEP exam by ETS. This exam score may be used as a substitute for the GRE/GMAT score.

3. Candidates who do not hold a degree from a U.S. institution, have not graduated from a program with English as the instructional language, or are not currently enrolled in a program with English as the instructional language must submit a valid (two years old or less) test score demonstrating their command of the English language. The minimum score for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is 80 (Internet-based) and 6.5 for the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) prior to beginning the program at South Carolina.

C. Transfer of Academic Credit and Program Requirements

1. Dual degree students may transfer academic credit from the home institution to meet some of the course requirements of the host institution. All transfer of academic credit must be pre-approved by the host institution.

2. Each institution has established degree requirements that must be met by student participants in order to earn the Ph.D. degree. Each institution will confer their Ph.D. degree to participants only upon completion of its own institution's specified requirements.

3. The Deans of each institution will appoint a doctoral oversight committee for the dual degree that will be comprised of a faculty director and an administrative/managing director from each institution.

4. The doctoral oversight committee will approve the program of study for each dual degree student, subject to the degree requirements of each participating institution.



5. At South Carolina, the doctoral program requires at least 60 credit hours. This includes 18 hours of research methods courses, 15 hours for the major, 15 hours for the cognate, and 12 dissertation preparation credit hours. Dual degree students are required to complete at least 30 hours of course credit while enrolled at South Carolina. In addition to at least 30 hours credit earned at South Carolina, up to 18 hours of academic credit from UAI may be accepted and applied toward the South Carolina Ph.D. degree course requirements. The general design is for students to complete their first year at UAI, matriculate to South Carolina for their second year (three semesters), and then return to UAI to complete their dissertation. Other curriculum sequences may be accommodated assuming such students meet the admission requirements and pursue a program of study approved by the doctoral oversight committee.

6. Student participants are normally required at both institutions to take a qualifying examination at the end of the first year of study. UAI and South Carolina will collaborate, as feasible, to meet their corresponding institutional requirements, to design and offer a qualifying examination that will fulfill the requirements of both institutions.

7. The comprehensive exam will usually be administered at the end of the program coursework. In the event that a student participant has returned to the home institution prior to administration of the comprehensive exam, the comprehensive exam may be proctored at the home institution.

8. In the event that a dual degree student has returned to the home institution at the time of the dissertation defense, permission can be granted for the defense to be done via skype, teleconference, or similar long distance communication medium, as approved by both institutions.

D. Faculty Composition of Dissertation Committees

1. The dissertation may be a single study or consist of two or three papers. Because dual degree student research will be collaboratively supervised between the two institutions, it will be expected that the dissertation committee will consist of faculty from both institutions. Each institution's policies and regulations about faculty membership of dissertation committees will be respected.

2. At South Carolina, the Chair of the committee must be a regular member of the graduate faculty. A faculty member from the UAI may serve as co-chair of the committee, if receiving a term appointment to the Graduate faculty. Faculty members from UAI may serve as members of the dissertation committee as outside members, with no term appointment being necessary.

3. Funding for faculty to travel to participate in dissertation committee work is the responsibility of the individual faculty member or either department, contingent upon availability of funding. A student defending a dissertation shall not be responsible for travel costs of faculty members.

E. Program Costs

1. Dual degree student participants will pay the required tuition and fees for each institution.
2. Dual degree students are eligible to receive funding from either the host or home institution, as is available and governed by each institution's policies and available funding.
3. At South Carolina, dual degree students will be assessed the graduate non-resident full-time student tuition rate; students will not be assessed the matriculation, technology, international student, or health center fees. Dual degree students will be considered on a competitive basis for graduate assistantship support that includes a salary and a reduction of tuition to the graduate resident rate. Those student participants who do not qualify for an assistantship may, under the terms of this agreement, be entitled to receive a scholarship each semester whereby they are eligible for the resident graduate tuition rate.
4. All individual expenses of dual degree students, including travel and room and board, and other incidental expenses are the responsibility of the individual student.
5. At South Carolina, student participants are required to enroll in the University's Student Health Insurance Plan while enrolled in the program or provide proof of comparable coverage.
6. Students shall provide financial certification acceptable to the host institution as required for visa regulations. South Carolina will assist students, upon receipt of all documentation, with the visa application and measures to ensure legal status in the U.S.

F. Accreditation Disclaimer Statement

South Carolina is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS) to award Bachelor, Master and Doctoral degrees. UAI is not accredited by SACS Commission on Colleges and the accreditation of South Carolina does not extend to or include UAI or its students. Further, although South Carolina agrees to accept certain course work from UAI to be applied toward an award from South Carolina, that course work may not be accepted by other colleges or universities in transfer, even if it appears on a transcript from 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.

G. Scope

This agreement provides the policy and procedures related to the PhD dual degree collaboration between the partner institutions. The overall intent is to further additional collaboration between both institutions and the faculty. This may include collaborative research, lectures and symposia



activities; faculty and scholar exchanges, and visiting professorships; collaborative course instruction facilitated by multimedia and technology formats; joint proposals for international funding; and cooperative development of courses, or additional academic programs.

H. Terms and Conditions

1. This agreement shall be effective upon arrival and signature of both parties.
2. This agreement shall take effect on November 1, 2019 and shall be for a period of five years terminating on October 31, 2024. This agreement may be renewed every five (5) years upon a signed Letter of Renewal.
3. Termination at any time may occur by mutual agreement or at the request of either party with a six (6) months written notice.
4. If no activity, as described herein, is materialized within five (5) years, the agreement shall be deemed terminated.
4. In the event of program termination, those student participants who are enrolled in the program shall be allowed to complete the program, with the agreed upon conditions, as long as they make academic progress toward degree completion.
5. The parties agree to consult periodically concerning the status and progress of the program.

I. Force Majeure

Neither partner institution shall be liable for failure to perform its obligations under this agreement if such failure results from circumstances which could not have been contemplated and which are beyond the partner institution's reasonable control.

J. Dispute Settlement

Both partner institutions agree to amicably resolve any disputes arising from the agreement in accordance with institutional policies and governmental regulations of each partner's institution and government. Notwithstanding, any claims relating or arising from this agreement, tort or otherwise, shall be governed by the laws and jurisdiction of the country of residence of the respondent party.

K. Confidentiality

The Parties may communicate proprietary, confidential and other information during the term of this Agreement. Such information must be treated as confidential, taking all reasonable precautions to prevent the unauthorized disclosure of any part of such information to any person outside its organization including, without limitation, taking all those precautions used to safeguard its own confidential information.

Such obligation of confidentiality shall survive the expiration or early termination of this Agreement and shall not apply to (i) information that is or becomes available in the public domain through no wrongful acts of any of the Parties; and (ii) information disclosed pursuant to any court or regulatory order served upon either party, provided that either party gives the other prompt notice of such order.


L. Intellectual Property

The parties convene that this Agreement does not grant South Carolina, nor UAI, any license of use or rights over the intellectual property of the other party. The use of trademarks and/or denominations representative of either party are strictly prohibited without the owner's written consent.

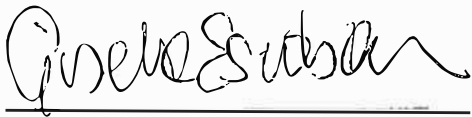
M. Official Text

This agreement is written in English only.

President
University of South Carolina



Harald Beyer- Rector
Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez



Gisela Escobar Koch
Vice-Rector for Management
Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez

