International Agreement Overview

- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
- Student Exchange Agreement (SEA)
- Dual Degrees
Faculty who wish to pursue a formal agreement with partners at other universities and/or research centers have several options depending on the nature, scale, and scope of the intended collaboration. The Ohio State University recognizes four (4) types of agreements:

1. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
2. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
3. Student Exchange Agreement (SEA)
4. Dual Degrees
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

- MOUs declare an intent to explore opportunities to collaborate in areas that would be mutually beneficial to each institution.

- They may lead to more specific activities and goals, which could then be expressed in the form of an MOA.

- MOUs presuppose the existence of specific activities in academic units that motivate the broader involvement with an international partner.

All MOUs require a Concept Statement explaining the purpose of the partnership and its expected outcomes. MOUs expire after five (5) years unless renewed by both parties.
Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

- MOAs are specific agreements that can stand alone or be dependent upon a university-level MOU.

- They involve complex plans of collaboration and interaction and require a plan for activities, their implementation and, as appropriate, the commitment of resources.

All MOAs are accompanied by a Statement of Purpose detailing the involvement of the specific unit within the College and explaining the motivating factors relating to the initiation of the agreement. MOAs expire after five (5) years unless renewed by both parties.
Student Exchange Agreement (SEA)

- SEAs permit a balanced number of selected students to enroll at the partner institution and earn graded Ohio State credit.

- SEAs involve the Study Abroad and International Students and Scholars offices in collaboration with academic units at OSU as well as the international partner institution.

- They need to be accompanied by an acknowledgement of the Ohio State academic unit's obligation to fulfill its part in balancing the exchange activities.

SEAs expire after three (3) years unless renewed by both parties.
Dual Degrees

- There are two (2) models for establishing dual degree programs with foreign universities. Upon completion of the degree requirements, students earn two (2) degrees: one from OSU and the other from the partner university.
  1. 3+2 model: BS from partner university & MS from OSU
  2. Dual PhD model: PhD from each university
- Such programs require an MOA between the College of Engineering and the partner university.
- Students enrolled in dual degree programs are expected to spend approximately 50% of their time at each university.

OSU does not participate in joint degree programs. Coursework and research completed at both institutions is recognized by degrees granted by both institutions.
Proposal Process

1. Initiation of Project for International Partnership

2. Contact College of Engineering Global Studies Manager and Provide:
   • Details of Proposed Agreement
   • Contact at Partner Institution

3. Write Concept Statement/Statement of Purpose
   • Submit to Department Chair/Center Director for Approval

4. Attached Signed Concept Statement/Statement of Purpose to Draft Agreement
   • Submit to Global Studies Manager

5. Global Studies Manager Submits Proposal to the Office of International Affairs (OIA) for Review and Approval
Proposal Process (cont’d.)

6. Resolve any Revisions to Proposed Draft Agreement in Coordination with Global Studies Manager, Partner Institution, and OIA

7. When All Revisions Accepted by All Parties:
   • Global Studies Manager Obtains Signed RCA Memo from College of Engineering Senior Fiscal Officer and Submits to OIA

8. OIA Formats for Signatures and Enters into Contract Management Portal

9. Two (2) Copies of the Agreement are Signed by OSU College of Engineering and Partner University
   • Agreements Expire After Three (3) or Five (5) Years
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