

		
Università degli Studi di Cassino	Honors Center of Italian University – H2CU Centro Interuniversitario di Formazione Internazionale	Polytechnic University of New York

**AGREEMENT of COLLABORATION**  
 between  
 Università degli Studi di Cassino,  
 Honors Center of Italian University – H2CU  
 and  
 POLYTECHNIC University  
 on the Development of a Dual Graduate Degree program in  
 Civil Engineering

*Following the Memorandum of Understanding signed on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007*

The undersigned establishes guidelines to make available the Dual Graduate Degree program.

- 1.** This document is a formal statement of the arrangements for collaboration between the POLYTECHNIC University and the Università degli Studi di Cassino.
- 2.** The Dual Graduate Program Title is "Civil Engineering" and it allows students to obtain the Master of Science Degree (US degree) and Laurea Magistrale (Italian degree).
- 3.** This is an international study program. It can consequently apply to Italian students, US students and students from other countries. All courses and activities will be in English.
- 4.** The Dual Graduate Program duration is two years.
- 5.** The venue of the program during the first year is Università degli Studi di Cassino, Cassino (FR), Italy, during the second year it is Polytechnic University, NY, USA.

6. Curriculum of the Dual Degree Program is described in the enclosed document (Joint Program) where courses and contents are listed. Polytechnic will allow the transfer of up to 12 polytechnic credits (4 courses) taken at the University of Cassino with a grade of B or better towards the fulfillment of the M.Sc. requirements at Polytechnic. The University of Cassino will transfer the grades for courses taken at Polytechnic with a grade of B or better towards the fulfillment of the requirements of the Laurea Magistrale. Polytechnic will withhold the transfer of Italian credits until such a time that Italian students either (1) receive their Laura Magistrale degree or (2) provide a letter from the Program Coordinator at the University of Cassino that they have completed 100% of the requirements of the Laurea Magistrale degree at the University of Cassino. In addition to the semester activities, summer activities are planned in Italy or in a European country in order to enhance occasion of mutual exchange of faculty members and students.
7. The Administrative Offices of the Dual Degree Program will be at Università degli Studi di Cassino and at Polytechnic University. The main one will be at Università degli Studi di Cassino.
8. The Dual Degree program coordinators will be Prof. Magued Iskander for Polytechnic University and Prof. Maura Imbimbo for Università di Cassino.
9. Pre-requisites will be evaluated by program coordinators and local CE faculty committee. Students entering the program should have a Laurea degree in Civil Engineering or closely related field with an overall average of 95/110 (corresponding to 3.0/4.0 GPA) and a TOEFL score of 550 (213 CBT, 80 IBT). A personal statement describing the student background, goals, and aspiration is expected as part of the application process.
10. H2CU will pay registration, tuition fee and health insurance to Polytechnic University at the current tuition rate for each student enrolled in the 18 credit Polytechnic University component of the program.
11. H2CU will provide the accommodation for the second year in NY.
12. Registration will be processed by Università degli Studi di Cassino. Registration and tuition fee will be paid by students or by fellowships yearly at the beginning of the first year and at the beginning of the second year. Funds will be forwarded to Polytechnic University within 30 days following collection by H2CU.
13. Applications for the Dual Degree Program will be possible from May to October, at Università degli Studi di Cassino.
14. Each Party, remains liable for all risks of personal injury and property damage caused by negligent acts or omissions of that Party, but subject to all applicable immunities granted by law to either Party.  
Each Party shall be deemed as an independent contractor and not liable for acts of the other, nor shall they be liable for the acts of any other participants in the exchange.  
Both parties declare and agree that they practise non-discrimination<sup>1</sup> and hence favour equal opportunities.

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<sup>1</sup> I.e. race, gender, religion, nationality, height, weight and physical impairment.

It is understood that this Agreement shall commence on the date of execution set forth below and shall continue thereafter for a period of three (3) years and will be reviewed annually. This Agreement may be subject to occasional revision or modification by mutual written agreement by the parties.

*April 9<sup>th</sup>*, 2008

POLYTECHNIC University

Università degli Studi di Cassino

Il Rettore Vicario

Prof. Franco De Vivo

*[Signature]*  
Agreement voted on & passed  
by Poly faculty on Feb 6, 2007

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IL DIRETTORE

Prof. Lucio Ubertini

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