

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between



**SWANSEA UNIVERSITY  
(United Kingdom)**



And

**COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND  
(USA)**

## Background

(A) SWANSEA UNIVERSITY with registered office at Singleton Park, Swansea, SA2 8PP and the COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND registered address at 8730 Mitchell Rd, La Plata, MD 20646 wish to enter this Memorandum of Understanding (“Memorandum”) to promote academic collaboration and to develop further the friendly relationship between these two academic institutions (“Collaboration”). Each a Party and together the Parties.

(B) This Memorandum sets out the proposed terms of the Collaboration. It is not exhaustive and is not intended to be legally binding.

(C) This Memorandum is confidential to the parties and their advisers.

(D) The Schedules form part of this Memorandum and shall have effect as if set out in full in the body of this Memorandum. Any reference to this Memorandum includes the Schedules.

## Collaboration

1. In order to promote the Collaboration, the parties agree to negotiate in good faith to explore the possibility of developing collaborative activities which are mutually beneficial, to include but not be limited to:

1.1 Promoting working partnerships between the parties’ respective staff and students/scholars

To include, but not be limited to:

- Research collaboration in areas of mutual interest.
- Identification and development of key areas of common interest as stand-alone projects.
- Discussions in relation to student recruitment.

1.2 Facilitating Entry to Swansea University degree programmes and modules

To include, but not be limited to:

1.2.1 Facilitating Entry to Swansea University degree programmes

SWANSEA UNIVERSITY agrees to welcome appropriately qualified and funded students/scholars from COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND who meet Swansea University's admission criteria and have obtained a visa subject to UKVI regulations, onto the relevant degree programmes and to enter, in good faith, discussions regarding the development of advanced standing entry to certain degree programmes at Swansea University subject to satisfactory review of the relevant degree curricula at College of Southern Maryland. The entering into of such arrangements would be subject to approval by the Admissions' Committee and the Head of the relevant College at Swansea University and detailed in the attached schedule.

1.2.2 Facilitation to postgraduate courses at Swansea University

SWANSEA UNIVERSITY will welcome postgraduate applications from appropriately qualified and funded students from COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND who meet Swansea University's admission criteria and have obtained a visa subject to UKVI regulations, onto the relevant courses.

The entry qualifications for students/scholars entering the programmes and/or courses set out in paragraphs 1.2.1 and 1.2.2 above, will be determined in accordance with Swansea University's admission criteria and students/scholars shall apply through the usual international application procedures as established by the Admission's Office at Swansea University. The students/scholars will be subject to the same conditions and criteria as other applicants, to include, but not be limited to, providing proof of attainment of their academic qualifications/prior level of study and English Language test. Whilst at Swansea University such students/scholars will be subject to the same regulations as other Swansea University students/scholars.

The performance of students/scholars at Swansea University, as well as the number of students/scholars recruited, will be reviewed annually by the Learning and Teaching and Recruitment Committees of the relevant Colleges at Swansea University.

Details of any facilitation arrangements described at clauses 1.2.1 and 1.2.2 will be set out in a schedule attached to this agreement. Swansea University reserves the right to terminate any of these facilitation arrangements on the basis of evidence that prior study at College of Southern Maryland is not equivalent to the appropriate level of study at Swansea University.

1.2.3 Facilitating Entry to Swansea University for Visiting Students

SWANSEA UNIVERSITY agrees to welcome appropriately qualified and funded students/scholars from COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND who meet Swansea University's admission criteria and have obtained a visa subject to UKVI regulations, onto available undergraduate modules as visiting students. The entering into of such arrangements

would be subject to approval by the relevant College at Swansea University and detailed in the attached schedule.

1.3 Facilitating entry to College of Southern Maryland short term courses (if applicable)

To include, but not be limited to:

- College of Southern Maryland summer schools
- College of Southern Maryland language and culture programmes


College of Southern Maryland will welcome Swansea University students to participate in short term courses on College of Southern Maryland's campus, subject to any criteria imposed by the partner.

1.4 Exclusion of joint / dual programmes

For the avoidance of doubt, this Memorandum does not govern any joint or dual programme entered into by the parties, which includes, but is not limited to, undergraduate or postgraduate studies. All joint or dual programmes must be agreed in writing with the consent of both Parties independent of this Memorandum.


1.5 No approval for programmes by governmental bodies

For the avoidance of doubt, this Memorandum shall not, under any circumstances, be used to seek approval for programmes from governmental bodies, which includes, but is not limited to, the Ministry of Education.

2. Each Party shall be responsible for meeting the travel, subsistence and accommodation costs of its own staff and representatives, involved in visits associated with this agreement.
  3. Neither party shall use, or permit to be used, the name, insignia, logo, other distinctive identifying feature or any intellectual property (whether registered or not) of the other party, except where such use is authorised by the other party. [Failure to comply with this clause will be deemed to be a fundamental breach of this Memorandum and the non-breaching party shall be entitled to terminate this Memorandum immediately by serving written notice on the party in breach of this clause].
  4. This Memorandum shall commence on the date it is signed and remain in force for three (3) academic years in the first instance, unless terminated earlier with effect by either party giving the other ninety (90) days' notice to the other in writing, provided however that such termination shall not affect the completion of any programme or activity underway at the time that the notice of termination is given. This Memorandum may be extended by mutual consent of the two parties, provided that it is recorded in writing, the extended period is agreed and recorded in writing and is signed by an Authorised Person on behalf of both parties.
  5. Any aspect of the Collaboration that is not mentioned in this Memorandum shall be discussed, agreed and/or resolved (as applicable) through mutual agreement, and each party covenants that it will make good faith efforts to reach such agreement.
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6. This Memorandum constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and shall supersede and extinguish all previous agreements, promises, assurances, warranties, representations, understandings, arrangements and undertakings between the parties, whether written or oral, relating to its subject matter.
7. If either Party to this Memorandum wish to formalise any of the activities mentioned in clause 1, then a legally binding agreement shall be set up between the Parties.
8. The Memorandum shall commence when signed by an Authorised Representative of SWANSEA UNIVERSITY and the appropriate Principal Officer of the COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND.

**SIGNED:**

  
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**Andrew Rhodes**  
**Registrar and Chief Operating Officer**

**Swansea University**

**Date:** 16/03/2021

  
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**Dr. Maureen Murphy**  
**President**

**College of Southern Maryland**

**Date:** Mar 17, 2021

## **Schedule 1**

For the avoidance of doubt, this Schedule will form part of the MOU between Swansea University and College of Southern Maryland. All terms and conditions shall be applicable for the duration of the Memorandum.

Swansea University will give favourable consideration to applications from students who apply for the following programmes.

### **PROPOSED PROGRAMME**

#### **2+2**

Students will spend the first two years of their undergraduate degree at CSM, studying courses which satisfy the requirements for Level 1 at Swansea University. Upon successful completion of Level 1 core modules (or equivalent) students will enrol at Swansea for entry to level 2. Upon successful completion of their programme, the students will receive a Swansea University degree.

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### **Subject Areas Relating to the Agreement**

#### **The College of Science**

#### **Entry Requirement**

- Students must have successfully completed the first two years of study with an average of 3.0 GPA
  - Students must have successfully completed the following prerequisite modules from the Associate of Science in Mathematics and Science, Physics Concentration:
    - PHY-1210 - Calculus-Based Physics I: Mechanics and Fluids\* (S) (3)
    - PHY-1210L - Calculus-Based Physics I: Lab\* (S) (1)
    - PHY-2200 - Calculus-Based Physics II: Vibrations, Heat, and Electricity\* (3)
    - PHY-2200L - Calculus-Based Physics II: Lab\* (1)
    - PHY-2210 - Calculus-Based Physics III: Magnetism, Optics, and Modern Physics\* (3)
    - PHY-2210L - Calculus-Based Physics III: Lab\* (1)
    - MTH-1200 - Calculus I and Analytic Geometry\* (M) (4)
    - MTH-1210 - Calculus II\* (M) (4)
    - MTH-2220 - Introduction to Linear Algebra\* (4)
  - Students must be given access to the online material for Swansea University course "PH-127 The Quantum World" before joining Swansea to ensure they have covered an introduction to quantum mechanics.
  - English Language may apply for students who are not nationals of USA or Canada, with IELTS score of 6.0 with 5.5 in each band or Swansea recognised equivalent. Refer to Swansea University's English Language Policy for further details:  
<https://www.swansea.ac.uk/admissions/english-language-requirements/>
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## Finances

Successful applicants will be awarded an International Partnerships scholarship worth £2000 for the first year of study. Supported by MRD code.

