

PATHWAY PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI, USA

And

NANTONG UNIVERSITY, CHINA

On the principle of promoting mutual trust and mutually beneficial international cooperation, University of Central Missouri (UCM), located at 116 W South St, Warrensburg, MO 64093 USA, and Nantong University (NTU) located at No. 9 Seyuan Road, Nantong City, Jiangsu Province, China, 226007, hereby agree to implement pathway programs with the following terms and understanding. Under this Agreement, NTU students will have different options to earn a master's and/or a second bachelor's degree from UCM through a seamless pathway articulation between the two institutions.

I. PATHWAY PROGRAM DESIGN AND PURPOSE

1. Pathway programs are designed as 3+1 international collaborations at the undergraduate and graduate levels.
2. NTU students may earn a second bachelor's and/or a master's degree at UCM through a selected field of study.
3. NTU students must complete 120+ credit hours at NTU and earn a 3.0 GPA (for graduate applicants) or 2.0 GPA (for undergraduate applicants) on a 4.0 scale to be eligible for admission into a pathway program.
4. For bachelor programs, admitted students may transfer up to 90 undergraduate credits to UCM based on the course mapping and degree requirements at UCM.
5. All applicants must meet the international admissions requirements at UCM including the English language proficiency.
6. Students who do not meet UCM English language proficiency may be admitted to the UCM Intensive English Program (IEP) prior to admission to a degree program. At UCM, this admission status is labeled "IEP to Degree" and will increase time required to earn a UCM bachelor's degree.
7. Students must enroll full-time at UCM for a minimum of one year and successfully complete all degree requirements per accreditation and degree granting guidelines.
8. A degree completion chart with degree requirements will be developed for each pathway program.

II. PATHWAY PROGRAM ARTICULATION MODELS

1. BA/BS + Second Bachelor Study at UCM (3+1)
2. BA/BS + Graduate Study at UCM (3+1)
3. BA/BS + Second Bachelor + Graduate Study at UCM (3+1+1) [accelerated program]

III. PATHWAY PROGRAMS

1. Second Bachelor Programs
 - BA in International Studies
 - BA in Modern Languages with options in:
 - Language & Culture
 - BFA: Bachelor in Fine Arts with options in:
 - Graphic Design

- Interior Design
- BS in Fashion: Textiles & Clothing in Business
- BSBA: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with concentrations in:
 - Accountancy
 - International Business
 - Management
 - Marketing
- BSBA in Big Data & Business Analytics
- BSBA in Computer Information Systems & Analytics with concentrations in:
 - Cloud Computing, Networking and Security
 - Mobile and Web Development
 - Software Development
- BS in Computer Science with options in:
 - Networking
 - Computer Science
 - Game Development
 - Software Development
- BS in Data Science
- BS in Engineering Design Technology with options in:
 - Civil & Architectural Design Technology
 - Mechanical Design Technology
- BS in Digital Media Production
- BS in Engineering Technology with options in
 - Civil/Infrastructure Project Administration
 - Industrial
 - Management
 - Mechanical (Product Design)
 - Robotics Automation & Controls
- BS in Information Technology
- BS in Software Engineering
- Other bachelor majors of mutual interest may be added later [Undergraduate Majors](#)

2. Master Programs

- MA in Accountancy [available in accelerated 3+1+1 format]
- MBA (General Business, Management & Organizational Leadership, Marketing)
- MS in Big Data Analytics & Information Technology
- MS in CIS & Information Technology
- MS in Computer Science [available in accelerated 3+1+1 format]
- MS in Data Science & Artificial Intelligence [available in accelerated 3+1+1 format]
- MS in English Language Learner with option in:
 - TESOL option (Teaching English as a Second Language)
- Other master programs of mutual interest may be added later [Master's Degrees | University of Central Missouri](#)

IV. COURSE MAPPING

A comprehensive list of matched courses between NTU and UCM will be completed for each selected pathway program to help facilitate smooth course transfers. A tentative degree completion plan will be mutually developed for each pathway program.

V. UCM INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS

NTU students interested in applying for admission to UCM must complete the [UCM international application process](#). NTU students will be required to meet admission requirements, provide proof of English ability (or apply to the IEP to Degree program), and provide proof of financial ability to complete the program of study in the United States. Application deadlines are June 1 (for August start), October 1 (for January start), and March 1 (for May start). Graduate programs have additional program-specific application requirements listed in the [UCM graduate catalog](#).

VI. ACCELERATED DEGREE PROGRAM STUDENTS (3+1+1)

Accelerated degree program students will take a maximum of 6 hours of graduate credit per semester during the senior year, and 3 hours over the summer if available, with no more than 16 total credit hours total of both undergraduate and graduate coursework in a single semester. Upon completion of the undergraduate portion, the student will then be classified as a graduate student. Students are awarded a bachelor's degree as soon as those degree requirements are completed and are then admitted as candidates for the master's degree. Students are awarded the master's degree when all graduate requirements are completed.

VII. GLOBAL PARTNER SCHOLARSHIP

To help support pathway program students, UCM will provide a global partner scholarship equivalent to the difference between non-resident tuition and resident tuition for each admitted NTU student. Students must enroll full-time and maintain a semester GPA of 3.0 to retain the scholarship. NTU students will not be eligible for US Department of Education Title IV financial aid and will be limited to employment restrictions on the UCM campus in accordance with US Department of State F-1 visa regulations.

VIII. AGREEMENT DURATION

1. This agreement is valid for five years and becomes effective on the date that it is signed by the official representatives of both institutions. This agreement will be reviewed and may be renewed upon mutual consent of both parties at the end of the fifth year. Either party may cancel this agreement upon one year's advance notice to the other party. In such case, NTU students enrolled at UCM will be allowed to complete their intended programs.
2. Two (2) original copies of this agreement shall be prepared and signed by the university officials from both parties and each university keeps one original copy on record. This agreement may be translated. In instances where translation interpretation may differ, the English language version will serve as the guiding document.

IX. POINTS OF CONTACT

Both UCM and NTU agree to appoint points of contact for this agreement to direct all operational communications.

X. OTHER INITIATIVES

Both UCM and NTU agree to explore other international cooperation initiatives including joint conferences and workshops of mutual interest to further enhance educational excellence and opportunities at both institutions.

Duly authorized representatives of UCM and NTU executed this agreement as of the day and year given below.

Signed on behalf of

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI

Signed by:

Tim Crowley

A5B39BE1164841D...

Dr. Tim Crowley

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

crowley@ucmo.edu

Date March 25, 2025

Signed on behalf of

NANTONG UNIVERSITY

簽署人:

Dr. Wang Weidong

23312153C0A3464...

Dr. WANG Weidong

Vice President

wwxwwd@sohu.com

Date 2025年3月25日