



UNIVERSITÀ DI PISA

**ADDENDUM I**  
**TO THE**  
**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS**  
**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**AND**  
**UNIVERSITÀ DI PISA**  
**ITALY**

**Master of Science Program in Electrical and Computer Engineering**

The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, a public body corporate and politic of the State of Illinois, United States of America, for and on behalf of the University of Illinois at Chicago (“UIC”), and the Università di Pisa, a public higher education institution of Italy (“UNIPI”), hereby incorporate this Addendum I (“Addendum”) to their Memorandum of Agreement (“Agreement”), both documents to be signed simultaneously.

**PART 1. UIC-ECEMS**

- 1.1. Program Description.** With assistance from UNIPI as enumerated in this Addendum, UIC will offer its Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering (“UIC-ECEMS”) to applicants who are admitted to this program. The only internationally recognized academic credential to be granted based on the courses to be offered through this program is the UIC-ECEMS. This program will be delivered partly at UIC’s College of Engineering (“UIC-COE”) and partly at UNIPI, as described in Appendix A of this Addendum. The language of instruction will be English.
- 1.2. Program Quota.** The UIC-ECEMS program will be delivered to a degree-seeking cohort of a minimum of three (3) students. At its sole discretion, UIC-COE may suspend admissions to this program in any year when the number of newly admitted students falls below three. If this determination is made, UNIPI and the affected students will be notified by the appropriate deadline for international applications.
- 1.3. Program Curriculum.** UIC will provide the coursework required for completion of a UIC-ECEMS degree. The program curriculum is detailed in Appendix A to this Addendum. Program requirements



at UIC. While at UIC, students in this program will not be eligible for services otherwise provided to students at UNIPi. While at UIC, students in this program will be eligible for services provided to degree-seeking, full-time students in residence at UIC.

**1.6.3. Health Insurance.** UNIPi will provide access to health insurance coverage and/or relevant information, to each student, to facilitate students' purchasing of health insurance. The cost of such insurance will be borne by each student. All students in this program must, at all times, maintain in full force and effect a policy of health insurance and international insurance coverage for emergency evacuation, repatriation of mortal remains, accidental death and dismemberment, and all costs associated therewith. Limits shall be as required by UIC. Proof of said coverage must be provided to UIC. The cost of such insurance will be borne by the student. When students are at UNIPi, they will provide proof of health insurance coverage to the Program Director, who will assure that a written copy of said health insurance coverage remains in the student's file at all times.

**1.6.4. Financial Aid.** Students in this program will not be eligible for UIC scholarships or federal, state, or UIC institutional financial aid during their first semester in residence at UIC, with the exception of one tuition and fee waiver to be awarded each year (if the cohort consists of at least seven students) for the second (Fall) semester to a UIC-ECEMS student selected by the Committee upon recommendation by UNIPi. UNIPi will inform students of this clause.

## **1.7. Program Oversight and Management.**

**1.7.1. Program Director and Institutional Liaisons.** UIC will designate a Program Director. The Program Director will report to the Dean of UIC-COE, chair the Inter-Institutional Faculty Committee, and serve as the institutional liaison of UIC for the UIC-ECEMS program. UNIPi will designate its institutional liaison to the UIC-ECEMS program. Both liaisons will be members of the Inter-Institutional Faculty Committee to be established as described below. The Dean of UIC-COE and his counterpart at UNIPi will appoint, respectively, alternative liaisons if the need arises. Parties will notify each other in writing of any such change.

**1.7.2. Inter-Institutional Faculty Committee.** The parties will establish an Inter-Institutional Faculty committee (the "Committee"). The Committee will be responsible for providing general academic oversight of this program.

**A. Committee Membership.** The Committee's membership will consist of the two institutional liaisons, and one additional faculty member from UIC-COE, and one additional faculty member from UNIPi. The UNIPi members of the Committee will hold a zero-percent faculty appointment at UIC for the purpose of serving on the Committee or otherwise participating in the UIC-ECEMS program. Both UIC and UNIPi may appoint staff members to the Committee, as ex-officio members without vote. The Program Director will chair the Committee.

**B. Committee Duties.** The Committee's duties include proposing UNIPi faculty to UIC for consideration for zero-percent appointment as faculty affiliated to the UIC-ECEMS program; advising students in this program on academic and career matters; acting



## PART 2. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Lectures, printed material, as well as other material provided by UIC during this program will remain the intellectual property of UIC. Courses may not be recorded or videotaped without the prior written consent of UIC. Any materials, slides, diagrams, and examinations provided by UIC faculty in the delivery of instruction related to the UIC-ECEMS program shall remain the copyrighted property of UIC and its faculty, shall be kept confidential, and shall be delivered to UIC upon request. Such information may not be used by UNIPI for any other purpose unless authorized by UIC and its faculty in writing.

## PART 3. PROGRAM COST AND PAYMENT

- 3.1. Student Cost and Payment.** Each student admitted into this program shall be individually responsible for the timely payment of tuition and fees, and shall acknowledge his/her obligation to UIC in a written document to be submitted as part of the student's application. Students will be informed that non-payment of tuition and fees shall be grounds to terminate the student's participation in the program. Tuition and fees are subject to change without notice any time prior to the first day of instruction. The parties agree that the cost of this program may be adjusted to reflect future increases in UIC tuition and related categories of financial costs. UIC-COE will inform UNIPI and the students in the program immediately, whenever changes in tuition and fees are approved by the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois. Additional details are found in Appendix B.
- 3.2. Compensation for Teaching Activities.** As a contribution to teaching activities in the program during the first semester of studies at UNIPI, UNIPI will receive a compensation from UIC-COE, net of all applicable taxes to be withheld under U.S. or Italian law, at the end of the semester in the following amount: US\$10,000 for three-to-four (3-4) students, US\$20,000 for five-to-six (5-6) students, US\$30,000 for seven-to-twelve (7-12) students, US\$34,500 for thirteen-to-fifteen (13-15) students, US\$37,500 for sixteen (16) or more students. There will be no compensation for thesis supervision.
- 3.3. Compensation for Travel Expenses.** As a contribution to the travel expenses incurred by advisors from UNIPI who travel to UIC for thesis defenses, UNIPI will receive US\$1,500 from UIC for each advisor trip. Reimbursement will be limited to a maximum of five trips per academic year, for a maximum total of US\$7,500.

## PART 4. INFORMATION PROTECTION

- 4.1. FERPA.** UIC declares to be subject to the Family and Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 (20 U.S.C. § 1232g). To the extent UNIPI generates, maintains, or receives UIC education records related to its students participating under this Addendum, UNIPI will limit access only to those employees or agents with a need to know.
- 4.2. GDPR.** Each party seeks to comply with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679) ("GDPR") to the extent applicable to them regarding the transfer of personal

information. With respect to GDPR-protected personal information transferred between the parties pursuant to this Addendum, each party is an autonomous data controller. Prior to transferring any GDPR-protected personal information to UIC, UNIPI shall obtain the data subject's explicit consent to the proposed transfer after informing the data subject of the possible risks of such transfer due to the absence of an adequacy decision and appropriate safeguards.

#### **PART 5. TERM AND TERMINATION**

This Addendum shall become effective as of the date of the last signature appearing below and continue for five (5) years. Either party may terminate this Addendum for convenience with at least ninety (90) days' prior written notice to the other. If either party terminates this Addendum for convenience, any student participating in the program at the time that notice of termination is received shall be allowed to complete the program under the terms of the Addendum, including its financial terms, in effect at the time the student was accepted into the program.

#### **PART 6. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- 6.1.** The parties agree to comply with all applicable laws in their own countries regarding non discrimination and equal opportunity.
- 6.2.** The parties agree to follow the terms of this memorandum of agreement. The parties also agree to follow their own applicable laws, for UIC the State of Illinois and U.S. Federal laws, for UNIPI Italian law. If circumstances arise where the terms of this agreement are in conflict with either party's applicable laws, then that party will notify the other party within 30 days. If a revised memorandum of agreement cannot be reached then either party can terminate the memorandum of agreement as specified in part 5.
- 6.3.** The failure of either party to enforce any provision of this Addendum shall not waive the party's right to later enforce the provision or the Addendum. If any provision of this Addendum not essential to accomplishing its purpose is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, the provision shall be severed from this Addendum.
- 6.4.** Nothing in this Addendum is intended to or shall create any rights or remedies in any third party.
- 6.5.** To be enforceable, all notices required under this Addendum must be in writing and delivered to the party's address, identified below. All communications can be sent according one or more of the following procedures: paper document by international registered mail, with return receipt or by a courier or internationally recognized express postal service with delivery receipt. Notice is effective upon receipt by the intended recipient.

Notices to UNIPI shall be sent to:

Dipartimento di Ingegneria dell'Informazione

Notices to UIC shall be sent to:

Office of the Dean

Università di Pisa  
Via Caruso 16, 56122 Pisa  
ITALY  
Att.ne: Direttore

College of Engineering  
Room 838 SEO (MC 159)  
851 South Morgan Street  
Chicago Illinois 60607-7053, USA  
Attn: Director of Intl. Programs

With a copy to:

Ufficio Relazioni Internazionali  
Università di Pisa  
Piazza Torricelli, 4, 56126 Pisa  
ITALY

With a copy to:

Office of University Counsel  
1737 West Polk Street, Suite 405  
Administrative Office Building, MC 225  
Chicago, Illinois 60612 USA

- 6.6.** This Addendum is written in English, two (2) originals, all texts being equally valid.
- 6.7.** The individuals signing this Addendum on a party's behalf represent that they are authorized and intend to bind their respective parties in contract.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this Addendum as of the last signature date below.

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS**

**UNIVERSITÀ DI PISA, ITALY**

By: *Paul N. Ellinger*  
Paul N. Ellinger, Comptroller Date

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Riccardo Zucchi, Rettore Date

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Signature of Comptroller Delegate Date

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Printed Name and Title of Comptroller Delegate

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## APPENDIX A Curriculum and Records

### Program Requirements

Students must abide by all requirements contained in the UIC Graduate Catalog at the time of their admission to the program. Some of the requirements in vigor for the Academic Year 2023-2024 are listed below.

In addition to the Graduate College minimum requirements, <http://grad.uic.edu/international-admission>, students must meet the following program requirements. Please note that all students covered by this Addendum must complete a thesis (project and course-only options are not available). All theses should be defended in residence at UIC on dates mutually agreed upon by UNIPI and UIC-COE. In exceptional cases and with the permission of the Program Director, a thesis may be defended at UNIPI. Each MS thesis committee shall consist of a minimum of three members, of which two (including the committee Chair) shall be from UIC.

#### *Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering*

<b>Minimum semester hours required:</b>	36
<b>Course work:</b>	28 credit hours, of which at least 24 must be in the ECE rubric (at least 12 hours of ECE courses must be at the 500-level, excluding ECE 595-599); up to 4 hours of non-ECE courses may be used with prior departmental approval; computer engineering students may use up to 4 hours of CS courses to satisfy the 500-level requirement, excluding CS 595-599.
<b>Research credit:</b>	8 hours of ECE 598.
<b>Comprehensive examination:</b>	None.
<b>Thesis:</b>	Required.



**Grade Submission**

Grades are submitted online through the UIC system.

**Records and Transcripts**

Students will be able to access their respective academic records through:

[https://registrar.uic.edu/student\\_records/](https://registrar.uic.edu/student_records/)

Transcripts are available as indicated at:

[https://registrar.uic.edu/student\\_records/transcripts.html](https://registrar.uic.edu/student_records/transcripts.html)

**Plan of Study by Location**

First semester (Spring) – University of Pisa.

Three regular graduate courses plus MS thesis research, not to exceed a total of 17 credit hours.

Second (Fall) and third (Spring) semesters – in residence at UIC.

Completion of all requirements for the MS degree.



## **Appendix B**

### **Finances**

Each student admitted to the program in Spring semester 2025 will pay a tuition of US\$9,200 per semester plus the general fee and the international student fee, said tuition having been established to account for UIC's instructional and administrative costs and in consideration of the value of UNIPi instructional and administrative costs associated with this program. These financial provisions are valid for the first two semesters in the program. In addition, each student will pay applicable fees during any semester in residence at UIC. These fees, charged each semester, include the academic facilities maintenance assessment, the library and information technology assessment, the service fee, the student to student fee, the sustainability fee, the health service fee, and any other fees that UIC may impose from time to time. Each student is also charged a one-time orientation/arrival fee by the Office of International Services. These financial provisions are valid for the first two semesters in the program.

It is noted that the tuition and fees amount is subject to annual change based on the yearly percentage increases that the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois may impose from time to time. The UIC-COE will notify UNIPi and the students in the program immediately, whenever changes in tuition and fees are announced.

The UIC Dean of Engineering has the authority to suspend admissions to this program in any year when the number of newly admitted students would fall below three. This determination will be made by UIC-COE by the appropriate deadline for international applications (currently 1 November). In such a case, this Addendum remains valid for students admitted in prior years, and it may be resumed for new students at any time when their number is at least three.