



MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

between

Northwest A&F University

and

Auburn University

Department of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences

Auburn University (AU), located in Auburn, Alabama (USA) and Northwest A&F University (NWFU), located in Yangling, Shaanxi Province (PRC) previously entered into a broad agreement, dated June 7, 2013, to create a Five-Year Master's Degree Program(3 + 2 program), whereby qualified students from NWFU could earn a Bachelor's degree from NWFU and a Master's degree from AU upon successful completion of five years of study. The purpose of this subsidiary agreement is to outline specific procedures and considerations governing the admission and advancement of NWFU students in the Five-Year Master's Degree program with Auburn University in the area of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences. This document is intended to assure mutual understanding about the detailed conduct of the program between the two departments and to provide clear guidelines for the students who participate.

I. Five-Year Master's Degree Program in the Department of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences

A Five-Year Master's Degree program between AU and NWFU provides for direct admission of selected third-year NWFU students who have completed three years of NWFU coursework into the M.S. degree program in AU's Department of Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences (CSES). Students participating in this program will complete three years of undergraduate study at NWFU in the field of Agronomy. In the fourth year of the program, students who have been admitted to AU's M.S. program in Agronomy and Soils will complete graduate-level AU coursework consistent with the requirements of that program and with the requirements of their NWFU department. Upon documentation of successful completion of the fourth year, students will receive the B.S. in Agronomy from NWFU. In the fifth year of the program, students will complete thesis research at AU. Upon successful completion of all degree requirements, students will receive from AU the M.S. degree in Agronomy and Soils.

II. Application Materials for the AU Graduate School:

NWFU students apply to the AU Graduate School seeking graduate admission while noting their status as NWFU Five-Year Master's Degree students.

<http://www.grad.auburn.edu/ps/requirements.html>

III. Test Scores:

The AU Graduate School requires the TOEFL or IELTS test for admission.

The AU Graduate School does not require the GRE test, but the Department does require the GRE. A general exception to this requirement has tentatively been granted for NWAUFU Five-Year Master's Degree students.

IV. Application Materials for the Department:

Three letters of recommendation, resume, and a letter of intent are required to be sent to the Department directly. The letter of intent is a personal statement of interest and should contain appropriate information about a student's academic or research experience, career goals, and how acquisition of the specific M.S. degree will serve to advance their professional goals. If students have contacted potential supervisors, please indicate this in the letter. E-mail documents are accepted, but the documents should all be combined into one PDF file, and not sent as separate documents. These materials should be sent to:

Dr. David Weaver (weavedb@auburn.edu)

or

Dr. Beth Guertal (guertea@auburn.edu)

or

Dr. Charles Chen (cyc0002@auburn.edu)

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Auburn University

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USA

V. Courses Required for the Five-Year Master's Degree Students for the NWAUFU B.S. Degree:

Upon receipt of an official AU transcript, NWAUFU will award the B.S. in Agronomy to students enrolling in the Department of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences under this agreement and successfully completing one year of AU course work approved by both AU and NWAUFU. If for any reason NWAUFU identifies courses required for the NWAUFU B.S. in Agronomy that these students have not satisfied by means of their combined NWAUFU and AU course work, NWAUFU accepts responsibility for notifying both the AU Department of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences and the student in writing at least 30 days before the beginning of the student's second year of enrollment at AU.

VI. Senior Thesis Required for the NWAUFU B.S. Degree:

The Senior Thesis is a requirement of NWAUFU, and not AU. However, students in the Department of Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences may choose to complete their Senior Thesis while at Auburn. This must be agreed upon with the AU major advisor, and the thesis topic must be approved by the AU major advisor. The Senior Thesis will be written in English, and may count as a part of the M.S. thesis, if approved by the AU major advisor. If the Senior thesis is completed before the student arrives at AU, the preparation and approval of the thesis

lies solely with advisors at NWFU, and it may not count towards any academic requirement at AU.

VII. Courses Required for the Five-Year Master's Degree Program Students for a M.S. Degree:

Specific course requirements will be determined by the student's graduate thesis committee. A strong background in chemistry, math, biology and other basic sciences is required. Introductory crop and soil science courses are also required. Student transcripts will be used to determine if course deficiencies exist. In all, 30 hours of coursework are required for the M.S. degree. Of those hours, 6 hours may be Research & Thesis and 2 are Seminars. The remaining 22 hours are coursework selected by the student and the graduate thesis committee.

VIII. M.S. thesis research:

The Five-Year Master's Degree program students are required to conduct M.S. thesis research under the direction of a faculty member: <http://www.ag.auburn.edu/agrn/>. NWFU students are encouraged to contact professors whose program they are interested in before coming to Auburn.

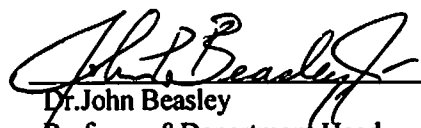
IX. Conclusion

This agreement is subsidiary to and governed by the Five-Year Master's Degree Broad Agreement between the two institutions, dated June 7, 2013, wherein procedures for modification and notification are detailed.

X. Signatures

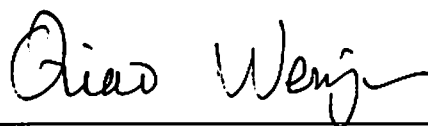
For AUBURN UNIVERSITY
Department of Crop, Soil, and Environmental
Science

For NORTHWEST A&F UNIVERSITY
Office of International Cooperation and
Exchange



Dr. John Beasley
Professor & Department Head

Date: 3 APRIL 2015



Mr. Qiao Wenjun
Deputy Director

Date: March 30, 2015

Review and Approval Form (v. 22Apr2015)

for an


INTERNATIONAL ACCELERATED DUAL DEGREE AGREEMENT

(Check one: Broad Agreement; Program Level Agreement)

Between: Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama, USA

**And Northwest A & F University, Yangling, Shaanxi, China,
College of Agronomy**

The following have reviewed this International Dual Degree Agreement, approve its content, and recommend for Auburn University signature.

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Sponsoring Faculty: Chair: John Beasley
Department of Crop, soil and Environmental Sciences


Date
24 APRIL 2015

x John P. Beasley, Jr.
Chair/ Head (print name): SAME
Department: SAME

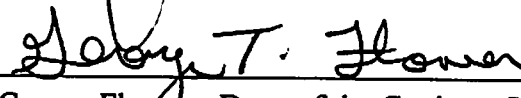
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x 
Dean William Batchelor, College of Agriculture

25 April 2015

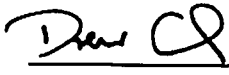

Andrew Gillespie, Assistant Provost for International Programs

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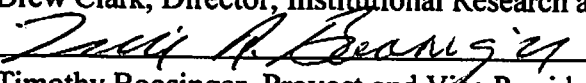

George Flowers, Dean of the Graduate School

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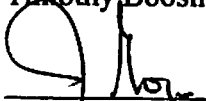
(by signature, this agreement has been approved by the Graduate Council – Meeting minutes attached)


Drew Clark, Director, Institutional Research and Assessment

5-13-15


Timothy Boosinger, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Jay Gogue, President

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**ADMINISTRATIVE AND EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN AUBURN UNIVERSITY
AND Northwest A & F University, Yangling, Shaanxi, China,
College of Agronomy**

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTACT

(Person responsible for the general operation of this agreement)

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(Add sheets if additional contacts names need to be listed for this agreement)

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(First person to be contacted in the event of an emergency related to this agreement)

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AUBURN UNIVERSITY

INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH
AND ASSESSMENT

June 3, 2015

Dr. Belle S. Wheelan
President
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033-4097

Dear Dr. Wheelan:

I am writing in response to your letter dated March 22, 2014, accepting notification that Auburn University has entered into an agreement with Northwest Agricultural & Forestry University (NWAUFU) (effective August 18, 2014) to offer 3+2 programs leading to the Master of Science degree in agricultural disciplines. Your letter requested that Auburn University provide the Commission with program-level agreements under this master agreement when those have been articulated.

Enclosed please find a program-level agreement and contact information for the M.S. in Agronomy and Soils.

If further program-level agreements are reached with NWAUFU under the master agreement, we will send the Commission copies of the agreements prior to implementation.

If the Commission needs any other information, please contact me at 334-844-4765 or by email: clarkj3@auburn.edu.

Sincerely,

Drew Clark
Director and Accreditation Liaison

Enclosure



August 3, 2015

Dr. James Clark
Director of Institutional
Research and Assessment
Auburn University
203 Samford Hall
Auburn, AL 36849

Dear Dr. Clark:

Thank you for your letter of June 3, 2015, providing a signed copy of the program-level agreement between Auburn University and Northwest Agricultural & Forestry University (NWAUFU) in Yangling, Shaanxi, China, to offer a 3+2 program whereby qualified students from NWAUFU may earn a Bachelor's degree from NWAUFU and a Master's degree from Auburn University in the area of Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences after a combined five (5) years of study. Administrative contacts for the programs are as follows:

Auburn University:

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Dr. Clark
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We accept the notification and documentation of this dual degree arrangement, and require no additional information.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Belle S. Wheelan".

Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Dr. Jay Gogue, President
Dr. Michael S. Johnson