

DUAL DEGREE AGREEMENT

Between
University of the Fraser Valley ("UFV")
and
Panjab University ("PU")

OVERVIEW

- A. UFV is a recognized public university operating under the authority of the BC Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and governed by the University Act (British Columbia). UFV enrolls approximately 15,000 students per year with campuses in Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Mission, and Hope.
- B. PU, Chandigarh, is a public University funded by Union and State Governments. PU is considered as one of the well-established, leading and oldest universities in India. PU is known for academic excellence and has made significant contributions in Science, Engineering, Humanities, Law, Medicine, Languages, Business Management and Social Sciences. It holds strong global and national rankings in the 601-800 band in the THE World Rankings 2026.
- C. **Overview:** In continuation to the standing Memorandum of Understanding, dated March 20, 2024, valid for 5 years from the date of signing, PU and UFV wish to enter into an agreement to establish a **BBA Dual Degree Program at University Institute of Applied Management Sciences (UIAMS, PU)**, whereby qualified PU students may be accepted into Year 3 of the Bachelor of Business Administration degree program (BBA) at UFV. Upon successful completion of the program, students will qualify for degrees at both UFV and PU, in accordance with the requirements set out in this Agreement.
- D. **Purpose of the Agreement:**
- to set out the requirements for admission of PU students to Year 3 of the Dual Degree in the Bachelor of Business Administration program at UFV;
 - to set out the courses that will be accepted for transfer credit at PU and UFV;
 - to set out the graduation requirements for PU students enrolled at UFV and;
 - to describe the nature of the relationship between PU and UFV and the obligations of both parties in relation to the Dual Degree Program.
- E. Schedule C contains a list of definitions relevant to this agreement.

IN CONSIDERATION OF the mutual promises made herein and for other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

ADMISSIONS

UFV will consider applications from PU students for the Dual Degree Program who have been recommended by PU and who satisfy the following admission criteria:

- 1) Students will have successfully completed the Year 1 and Year 2 PU courses as identified in the attached Schedule A, with a minimum GPA of 2.67 (as per UFV Policy 101: Grading System or PU equivalent) on all university-level credits attempted.
- 2) PU students applying to the Dual Degree Program must satisfy the degree/ diploma-level English language proficiency requirement and any other requirements specified in UFV's academic calendar.
- 3) Admission to the Dual Degree Program may require further selection processes.
- 4) PU agrees it will provide UFV official transcripts from all prospective students and will obtain all required consents in accordance with applicable law.

TRANSFER CREDIT

- 5) UFV agrees that it will grant transfer credit for Year 1 and Year 2 PU BBA courses as set out in Schedule A to PU students who are admitted to the Dual Degree Program pursuant to this agreement.
- 6) PU agrees that it will grant transfer credit for PU students who successfully complete Year 3 and Year 4 UFV BBA courses as set out in Schedule B to PU students who are admitted to Year 3 of the UFV BBA program pursuant to this agreement.

RECORD OF TRANSFER CREDIT VALUE

- 7) Students will be granted transfer credit as set out in the attached Schedule A of this agreement. Students whose transcripts do not contain the courses from Schedule A will not be admitted to the UFV BBA program under this Agreement. Instead, these students may be assessed for admission and eligibility for transfer credit on an individual basis. Those so admitted may be awarded the PU Dual Degree at the discretion of Panjab University.

PROGRESSION AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 8) PU students studying in the Dual Degree Program at UFV (Year 3 and Year 4) will:
 - a. be required to study on a full time basis;
 - b. be subject to rules and regulations applicable to UFV students;
 - c. normally be expected to complete the UFV BBA program in two years of full-time study;
 - d. need to successfully complete the remaining courses in their program, maintaining a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of at least 2.0

- e. Once admitted, students in the UFV BBA degree program must maintain a minimum program GPA (PGPA) of 2.67. The PGPA is calculated on all UFV courses applicable to the BBA.

DEGREES AWARDED

- 9) Upon successful completion of Year 3 and Year 4 of the UFV BBA, students shall be awarded a UFV Bachelor of Business Administration at UFV and upon fulfilling the bachelor's degree requirements at PU, shall be awarded a Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) at PU with a parchment from each university.

TUITION AND FEES

- 10) PU students will pay PU tuition and fees to PU in Year 1 and Year 2 as listed in the official prospectus of Panjab University and via notification on the official website. Please see the link: <https://uiams.puchd.ac.in/show-courses.php>
- 11) Students will pay UFV international student tuition and fees to UFV in Year 3 and Year 4. In addition, the fees listed on UFV's academic calendar must be paid, as applicable. These fees may change from time to time. (Please see the link: <https://www.ufv.ca/calendar/current/General/FeesAndOtherCosts.htm>)
- 12) Given the general terms of this Agreement, there is no financial liability for PU and UFV.

COLLABORATION

- 13) To further collaboration UFV and PU agree to establish a Joint Steering Committee for the Dual Degree Program.
- 14) The procedures of the Joint Steering Committee will be determined at the initial meetings.

STUDENT OBLIGATIONS

- 15) Students enrolled in the Dual Degree program shall be responsible for the following:
 - a. When attending UFV, ensuring compliance and being responsible for all fees associated with the immigration requirements of Canada including, but not limited to, securing a visa or other permits to study in Canada; and
 - b. Ensuring that they have appropriate medical/travel insurance in accordance with the requirements of UFV (as they may be adjusted from time to time).

CURRICULUM CHANGES

- 16) The information set out in Schedule A and B may be amended from time to time with the agreement in writing of both parties.
- 17) PU agrees to provide UFV at least one hundred and eighty (180) days' notice of significant curriculum changes within the listed program. These changes may include, but are not limited,

to: admissions standards, core curriculum, length of courses, or changes that alter the scope, contact hours, assessment, and/or rigor of the program.

18) Depending on the nature of the change, course or program re-evaluation may be required prior to the expected expiry of this Agreement. Following evaluation, and where major changes are identified that UFV determines significantly affect the alignment of outcomes between the PU BBA program and the UFV BBA program as identified in the attached Schedules, UFV may terminate the agreement.

19) UFV agrees to provide PU at least one hundred eighty (180) days' notice of any changes planned to the admission standards or graduation requirements of the UFV programs in the attached Schedules that may affect the eligibility of PU applicants.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

20) UFV and PU shall consult with each other on all matters of promotion and publicity, including, but not limited to, press releases, advertising, and web pages, and shall mutually agree on the content and means of distribution of publicity referring to each other or to activities under this Agreement and agree to the use of their respective names, logos and/or trademarks in connection with promotional materials related to the Agreement.

21) Each party agrees that it shall not use the name, logo, trademark, or any other identifying mark, or make any form of representation or statement in relation to activities under the Agreement that would constitute an expressed or implied endorsement by the other party of any product or service, without obtaining the prior written approval of an authorized representative of the other party.

COMING INTO FORCE OF THIS AGREEMENT

22) This agreement shall not become effective and binding until the date (the "Effective Date") that each party has:

- a. Confirmed articulation and program requirements by approving the contents of Schedule "A" and Schedule "B." Once approved, those schedules shall be signed by each party and inserted into this Agreement and they shall become an integral part of this Agreement;
- b. Approved this dual degree program in accordance with its own internal requirements; and
- c. Obtained all necessary or advisable government or other approvals.

23) Either party may request written confirmation from the other party regarding the fulfilment of conditions 22) b) and/or c).

TERM OF AGREEMENT

- 24) The initial term of this Agreement is five (5) years from the effective date of this agreement. The parties will meet annually to discuss the arrangement.
- 25) Each party shall bear their own costs, administrative or otherwise, charged or accrued in relation to this agreement.
- 26) Either party may indicate a desire to terminate the agreement prior to the planned expiry of the Agreement in its Initial Term (or of any renewal term), on the following basis: (i) at any time with the mutual written consent of PU and UFV; (ii) at any time by UFV, upon giving sixty (60) days' notice to PU; or (iii) at any time by PU upon giving sixty (60) days' notice to UFV.
- 27) In the event of termination of the Agreement, both parties agree that, where appropriate and subject to the program requirements set out in the attached Schedules, all students registered at UFV at the time of written notice of termination shall be entitled to the benefit of this Agreement despite its termination.
- 28) Unless both parties have agreed in writing to renew this Agreement on or before the expiry of the Initial term (or any subsequent renewal term), this Agreement will without further notice expire at the end of the Initial term (or any subsequent renewal term). On such expiry, UFV and the Partner will be released from all further liability and obligations under this agreement.

PROTECTION OF PRIVACY

- 29) Each party acknowledges and agrees that they will:
 - a. comply with all applicable laws related to privacy and the protection of personal information;
 - b. assist the other in obtaining any required consent for the sharing of personal information;
 - c. take appropriate steps to protect personal information in their custody and control from data breaches and/or inadvertent disclosure; and
 - d. promptly notify the other party in the event of a data breach or inadvertent disclosure.
- 30) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, PU acknowledges that UFV is subject to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (British Columbia).
- 31) Students attending UFV must make a request through UFV's Office of the Registrar to send their official transcripts to PU.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR NOTICES

- 32) PU and UFV will designate a program representative at its respective campus to coordinate facilitation of this Agreement.
- 33) Any notice or notices required to be hereunder to either party shall effectively be given if both sent via email or letter to the parties as follows:

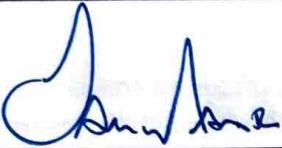
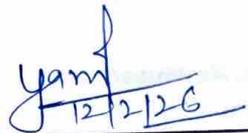
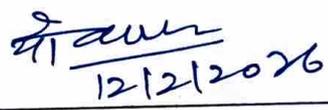
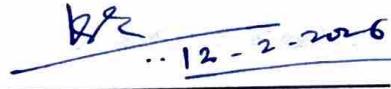
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DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND GOVERNING LAW

- 34) The parties shall attempt to resolve any disputes relating to this agreement by negotiation. If, within 30 days of arising, any dispute is not resolved by negotiation, the parties shall attempt to resolve the dispute through mediation.
- 35) Any dispute arising out of this agreement that relates to PU's obligations under this Agreement shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Indian courts and shall be governed by the laws of India.
- 36) Any dispute arising out of this agreement that relates to UFV's obligations under this Agreement shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of British Columbia and shall be governed by the laws of British Columbia.
- 37) PU is responsible for obtaining any required approvals of the Dual Degree Program in India, including those of the University Grants Commission.
- 38) UFV is responsible for obtaining any required approvals of the Dual Degree Program in British Columbia.
- 39) Any amendment of this agreement will not bind either party unless the amendment is set out in writing and signed by both parties.

Agreement: We the undersigned have reviewed this agreement and agree to its terms and conditions.

 <hr/> <p>Dr. James Mandigo President and Vice-Chancellor University of the Fraser Valley</p>	 <hr/> <p>Dr. Yajvender Pal Verma Registrar Panjab University</p>
<p>Tracy RyderGlass</p> <p><small>Digitally signed by Tracy RyderGlass Date: 2026.02.11 09:56:59 -08'00'</small></p> <hr/> <p>Dr. Tracy Ryder Glass Provost and Vice-President, Academic University of the Fraser Valley</p>	 <hr/> <p>Dr. Yojna Rawat Dean of University Instruction Panjab University</p>
 <hr/> <p>Dr. Chris Schinckus Dean, Faculty of Business and Computing University of the Fraser Valley</p> <p>DATE: <u>Feb 12/26</u></p>	 <hr/> <p>Dr. Kewal Krishan Dean International Students Panjab University</p> <p>DATE: <u>12-2-2026</u></p>

Copy: University Registrar and Associate Vice President, Enrollment Management, UFV

**SCHEDULE A:
PANJAB UNIVERSITY COURSE AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR PU BBA
and UFV BBA DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM**

Note

I. Following the results of the curriculum review and mapping, this Schedule will outline PU requirements, including the list of courses to be taken in Years 1 and 2 of the PU BBA program at University Institute of Applied Management Sciences (UIAMS).

This could include elements such as:

- admissions requirements
- residency requirements
- program requirements
- summary of PU program in Years 1 and 2
- course by course articulation

II. Also, UIAMS PU and UFV will work towards including the students admitted to BBA – MBA integrated program as per the following:

PU Students enrolled in the integrated BBA–MBA programme shall be given the option to pursue Year 3 and Year 4 of the BBA at UFV. The student who opt for the BBA at UFV will get BBA degree of UFV and BBA (Hons.)/BBA (Hons.) with research of Panjab University. Thereafter, the student may opt for one year MBA at Panjab University as part of his/her BBA-MBA integrated programme. Upon completion of this, the student will be awarded BBA-MBA Integrated Programme Degree at Panjab University.

III. Reappear and Medical emergency cases pertaining to the students, will be governed by PU rules and regulations; however, the students who do not qualify the first and second year of the degree, will not be allowed to transfer to UFV for 3rd and 4th year.

**SCHEDULE B: UNIVERSITY OF THE FRASER VALLEY COURSE AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR PU
BBA and UFV BBA DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM**

Note: Following the results of the curriculum review and mapping, this Schedule will outline UFV requirements, including the list of courses to be taken in Years 3 and 4 of the UFV BBA program.

This could include elements such as:

- admissions requirements
- residency requirements
- program requirements
- summary of UFV program in Years 3 and 4
- course by course articulation

Please refer to the following weblink on course repeat petition under the Student Rights & Responsibilities Office - Academic Integrity & Appeals.

<https://www.ufv.ca/student-rights-responsibilities-office/academics/appeals/course-repeat-petition/>

SCHEDULE C: DEFINITIONS

Credit: A numeric value assigned to a course, based on both the hours of direct instruction and the coursework done outside of the classroom, which indicates the course's weight relative to courses across the university (*UFV Credential Policy 64*).

Credential: A qualification awarded by UFV to recognize successful completion of a program (*UFV Credential Policy 64*).

Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA): A numerical average of grades based on all courses taken at UFV within a particular level of study, e.g. preparatory, undergraduate, graduate, etc. (*UFV Grading System Policy 101*).

Dual Degree: A program designed and delivered by two partner institutions in different countries in the same area of study. Students, upon completing the requirements of the program, receive a degree from each of the partner institutions.

Dual Degree Program: Means, in this agreement, a partnership whereby qualified Panjab University (PU) students registered in the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) at PU may be accepted into Year 3 of the Bachelor of Business Administration degree program (BBA) at the University of the Fraser Valley (UFV). Upon successful completion of the program, in accordance with this agreement, students will qualify for degrees at both UFV and PU.

Grade Point Average (GPA): Academic performance expressed as a numerical average of grades in UFV courses (*UFV Grading System Policy 101*).

Program: A set of courses and associated requirements offered as a credential (e.g., a certificate, diploma, degree, etc.) or an option within a credential (e.g., a major, minor, concentration, etc.). Program options form parts of credentials, but are not credentials in and of themselves (*UFV Credentials Policy 64*).

Residency: The portion of credits for a program that must be completed through UFV (*UFV Credentials Policy 64*).

Transfer Credit: Credit given at UFV for studies successfully completed at other recognized institutions (*UFV Transfer Credit Policy 107*).