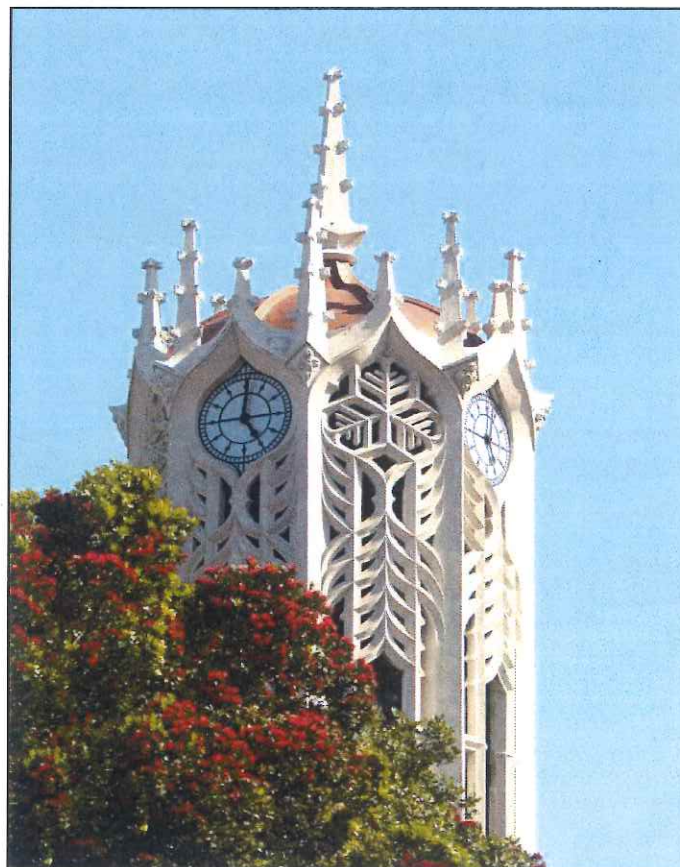




DUAL MASTERS PROPOSAL



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Letter of Agreement between University of Taipei (UoT) and The University of Auckland (UoA)

1.0 Purpose of the Letter of Agreement

Following discussions between representatives of University of Taipei (UoT) and the University of Auckland (UoA), to further advance the academic co-operation between the two institutions, it was proposed that the framework for a **Dual Masters** be established.

This Letter of Agreement outlines the responsibilities of each institution to ensure the efficient achievement of the Dual Masters Programme.

Students undertaking a Dual Masters would complete the coursework requirements for their Master of Science (Urban Development) at UoT and then undertake a one-year Master of Urban Design at the UoA. Successful candidates would graduate with Master of Urban Design from the UoA and Master of Science (Urban Development) from UoT. Students would graduate with two masters degrees.

2.0 The Collaboration

The model for this Dual Masters will be:

Year 1	Students will be required to successfully complete the coursework requirements for the first year of the Master of Science (Urban Development) at UoT, achieve a GPA of at least 75% in their major subject (calculated across a minimum of one semester of study), have appropriate English language skills (IELTS overall score of 6.5 with no bands below 6.0 or equivalent) and be recommended for the Dual Masters Programme by their advisers at UoT. UoT will provide the Faculty and International Office at the UoA with information on each of the selected candidates.
Year 2	Students will enrol in a one-year Master of Urban Design at the UoA, where they will be required to complete all the 120-point courses for the award of the Master of Urban Design (UrbDes 702, 705, 710 and 720 and UrbPlan 707 and 712).
Year 3	Students will be required to successfully complete the coursework requirements for the second year of the Master of Science (Urban Development) at UoT, including a dissertation.

The areas of study covered in this agreement are in Urban Design.

The number of students eligible to partake in this collaboration shall be no more than **10** students per year.

3.0 Duration

The validity of this agreement will be for 5 years from the date of signing.

4.0 Academic Responsibilities

Students are required to meet the standard masters entry requirements as set out in:

1. The [UoA Calendar](#)
2. UoT masters regulations.

The UoA shall:

- Undertake an assessment of the taught coursework in the masters subject areas covered by this agreement to ensure that candidates are sufficiently prepared to enter the UoA Master of Urban Design degree.
- Teach the selected and formally enrolled masters candidates at the UoA during their enrolment as a masters student.
- Liaise with key personnel at UoT to facilitate the smooth running of the programme.
- Award a qualification to each student who has satisfied the UoA's requirements for the Master of Urban Design programme.

UoT shall:

- Identify subject areas to be covered by this agreement and assist the UoA in its assessment of the taught coursework in the masters programme.
- Identify and recommend students who are eligible to be considered for the Dual Masters Programme.
- Liaise with key personnel at the UoA to facilitate the smooth running of the programme.
- Award a qualification to each student who has satisfied UoT's requirements for the Master of Science (Urban Development) programme.

5.0 Intellectual Property

In the case of any co-supervised candidates in these masters degree programmes, UoT, the UoA and the candidate agree to safeguard any intellectual property generated as a result of this agreement. In the event that the intellectual property within the jurisdiction of the UoA and UoT is not deemed the property of the candidate or the candidate has waived such a right, the two universities and the candidate shall discuss the ownership, protection and any exploitation of any intellectual property generated as a result of this agreement in good faith with a view to mutual ownership.

Where co-supervision has taken place, and as far as it is possible, UoT and the UoA must register eventual patents jointly. If one party gives no reply within 90 (ninety) days, the other party is entitled to register them under its own name. The two universities must follow their national guidelines for patent registration. The publication or free exchange of scientific results will give rise to neither any preliminary permission nor any financial compensation, except if a nondisclosure statement is attached to the program according

to an industrial agreement or public research statement. If necessary, the conditions for the rights of ownership and use of results obtained during the thesis or of work done will be specified by jointly agreed protocols or specific documents.

6.0 Financial Responsibilities

Students enrolling for masters study at the UoA under this agreement will be liable for standard international tuition fees and living costs for the duration of their enrolment at the UoA.

7.0 Accommodation, Insurance and Visas

Students will be responsible for organising their own accommodation, insurance and visas.

New Zealand Law requires that each international student studying in New Zealand shall have adequate travel and health and personal effects insurance cover. Each student is responsible for checking the Schedule of Benefits and declaring all relevant information to the insurer. Compliant health and travel insurance is a condition of enrolment.

Each student will need to organise and finance their student visa and travel to New Zealand.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have caused this Letter of Agreement to be signed in their respective names on the day and year written below.

SIGNED by Associate Professor Caroline Daley
Dean of Graduate Studies
For and on behalf of
THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND



Dated:1 July 2021.....

SIGNED by Professor Yin-Hao Chiu
Dean of College
For and on behalf of
The UNIVERSITY OF TAIPEI



Dated:June..... 2021

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Appendix 1 Master of Urban Design at the University of Auckland

The following link leads to the regulations apply to Master of Urban Design at the University of Auckland. As far as possible they are to be read in conjunction with all other relevant statutes and regulations including the Academic Statutes and Regulations.

<https://www.calendar.auckland.ac.nz/en/progreg/regulations-creative-arts-and-industries/murbdes.html>

Appendix 2 English Language requirements

All applicants whose first language is not English will be required to provide satisfactory evidence of their proficiency in English. This could take the form of an IELTS or TOEFL score and must not be more than two years old.

The University of Auckland has minimum entry requirements for proof of English language proficiency. See Table 1 for more information.

Some degrees require a higher IELTS or TOEFL score. Please refer to <https://www.auckland.ac.nz/en/study/applications-and-admissions/entry-requirements/postgraduate-entry-requirements/postgraduate-english-language-requirements.html> for further details.

Table 1: Standard English Language requirements

	IELTS (Academic)	Internet based TOEFL (iBT)	Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic
Postgraduate (PG)	Overall score of 6.5 and all bands 6.0 or better	Overall score of 90 including a Writing score of 21	Overall score of 58 and no PTE Communicative score below 50

Students who do not meet the minimum language requirement may wish to enrol in the University's English Language Academy. See www.ela.auckland.ac.nz for more information.

Appendix 3 Relevant UoA masters regulations

The following link leads to the regulations apply to all Masters degrees at the University of Auckland unless otherwise stated. As far as possible they are to be read in conjunction with the specific degree regulations for each Masters degree.

<https://www.calendar.auckland.ac.nz/en/genregs/gen-postgrad/masters.html>

Appendix 4 The UoA tuition fee - Master of Urban Design (2021)

The table below outlines the tuition fee of Master of Urban Design for international students in 2021.

Master of Urban Design	Estimated annual tuition fee NZ\$ (based on 120 points)	Estimated annual tuition fee TWD* (based on 120 points)	Estimated annual tuition fee US\$* (based on 120 points)
2021	\$44,526	NT\$863,804	\$28,497

In addition to tuition fees, students are required to pay a student services fee. As a guide, the student services fee for 2020 is \$943.20 based on 120 points calculated at NZ\$7.86 per point (GST inclusive). The student services fee for 2021 is to be decided.

*Exchange rate is based on \$1.00 NZ equalling \$19.4 TWD and \$0.64 US (as at 11 February, 2020)

Appendix 5 Living costs

General living costs

The approximate costs in the table below include accommodation, food and transport.

What does it cost?	Approximate cost (NZ\$)	Approximate cost (TWD)*	Approximate cost (US\$)*
Annual living costs	\$26,000-\$35,000	NT\$504,400-679,000	\$16,640-\$22,400
Weekly living costs	\$500-\$675	NT\$9,700-13,095	\$320-\$432

Individual item

The table below includes examples of approximate costs for individual item.

What does it cost?	Approximate cost (NZ\$)	Approximate cost (TWD)*	Approximate cost (US\$)*
Groceries per week – if not living in a hall of residence with meal plan	\$150	NT\$2,910	\$96
Lunch on University campus	\$7-\$10	NT\$136-194	\$4.5-\$6.4
Takeaway pizza – large	\$5-\$16	NT\$97-310	\$3.2-\$10.2
Main meal at a restaurant (off campus)	\$15-\$40	NT\$291-776	\$9.6-\$26
Milk per litre	\$2.32	NT\$45	\$1.5

Coca-Cola can	\$2	NT\$39	\$1.3
Coffee (cappuccino, flat white, latte)	\$4.50	NT\$87	\$2.9
Movie ticket (student discount)	\$13-\$17	NT\$252-330	\$8.3-\$10.9
Cost of renting a room in a flat per week	\$190-\$316	NT\$3686-6130	\$122-\$202
Transport (bus or train) <i>One zone return, five days per week</i>	\$15.5(student discount)	NT\$301	\$9.9
12-month student gym membership (on campus)	\$325	NT\$6305	\$208
Haircut	From \$30	NT\$582	\$19

*Exchange rate is based on \$1.00 NZ equalling \$19.4 TWD and \$0.64 US (as at 11 February, 2020)

Appendix 6 Work opportunities and Career Development

Under New Zealand Immigration law, most students on a student visa are allowed to work part-time up to 20 hours a week while they study and full-time during scheduled study breaks. Students should refer to the Immigration New Zealand website for up-to-date information on application procedures. Maintaining a balance between the number of hours students work and their study requirements is key to ensuring academic performance is not compromised.

The University's Career Development and Employment Services team (CDES) has a designated International Career Development Consultant who is responsible for providing specialised services tailored to meet International students' career development needs.

In New Zealand, the adult minimum wage applies to all employees aged 16 and over who are not starting-out workers or trainees, and all employees who are involved in supervising or training other employees. The minimum wage rates are reviewed every year. The current adult minimum wage rate (before tax) that applies for employees aged 16 or over is \$18.90 (TWD 367*, USD\$12*) an hour.

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