UT 2+2 Undergraduate Dual Degree Program Concept Note

The UT 2+2 program will allow students from another country to complete their first two years of study in their home institution, transfer to UT, and finish the last 2 years at UT. Upon successful completion of all the course requirements, students will get degrees from both UT and their home institution.

**Pilot programs at UT:** Public Relations and Advertising

**Partner institutions:** Partner institutions are carefully selected as top institutions in respective countries. One example in China. Liaoning University in Northern China. The university is nationally ranked 92 in 2021 and was being recognized as a member of the Double First-Class University Plan and former Project 211, government funding initiatives to elevate research and faculty hiring standards for a select group of rising Chinese universities.

**Enrollment:** The projected enrollment is **20 students/cohort** with a predicted **class of 15** coming to UT.

**Financial Support:** For the two years when students are at UT, they will be responsible for their tuition and any other costs associated with their studies.

**UT’s supporting units** include:

- Office of Asia Engagement – communications, coordination, facilitating course mapping/credit transfer by obtaining course descriptions from partner institutions, facilitating MOU/MOA signing by passing these through appropriate channels, facilitating student transition
- Enrollment Management – course mapping/credit transfer, SACSCOC approval
- English Languages Institute – English proficiency assessment, language and cultural instruction as needed
- International Students and Scholar Services – immigration needs

**Timeline:** Program development normally takes 1 – 2 years depending on the time spent on credit transfer guides.

**Benefits of the program**

- Increase enrollment in undergraduate programs
- Increase cultural diversity on campus
- Create a pipeline for the graduate programs
• Establish strategic partnerships with foreign institutions that can lead to research collaborations and other opportunities

**Department Investment**

• Assign faculty/administrator to review the syllabus and facilitate the credit transfer agreement – facilitated by the Transfer Center
• Possible trip to foreign institutions to help with recruitment and establishment of partnerships
• Student mentoring and advising to help students adapt to the classrooms

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