



中国科学技术大学
University of Science and Technology of China

AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION FOR AN INTEGRATED EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
FOR

BACHELOR AND MASTER OF SCIENCE STUDENTS BETWEEN

THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CHINA

AND

EPITA ENGINEERING SCHOOL, FRANCE

1. Background

In recognition of the benefits gained over the last years and benefits to be gained through a cooperative program that promotes scholarly activities and international education, the University of Science and Technology of China (USTC), China and the EPITA (School for Computer Sciences and Advanced Technologies, France) enter into this agreement which is intended to stimulate and facilitate the intellectual life and cultural development of both institutions.

2. Scope

This Agreement is made between the University of Science and Technology of China (hereafter USTC), China and the School for Computer Sciences and Advanced Technology (hereafter EPITA), France.

3. Aim/Object

USTC and EPITA, in accordance with the principles of equality and mutual benefit and through friendly negotiation, hereby agree to establish a collaborative arrangement for the purposes of providing high quality educational training to appropriately qualified students from USTC with the aim of developing more intensive education and research collaborations between EPITA and USTC.

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4. Fields of Collaboration

USTC and EPITA undertake to collaborate in an integrated educational program in the following Bachelor of Science programs offered by USTC:

- School of Software Engineering
- School of Computer Sciences and Technology

And the following programs offered by EPITA:

- DNM : National French Master's Degree (and European Master's Degree) in Software Engineering, Computer Security, Information System Management.
- Diplôme d'Ingénieur : French Engineering Degree (and French and European Master's Degree). Accredited by the French Commission for the Title of Engineer (CTI : (www.cti-commission.fr)). Specialized in Computer Security, Software Engineering, Information Systems Management; Embedded Systems, Networks and Telecommunications, Artificial Intelligence, Multimedia, IT Management, Image Processing.

While the above educational programs have priority as specified by this agreement, applicants from other programs will also be considered. The list of programs can be adjusted accordingly.

5. Program overview for the DNM, Master's Degree

The integrated educational program has a 3,5+1,5 structure (hereafter called "integrated Master's Degree Program"). The selected USTC students follow an integrated USTC Bachelor of Science (BSc) and EPITA Master's Degree (DNM) program taught in English language : 3,5 years at the USTC and 1,5 years at the EPITA.

5.1. Selection Procedure and Timeframes

- After completion of the first 3 years of the BSc at USTC, the USTC students may apply for half a year in EPITA at the level of the last year of Bachelor's Degree
- If admitted for the 3,5+1,5 integrated program, the students follow the EPITA Master's Degree Program in Computer Sciences.
- This common half year will be recognised by the USTC as the last semester of the 4th year of the BSc program from USTC and will be recognised by the EPITA as equivalent of the 1st year DNM program from EPITA.
- During the common half year the students are enrolled at USTC as regular students and are registered at the EPITA as exchange students.
- After successful completion of the common half year, the USTC students will receive their BSc diploma from USTC. USTC will prepare the BSc diploma before August 1, in order to finalize the admission procedure at the EPITA DNM on time.
- If admitted for the DNM program, the students will be registered as regular DNM students of EPITA and continue their program with their 2nd year at EPITA.
- After completion of the 2nd DNM year, the EPITA students will receive their DNM diploma from EPITA.
- Successful students can apply for a PhD-study at EPITA.



Timeframe

Deadline	Activity
All year	Students are invited to apply as soon as possible
December 31st	Application deadline
Before mid January	Admission decision will be made by EPITA (based on interview + academic background + English)
February 1st	Successful applicants need to complete their visa documents.
March	Arrival on campus
March	Start of study program as an exchange student

5.2 Admission Requirements

Students who would like to enroll in the integrated Master's Degree Program need to:

- Have passed all classes/exams of USTC undergraduate courses of the first 3 academic years.
- Meet the regular admission criteria of the EPITA.
- Meet the admission criteria for the English proficiency, this means at least IELTS 6.0 on all sub scores (or an equivalent test like TOEFL score 20 on all sub scores).
- Pass the interview with a EPITA staff member at USTC. This will take place at the beginning of the 7th, semester at USTC in Hefei,

5.3. Number of students and promotion

A minimum of 5 students of USTC yearly will be put forward by USTC to participate in the selection procedure of EPITA DNM programs.

USTC and EPITA will establish a website to administers this program and publish information about the education programs, Selection Procedure and Timeframes, Admission requirements, etc.

Information about the integrated program will be distributed among (second / third year) USTC bachelor students. This will be done in close collaboration and by several channels like, EPITA representation in China, visiting staff, website, international office etc.

5.4 Funding model

For each USTC student admitted to the 3,5+1,5 integrated program, EPITA will modify its normal tuition fee for the first half year of the program : *EPITA will provide a 20% discount in the frame of this partnership.*

The second year of tuition fee for the MSc program should be funded by the students themselves.

5.5 Supervision of candidates

USTC will provide the Main Supervisor during the first half year of the integrated program (since the student is officially enrolled at USTC and needs to finish the final year of the Bachelor).

EPITA will be the Main Supervisor during the second year of the integrated program (USTC student is officially and only enrolled at EPITA). Wherever possible, co-supervision between EPITA and USTC, will be encouraged. This is seen as a channel for the development of long term research collaboration between EPITA and USTC, which both USTC and EPITA embrace as a long-term goal.

6. Program overview for the Diplôme d'Ingénieur, Master's Degree

The integrated educational program has a 3,5+2,5 structure (hereafter called "integrated Engineering Degree Program"). The selected USTC students follow an integrated USTC Bachelor of Science (BSc) and EPITA Engineering Degree (Diplôme d'Ingénieur) program taught in English language : 3,5 years at the USTC and 2,5 years at the EPITA.

6.1. Selection Procedure and Timeframes

- After completion of the first 3 years of the BSc at USTC, the USTC students may apply for half a year in EPITA at the level of the last year of Bachelor's Degree
- If admitted for the 3,5+2,5 integrated program, the students follow the EPITA Engineering Degree Program in Computer Sciences and French language program..
- This common half year will be recognised by the USTC as the last semester of the 4th year of the BSc program from USTC and will be recognised by the EPITA as equivalent of the 1st year Engineering program from EPITA.
- During the common half year the students are enrolled at USTC as regular students and are registered at the EPITA as exchange students.
- After successful completion of the common half year, the USTC students will receive their BSc diploma from USTC. USTC will prepare the BSc diploma before August 1, in order to finalize the admission procedure at the EPITA on time.
- If admitted for the Engineering program, the students will be registered as regular Engineering students of EPITA and continue their Engineering program with their 2nd and 3rd year at EPITA.
- After completion of the 3rd Engineering year, the EPITA students will receive their Diplôme d'Ingénieur from EPITA and the National French Master's Degree (European master's Degree).".
- Successful students can apply for a PhD-study at EPITA.

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February 1st	Successful applicants need to complete their visa documents.
March	Arrival on campus
March	Start of study program as an exchange student

6.2 Admission Requirements

Students who would like to enroll in the integrated Engineering program need to:

- Have passed all classes/exams of USTC undergraduate courses of the first 3 academic years.
- Meet the regular admission criteria of the EPITA.
- Meet the admission criteria for the English proficiency, this means at least IELTS 6.0 on all sub scores (or an equivalent test like TOEFL score 20 on all sub scores).
- Pass the interview with a EPITA staff member at USTC. This will take place at the beginning of the 7th semester at USTC in Hefei,

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7. Best endeavors

Both USTC and EPITA commit to making all reasonable administrative and academic effort to ensure the success of this collaboration. Both parties will actively pursue the possibility of

strengthening collaborative ties more broadly across disciplinary fields and institutional partnerships and developing additional programs in the future. At both sides a coordinator has been nominated.

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8. Agreement duration and review

- The Agreement of Cooperation shall become effective for 5 years in the first instance, commencing from the date of the signing of this Agreement by both parties. The proposed date of the initial intake of students is March 1st, 2016
- The Agreement may be terminated by either party giving six months' notice of its intention to do so.
- The parties agree that this Agreement of Cooperation will be reviewed during its third year of operation. The two institutions shall write up a progress report about the status of the collaboration once every third year and review plans for the collaboration during the period.
- If both parties agree that this Agreement is achieving its objectives, it will be renewed for a further term of 5 years. In the event the program is discontinued, students admitted under the program will continue to receive support at the levels and for the time periods stipulated above.

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