MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR A “2+2" PROGRAM
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
AND
OCEAN UNIVERSITY OF CHINA

The University of Rhode Island (URI), Kingston, Rhode Island, United States of America and Ocean University of China (OUC), Qingdao, Shandong Province, People’s Republic of China, agree to develop a plan for an International Bachelor’s (2+2) Program for OUC students that will be delivered partly at OUC and partly at URI and will lead to dual bachelor’s degrees from both OUC and URI. The educational objective of the program is to prepare students in selected academic disciplines who are proficient in the language, society, and culture of both countries to be able to interface between the two cultures. At this point, we are inviting applications from OUC sophomores for Bachelor’s (2+2) program. OUC students can enroll in the URI College of Business Administration and major in Accounting, Entrepreneurial Management, Finance, General Business, Global Business, Marketing and Supply Chain Management.

In the near future, we will expand the MOU to include other accelerated BS/MS, BS/MBA and standard MS and MA programs offered by URI colleges and departments in cases where there is mutual interest from both sides.

TERMS

1. After 2 years of study at Ocean University of China (sophomores), OUC students will transfer to URI to continue program study within the next two years (2+2).

2. OUC applicants (2+2) must submit the official results of the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or the IELTS (International English Language Testing System), or the Pearson Test of English taken within the past two years. They must arrange for ETS to report their scores directly to URI. The minimum score on the Paper-based TOEFL is 550; the computer-based 213 or iBT score of 79. Minimum requirement for the IELTS is a 6.5, and the minimum requirement for the Pearson Test of English is 53.

3. Conditional Admission is possible for OUC applicants by studying ENGLISH through the A.C.E. Language Institute located on the URI campus. Students may receive conditional admission to URI if they meet the academic requirements, but do not meet the English proficiency requirement. Conditionally admitted students may expect to lengthen their program because they will be expected to study intensive English at A.C.E. through Level 6 before receive full admission to the OUC/URI (2+2) program. TOEFL scores will not be required for conditional admissions.

4. An URI University Scholarship of up to $5,000 per year may be awarded to a limited number of students from OUC. To be considered, OUC students must not be receiving any other funding or financial support from URI, including from faculty grants. Eligible students must have a minimum GPA of a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent and must meet published URI English proficiency standards. Awards will be made on a competitive basis, based upon academic interest and achievement. The scholarship amount will be deducted from the cost of out-of-state tuition. The
awarding of the University Scholarship of $5,000 normally will not exceed two years for any specific degree program. No scholarships will be awarded to students who are conditionally admitted to URI.

5. All students, both graduate and undergraduate, shall be subject to the same academic regulations and policies regarding class performance, community standards, and student discipline systems at URI. In addition, all students must abide by the following:

   a. OUC (2+2) students must be prepared linguistically, so as to be able to participate in the instructional programs of the host university with success; applicants will be expected to meet URI published English proficiency standards.

   b. In accordance with URI academic requirements for its regularly enrolled students, OUC incoming students are expected to be in good academic standing for continuation in the program. If such has not been achieved, URI deny continued enrollment without refund of program cost.

   c. Violation of laws committed in the host country shall subject the exchange student to immediate withdrawal of his/her immigration and academic sponsorship and to immediate expulsion from the host country without refund of program cost.

   d. (2+2) OUC students must pay tuition and fees to OUC during the whole study period including both the first two years in OUC and the following study terms in URI. They will pay URI international student tuition and fees during both their second two years of study.

   e. While minor illnesses may be treated at the URI Health Services, each student must be covered by insurance to cover medical contingencies of greater magnitude while in the host country that adhere to the Office of Exchange Coordination and Designation Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, United States Department of State.

   f. Each student is responsible for living expenses, including during extended academic recess (e.g., summer, winter and spring breaks), all transportation costs, books and supplies, health insurance, and personal and incidental expenses.

6. Participants of this dual-degree Bachelor’s program will be allowed to transfer credits of coursework from OUC to URI bachelor’s program and vice versa.

7. Both universities agree that participating students will, upon successful completion of the two parts at OUC and URI, be eligible to earn two Bachelor’s degrees—one from URI and another from OUC—by satisfying the degree requirements of each institution respectively. Each university will administer its own degree and make its own independent judgment regarding student satisfaction of degree requirements.

8. This agreement is valid as of academic year 2013-2014. It shall continue for five years, but with twelve months written notice, it can be interrupted or terminated at the request of either institution.

9. The terms of this agreement shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing and signed by both parties prior to the initiation of any specific program or activity. Each university will designate a Liaison Office to develop and coordinate specific activities and programs, which must
include the Dean of the College of Business Administration and the Director of International Relations Office at Ocean University of China.

This Memorandum of Understanding is hereby agreed upon by:

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The University of Rhode Island  
Date: __________________________

Vice President Li Huajun  
Ocean University of China  
Date: 1/17/2013

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The University of Rhode Island  
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