



**University of Algarve (herein UAlg)**

**Agreement on Joint Undergraduate Student Training**

**and**

**Shanghai Ocean University (herein SHOU)**

To enhance international collaboration on undergraduate student joint training and research, SHOU and UAlg agree to cooperate on an undergraduate student joint training program. The two parties agree:

1. SHOU will send a number of undergraduate students per year to UAlg for joint training, starting in the fall semester of 2016/2017 and continuing for five years. The training agreement may be successively renewed for equal periods upon mutual agreement.

2. Each undergraduate student will have already completed two years of training in SHOU, and the duration of training at UAlg is initially expected to take two years. Normally, after one year of successful study at UAlg, if the student fulfills all the requirements he/she will be awarded a Bachelor of Science (or "Licenciatura") at UAlg. In the second year students work towards a thesis or dissertation at UAlg. This thesis will be subject to an oral defense at SHOU and, if completed successfully, they will be awarded a Bachelor of Science from SHOU.

3. Students can alternatively, in their second year at UAlg, after completing successfully their Bachelor of Science (or "Licenciatura"), decide to enroll on a two-year Master's course at UAlg. They will then stay a third year at UAlg to complete an oral defense of their thesis or dissertation, and upon fulfillment of all UAlg Master degree requirements, they will be awarded a Master of Science by UAlg. These students will also be awarded the Bachelor of Science degree by SHOU upon fulfillment both SHOU and UAlg graduation requirements.

4. As part of the degree requirements, undergraduate students must complete an oral defense of their thesis or dissertation at SHOU and UAlg, and also have to fulfill SHOU and UAlg thesis defense requirements.

5. Acceptance of SHOU undergraduate students by UAlg will follow a normal application process with acceptable transcripts and documentation. English language proficiency will be evaluated by UAlg personnel. SHOU will use the CET level (College English Test) to evaluate language proficiency for recruitment, and if available TOEFL/IELTS scores will be given priority consideration. Enrolled candidates will be encouraged to take TOEFL/IELTS exams during their study period at UAlg. Nevertheless, the progress of students towards their degrees will be monitored on an annual basis. This provision may be changed for future students admitted under this agreement if student performance is not deemed acceptable by UAlg Bachelor of Science degree committee.

6. The tuition fees of this joint training program at UAlg are €3000 euro per year per student, will be paid by the student on registering at UAlg. Official documents on such provisions will be provided to UAlg External Relations Office. The UAlg External Relations Office will provide the necessary documentation for students' visa applications.

7. Undergraduate students will complete the number of ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) credits required by the UAlg Bachelor of Science degree. A minimum of half of the credits required for the SHOU Bachelor of Science degree will be taken at UAlg.

8. Any publications or presentations developed from the work done by the student during the course of his or her research will show appropriate acknowledgment to both universities, SHOU and UAlg.

9. A student who is unable to raise his/her cumulative GPA to 3.0 after two consecutive semesters will be required to withdraw from the program, terminate his/her study in UAlg.

10. The Agreement will be effective upon signature by representatives of SHOU and UAlg and will be in force until any of the signatories request for its revision or cancelling with at least 6 months' notice.

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Vice-Rector,  
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Date

02 MAR. 2016



Cheng Yudong  
President,  
Shanghai Ocean University



Date