



AGREEMENT

between

Gujarat University (India)

and

Tashkent State University of Oriental Studies (Uzbekistan)

on 'Graduate Double Degree Program in Indian Studies'

1. Purpose

This agreement defines the terms and conditions of implementing graduate double degree program in Indian Studies (Hindi language) in compliance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Tashkent State University of Oriental Studies (TSUOS) and Gujarat University (GU) on November 26, 2019.

2. Description

Double degree (i.e. dual degree) program allows students to obtain graduate Twin Degree in Indian Studies (Hindi language) from both TSUOS and GU based on a mutually agreed program of study and course curriculum.

3. Structure

Students may pursue their double degrees from TSUOS and GU within the following timeline structure:

- '1+1' - whereby, students spend one year at TSUOS and one year at GU

4. Curriculum

Both TSUOS and GU run the double degree program based on a common study plan, for which the GU Indian Studies (Hindi language) Graduate Curriculum serves as the foundation. Study plans for the double degree students can be adjusted based on mutual recognition of credits from the specialization and liberal arts courses, or equally, the core and elective courses. In order to cope with local graduation requirements, TSUOS may introduce additional subjects to the study plan.

5. Tuition Fee and Scholarship Policy

For each semester students pay the tuition fee equivalent to the fee instated by the respective university. For the double degree students transferring from TSUOS to GU, GU provides 50% (fifty percent) scholarship for the first semester. The amount of scholarship for the second semester will be based on the students' academic performance in the preceding semester and the GU's Scholarship Policy. GU provides a hostel (dormitory) on a preferential base.

The Fees shall be fixed with prior agreement between the Institutes.

6. Degree Requirements

Students must meet the degree requirements at both TSUOS and GU to be eligible for the double degrees. Each university provides clear rules and guidelines for granting degrees based on local laws and regulations.

7. Management Structure

TSUOS will set up the local management structure for effective implementation of the double degree program subject to GU's ratification. Provisionally, the Head of Indian languages Department at TSUOS will be responsible for the daily operations as well as maintaining close contact and coordination with the authorities designated by GU.

8. Financial Model

Financial model of this agreement between TSUOS and GU is based on a 'balancing principle' to ensure the sustainability of the cooperation. Accordingly, the host university pays the tuition fee to the sending university from the tuition fee paid by the student, provided proportionally same amount of scholarship is granted to the student by both partners.

Fees paid by GU to TSUOS, or from TSUOS to GU, based on the balancing principle will be kept in a separate fund maintained by GU, which will be used for supporting the management structure at GU and TSUOS, and the double degree students.

9. Student's Transfer

Students who are admitted to the double degree program at TSUOS will be allowed to transfer to GU provided they:

- maintain minimum average grade of over 71%, or equivalent GPA, during their study period at TSUOS;
- Are in good physical and mental health condition.

It is each student's responsibility to comply with the visa application requirements designated by the Indian embassy in Uzbekistan.

10. Responsibilities

In addition to the provisions specified above this agreement entails the following responsibilities for

TSUOS:

- Provision of infrastructure required for the uninterrupted implementation of the program at TSUOS (including but not limited to classrooms, dormitory, laboratories, teaching and learning resources);
- Ensuring the availability of and/or hiring professors, lecturers, and administrative staff;
- Promoting the program and recruiting local and international students;
- Ensuring and monitoring the quality of teaching and evaluation schemes at TSUOS;
- Providing feedback and input for constant revision of study plans and curriculum;
- Organizing and participating in joint meetings and sessions with prior mutual consent;
- Warranting transparency in the implementation of the program and the operations of the management structure for GU, local authorities, and the students.

Within the scope of this agreement GU is also responsible for:

- Provision of infrastructure required for the uninterrupted implementation of the double degree program at GU (including but not limited to classrooms, dormitory, laboratories, teaching and learning resources);
- Ensuring the availability of and/or hiring professors, lecturers and administrative staff;
- Organizing and participating in joint meetings and sessions with prior mutual consent;
- Promoting the program and recruiting international students;
- Providing constant assistance to TSUOS during implementation of the program;
- Delivering the curriculum of the program and facilitating the revision with the inputs and feedbacks from TSUOS;
- Providing visa support for the double degree students transferring to GU;
- Ensuring part-time job placement services to students during their studies at GU;
- Warranting transparency in the implementation of the program and the operations of the management structure for TSUOS, local authorities, and the students.

11. Force Majeure

In case of unilateral or bilateral withdrawal or diversion from the prespecified terms, conditions, and responsibilities resulting in the termination of this agreement, both GU and TSUOS carry binding responsibilities to process the enrolled students until the completion of their double degree programs.

**SIGNED ON BEHALF OF TASHKENT STATE
UNIVERSITY OF ORIENTAL STUDIES:**

Signature:

Dr. Rikhsiyeva Gulchekhra

Dated: July 20

**SIGNED ON BEHALF OF GUJARAT
UNIVERSITY**

Signature:

Prof. Himanshu Pandya

Dated: July 20

