

**Memorandum of Understanding**  
**Between**  
**Tamkang University**  
**And**  
**Florida Institute of Technology**

**Summary:**

Florida Institute of Technology (FIT) and Tamkang University (TKU) will establish a collaborative academic degree program to meet the needs of multinational education. TKU students will complete two years of study at the Department of Aerospace Engineering and then conclude the degree program of work at FIT. Students will need to meet agreed upon curriculum requirements for this agreement to receive the baccalaureate degrees from both FIT and TKU. TKU students can complete US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Part 141 pilot license training program offered by FIT.

**Section 1, Introduction:**

This program is intended to take advantage of the common strengths of these two universities and to broaden the backgrounds of students involved to include international experiences. FIT has a long distinguished history in producing engineers, scientists, and business professionals with a full array of specialties. It is well known for its attraction to international students and its proximity to the NASA Kennedy Space Center and local high-tech industry. TKU is a known as one of the leading universities of Taiwan, a large metropolitan university with particular strengths in Social Sciences, Engineering, and Business programs. It is located in New Taipei City, Taiwan.

For the Aerospace Engineering program at FIT, students will be expected to spend about two years in agreed upon curricula at TKU and will complete their degree requirements at FIT. TKU students interested in FAA pilot licenses will be expected to spend additional 10-12 months to complete ab-initio flight training in FIT's College of Aeronautics. The flight training program will be open to all TKU students interested in aviation career and bachelor degree in FIT's College of Aeronautics.

**Section 2, Selection Process, Admission, Degree and Administrative Requirements:**

All FIT policies for admission, degree program completion, and graduation requirements will be adhered to. These can be found in the FIT University Catalog or website.

Interested students from TKU should submit requests to participate in the collaborative academic agreement to the TKU screening committee. A representative(s) from FIT will also serve on the committee. FIT will reserve the right to make the final decision on the admissibility of the students nominated.

To transfer to FIT, participating students

- (1) must have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher, and
- (2) should demonstrate English proficiency, as defined on-line at [www.fit.edu/ugrad/international/english\\_proficiency.php](http://www.fit.edu/ugrad/international/english_proficiency.php)

Participating students must register full-time and will be permitted to enroll in courses at an appropriate level, subject to having completed the course prerequisites. In accordance with FIT policy, an appropriate FIT departmental reviewer will evaluate TKU courses and an equivalency chart of courses to be transferred will be developed before students are accepted into the program.

After satisfying all FIT graduation requirements, the student will receive a bachelor's degree from FIT. Due to curriculum difference between TKU and FIT and depending on the student's English proficiency, it may take more than two calendar years for TKU students to complete all the course work in FIT.

Upon transfer to FIT, students in this program will be afforded the same rights and privileges available to all other students at FIT. This includes student support services and access to learning resources. FIT will assist students to find accommodation in one of the university residence halls. Students may also choose to find their own accommodation should they wish to do so.

While at FIT students in this program must carry medical health insurance in accordance with the rules and regulations of FIT.

Students transferring to FIT under this program are required to obtain the proper visa prior to coming to the United States. Proof of financial guarantee equal to the estimated expenses at FIT must be submitted to FIT by participating students prior to issuance of any legal documents required for the student's visa. This proof and related paperwork is the student's responsibility.

Each university agrees to appoint a coordinator for the administration of this agreement. The coordinator will serve as the contact person on campus.

FIT reserves the right to dismiss any participating student for cause, such as poor academic standing or conduct that is in violation of established rules and regulations for students at FIT.

### **Section 3, Fee Agreement:**

Participating students will pay the same tuition as for undergraduates at FIT. FIT will provide the annual tuition rate to the participating institutions. Students from TKU will receive tuition scholarships of \$12,000 per academic year or \$6000 per fall and spring semester if their overall GPA is maintained at 3.0 or higher.

Qualified students can also pursue FIT's five-year *FastTrack* accelerated Master's program. Once enrolled in the Master's program, students will receive tuition scholarships of \$6000 per academic year or \$3000 per fall and spring semester for the *year* of studies as a full-time graduate student (minimum nine credits per semester).



Room, board, and fee costs are in addition to tuition. All travel costs will be the responsibility of the participating student.

**Section 4, Term, Evaluation, Renewal, and Termination Clause:**

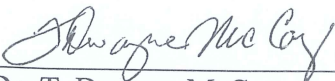
- (1) This agreement enters into force from the date signed by both parties, and the term of validity is five years. Either party may terminate this agreement by giving 90-day advance notice in writing. A teach-out plan for participating students needing to complete the program will be provided as part of the written advance notice.
- (2) The program will be evaluated after its first year to ensure that policies have been correctly applied and the intentions of the agreement are being met.
- (3) The agreement can be added to or amended upon the negotiation of both parties.
- (4) One year before the agreement expires, either party can initiate an extension request in writing to the other party. The agreement of extension shall be signed by both sides.

**Section 5, Disclaimer**

Florida Institute of Technology is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Commission on Colleges to award associate, baccalaureate, master's, education specialist and doctoral degrees. Although Florida Institute of Technology accepts certain course work in transfer toward a credential from Tamkang University or collaborates in other ways for generation of course credits or program credentials, other colleges and universities may or may not accept this work in transfer, even if it appears on a transcript from Florida Institute of Technology. This decision is made by the institution subsequently considering the possibility of accepting such credits.

Except where specified and agreed upon, this agreement will impose no direct financial obligation on either university.

This agreement is to be authorized by the official representative of each university in two copies, both in English. Each party keeps a copy.

  
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Dr. T. Dwayne McCay  
President and  
Chief Executive Officer  
Florida Institute of Technology

Date: 4 Nov 2016

  
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President  
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Date: 2016.11.6.