



**Agreement
between
National Central University, Taiwan
and
University of Wisconsin–Madison, USA
on a 3+1+1 Program in Agricultural and Applied Economics**

The Department of Economics at National Central University (NCU), Taiwan and the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at the University of Wisconsin–Madison (UW–Madison) wish to establish an opportunity for qualified undergraduate NCU students to attend courses at UW–Madison as non-degree Visiting International Student Program (VISP) students for up to one year of baccalaureate study. These students, upon successful completion of their NCU baccalaureate degree, will be eligible to apply for admission to the UW–Madison graduate degree, “AAE Master of Science Professional Option (MSPO).” The two parties hereby agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. Nomination and Selection of NCU VISP Applicants: Each year, NCU will delegate representatives to nominate up to 3 NCU undergraduate students to study as full-time, non-degree-seeking students through VISP at UW–Madison for a period of no more than one year (Fall and Spring terms). Students nominated from NCU to apply to VISP will:

- A. Have completed three years of study in the Department of Economics at NCU;
- B. Have achieved an average of 75% or greater (equivalent to a “B” or 3.0 or better on a U.S. 4-point grading scale) in their first three years of study at NCU;
- C. Have achieved an average of at least 75% in all Mathematics, Statistics and Economics courses (equivalent to a “B” or 3.0 or better on a U.S. 4-point grading scale) taken in the first three years of study at NCU;
- D. Have sufficient English language skills to complete their academic program, generally a minimum TOEFL score of 80 (Internet-based), 550 (paper-based), IELTS score of 6.5

or higher, TOEIC score of 685 or higher, Duolingo English Test score of 105 or higher, iTEP Academic score of 3.8 or higher; and

- E. Meet all requirements for admission to VISP as outlined on the UW–Madison’s Division of Continuing Studies (DCS) website.

2. VISP Student Admissions: UW–Madison reserves the right of final admission approval.

The UW–Madison Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics will forward the names of students approved for admission to the UW–Madison DCS VISP coordinator. The DCS VISP coordinator will direct approved students to complete an online application for admission and enter a final decision when all requirements are fulfilled.

3. Medical Costs: Enrolled students hosted by the UW–Madison shall be entitled to use clinical services on the same terms as UW–Madison enrolled degree-seeking students. Additionally, all students hosted at the UW–Madison must purchase the UW-Madison mandatory Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) for international students.

4. Finances: Students in VISP will pay international tuition and segregated fees at the rate assessed to University Special Students. The tuition rate for a full-time VISP student will be updated annually. Students are responsible for their living expenses including but not limited to housing, meals, mandatory SHIP health insurance, travel expenses, books and supplies, etc. No refund of tuition or fees will be made if a student is unable to complete her/his courses or withdraws before the end of the semester underway.

5. Visa: Students are responsible for obtaining the proper visa. UW–Madison will issue appropriate documents for visa purposes. Students must show proof of adequate funds to support their school and living expenses for the length of their stay to receive their student visa. As outlined by U.S. government regulations, this support can be documented through a combination of personal, family or scholarship funds.

6. Housing: NCU students are responsible for finding their own housing. The students can arrange to live off-campus in an apartment, private residence hall (dormitory), a Co-op, or, if space permitting, they may apply to live in on-campus housing in a University Residence Hall/Apartment (campus run dormitory). The DCS VISP coordinator and DCS website provide assistance for identifying options.

7. VISP Courses and Enrollment:

- A. Full-time enrollment: In accordance with U.S. government regulations, all NCU students participating in VISP must enroll full-time each semester of study at UW–Madison. Full-time enrollment for undergraduate-level students equates to between 12-18 academic credits of coursework each semester.
- B. Enrollment: NCU students will enroll in undergraduate and graduate-level UW–Madison Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics courses identified in Appendix A. Students accepted into the VISP will not be permitted to apply to transfer into other UW–Madison academic programs.
- C. Course Selection: NCU is responsible for designing its courses. UW–Madison is responsible for designing its courses, determining its course offerings, and determining courses required for UW–Madison degrees. Each department will convene a committee responsible for identifying Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics courses appropriate to the VISP curriculum.
- D. Appendix A: The attached list represents the agreed-upon courses as of the date of this Agreement. If either University requires changes to this list of courses during the term of this Agreement, it will notify the other University. Any changes must be agreed to in writing by both Universities. In the event that the Universities are unable to agree, either University may terminate this Agreement in accordance with section 12, below.

8. Credits: NCU will determine which course credits earned by the student registered at UW–Madison will be transferable to NCU and used toward completion of the NCU baccalaureate degree. The DCS VISP advisor will inform students of the process of ordering official UW–Madison transcripts that can be sent to NCU.

9. Advising: NCU and UW–Madison will jointly determine which courses VISP students must take to satisfy the degree requirements set out by NCU.

10. Thesis: UW–Madison will not be responsible for theses to be produced by NCU students in completion of their baccalaureate degrees at NCU.

11. Graduate Study:

- A. Eligibility for Graduate Admission: Students who satisfy all criteria for admission to the

UW–Madison Graduate School, as described at <http://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/>, including students who completed one year of study in VISP, are eligible to apply for admission to the UW–Madison Graduate School, “AAE Master of Science Professional Option (MSPO)” program. Admission to the UW–Madison Graduate School is not guaranteed for any applicant, including students who completed the VISP. Students who completed the VISP must have the following qualifications to be competitive candidates for graduate admission:

- i. Completion of a baccalaureate degree;
- ii. Achievement of a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (B), with no grade below 2.0 (C), in all Economics courses taken at UW–Madison (please note there will be no opportunity to repeat courses to improve grades); and
- iii. Satisfaction of all criteria for admission to the UW–Madison Graduate School, as described at <http://grad.wisc.edu/admissions/>.

B. Application fee: There is a fee for application to the UW–Madison Graduate School.

C. Tuition, fees and other expenses: Students admitted to the UW–Madison Graduate School are assessed the international tuition rate and segregated fees at the rate assessed to Graduate students.

D. Graduate Program Enrollment and Degree Requirements: The current graduate courses and degree requirements can be found on the UW–Madison Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics website: <https://aae.wisc.edu/grad/mspo/>. Up to 15 University Special Student (VISP) credits may be used toward fulfillment of the minimum graduate residence, graduate degree, or minor credit requirements as an exception, determined on a case-by-case basis through consultation between UW–Madison graduate admissions and the faculty. Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least B with no grade below C and are subject to all regulations applicable to graduate students at UW–Madison. Students admitted to the UW–Madison Graduate School and enrolled in the “AAE Master of Science Professional Option (MSPO)” must successfully complete the courses and degree requirements prescribed by the UW–Madison Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics the UW–Madison Graduate School to earn the Master of Science degree.

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- 12. Term and Termination:** This agreement will be effective for three years upon signing. The program must be reviewed and this agreement approved by UW–Madison and NCU before renewal. Either party may terminate this agreement for any reason with written notice at least six months in advance of the date of termination. In the event of termination, any students studying in the program may complete their activities in connection with the program.
- 13. Publicity:** NCU and UW–Madison will cooperate regarding the contents and timing of any advertising or distribution of materials publicizing the opportunity provided by this agreement. NCU will not make any such advertising or distribution of materials without UW–Madison’s prior consent; use of UW–Madison’s logo on NCU website or other publications is not permitted unless agreed to in writing by NCU and UW–Madison.
- 14. Program Administration:** The Department of Economics at NCU, the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at UW–Madison, and DCS at UW–Madison will be responsible for the administration of VISP. The Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics and the UW–Madison Graduate School have responsibility for the administration of the “AAE Master of Science Professional Option (MSPO).”
- 15. Force Majeure:** Neither party shall be responsible for any inability or failure to comply with the terms of this Agreement due to causes beyond its control and without the negligence or malfeasance of such party. These causes shall include, but not be restricted to: fire, storm, flood, earthquake, explosion, acts of the public enemy, war, rebellion, insurrection, mutiny, sabotage, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine restrictions, labor disputes, embargoes, acts of God, acts of the United States or acts of any other government.
- 16. Pandemic Response:** The parties understand and agree that performance of this Agreement is subject to each institution’s policies and procedures for managing risks associated with the Covid-19 pandemic. Should there be a conflict between an institution’s responsibilities under this Agreement and that institution’s current pandemic response policies or procedures, the parties agree that the institutional pandemic response policies and procedures take precedence over the terms and

conditions of this Agreement. Any failure by an institution to fulfill responsibilities anticipated by this Agreement that conflict with institutional pandemic response policies and procedures will not be considered a breach of this Agreement.

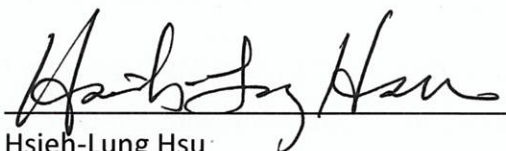
For the University of Wisconsin–Madison

For National Central University



Barry Gerhart
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Date: June 29, 2023



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Appendix A

Curriculum Plan for UW–Madison

Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics

Visiting International Student Program (VISP)

The University of Wisconsin–Madison (UW–Madison) Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics in collaboration with the Division of Continuing Studies (DCS) has a collaborative Visiting International Student Program (VISP) in Agricultural and Applied Economics between the UW–Madison and selected international universities (home institution). The program allows VISP students to spend their final undergraduate year at the UW–Madison Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics as part of VISP through DCS. The VISP students are advised and their progress monitored by the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics. Their UW–Madison credits can be counted toward the baccalaureate degree offered by their home institution. At the end of their year, the VISP students return to their home institution to complete the home institution's baccalaureate degree requirements.

VISP students must take at least 12 credits per semester in their year at UW–Madison. Courses offered for credit include the following:

Required (unless noted otherwise):

Summer: (optional, online)

AAE670: Mathematics for Agricultural and Applied Economics.

Fall:

AAE 635: Applied Microeconomics Theory

AAE 636: Applied Econometrics I

AAE 720: Seminar in Quantitative and Applied Economics

Spring:

AAE 637: Applied Econometrics II

AAE 721: Professional Communication of Applied Economic Analysis

One of the following three courses:

AAE 625: Agribusiness Economics and Management

AAE 706: Applied Risk Analysis

AAE 719: Applied Business Economics

Recommended:

Fall:

AAE 375: Spread Sheet Fundamentals and Applications

AAE 526: Quantitative Methods in Agricultural and Applied Economics

AAE 540/MHR 540 (cross listed with School of Business): Intellectual Property Rights, Innovation and Technology

AAE 777: Survey and Sample Design in Applied Economics

Spring:

AAE 641: Foundations of Agricultural Economics

AAE 642: Foundations of Development Economics

AAE 643: Foundations of Environmental and Resource Economics

