



DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY

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Memorandum of Understanding

Establishing a Strategic Partnership
Between
Florida Atlantic University
College of Architecture, Urban and Public Affairs, School of Public Administration
And
Defense Acquisition University

Florida Atlantic University's College of Architecture, Urban and Public Affairs, School of Public Administration (FAU-PA) and the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) agree to work toward the following enhancements of their current programs:

Academic Credit:

It is the goal of both parties that students taking Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) certification courses can apply these courses, with academic credit, toward one of the following:

Bachelor of Public Management (BPM)
Master of Public Administration (MPA)

Required qualifications of participants shall include:

For the BPM program, an associate's degree or completion of 60 credit hours of undergraduate studies at an appropriately accredited college or university.

For the MPA program, a bachelor's degree from an appropriately accredited college or university.

The credit transfer process shall be as follows:

Depending on the DAU courses taken, the student may receive up to fifteen (15) credit hours (semester-based) toward the BPM, or up to nine (9) credit hours (semester-based) toward the MPA.

For example, DAU courses CON 100, Shaping Smart Business Arrangements, and CON 101, Basics of Contracting, combined may be eligible for 6 undergraduate credits; CON 202, Intermediate Contracting, may be eligible for 3 graduate credits; CON 243, Architect-Engineer Contracting, and CON 244, Construction Contracting, combined may be eligible for 6 undergraduate credits or 3 graduate credits; LAW 801, Acquisition Law, may be eligible for 3 undergraduate credits or 2 graduate credits.

The specific details as to the number of credits for each course will be developed by the FAU-PA faculty in consultation with DAU.

Executive Certificate Program in Public Procurement:

FAU-PA will examine the feasibility of offering a certificate program in public procurement that will benefit the Defense acquisition workforce. Currently, FAU in conjunction with the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) plans to offer the five (5) following undergraduate and graduate courses:

Government Procurement Law and Ethics
Introduction to Public Procurement
Contract Formulation
Contract Administration
Project Management

Details will be implemented by subsequent amendment of this agreement.

Research Opportunities:

Through its Public Procurement Research Center (PPRC), FAU offers an opportunity for DAU students to engage in professional research in the field of public procurement. Various research projects may be pursued, leading to written studies published by PPRC on its web site or in print. DAU staff and students may submit papers to be considered for publication in the Journal of Public Procurement, subject to the peer review process and editorial discretion regarding acceptance of papers for publication. DAU agrees to publicize this research opportunity to interested staff, students, and other members of the Defense acquisition workforce.

Limitations:

No agreement concerning the transfer or exchange of any funding or asset of either party is intended or implied by this memorandum. The parties are separate and independent institutions of higher education and by this agreement both will continue to operate as separate institutions. The administrators of FAU and DAU are authorized to prepare, sign, and implement plans of action and procedures necessary to implement this agreement.

Termination:


Either party may terminate this agreement without liability. If the agreement is terminated, every step should be taken to make sure student needs are satisfied. Consequently, if either party desires to terminate the agreement, sixty days' prior notice should be given. FAU-PA agrees to teach out students enrolled in the program at the time of termination so as to enable them to complete their studies.

Agreement

This documents an interim agreement that commits both parties to pursue joint educational opportunities of benefit to the students and faculty of FAU, as well as the programs of DAU and the Defense acquisition workforce, subject to further negotiation and approvals that may be necessary. As the details of the above arrangements are completed and the partnership evolves, the mutual intent is that the parties will sign a final agreement.

Individual students bear the responsibility for payment of tuition, fees, and any other costs related to enrollment in FAU's programs. Students will be subject to the policies and procedures of Florida Atlantic University.

As this strategic partnership evolves with additions and modifications to the original MOU, these changes will be reflected as addenda to the original MOU.


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