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To: President,  
Texas A&M University

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Through: Faculty Senate,  
Texas A&M University

Through: Chair,  
Graduate Council

Through: Dr. M. Katherine Banks,  
Dean, Dwight Look College of Engineering

Through: Chair, College Review Committee,  
Dwight Look College of Engineering

Through: Dr. Walter W. Buchanan,  
Head, Dept of Engineering Technology & Industrial Distribution

From: Dr. Daniel F. Jennings,  
Professor & Program Director, Master of Industrial Distribution

**Re: Adding TAMU-Qatar to Approved MID Residency Week Locations**

The Department of Engineering Technology and Industrial Distribution would like to request TAMU-Qatar as an additional location to offer Residency Week for the existing Master of Industrial Distribution (MID) degree program.

We would like to conduct MID Residency Week at the TAMU-Qatar campus beginning Spring 2014. All other aspects of the MID program will remain the same. No changes to program or admissions requirements are being requested.

**Background:** The Master of Industrial Distribution is a distance based graduate degree designed for working professionals in industrial distribution and manufacturing channels. The program has been in existence for the past 10 years. The program prepares working professionals for management and leadership positions to manage global challenges. The MID program has seen steady growth over the last 5 years and demand for such an education is growing outside North America. By conducting Residency Week each August at TAMU-Qatar, the MID program can provide working professionals in the gulf region convenient and cost effective way to complete 6 hour residency requirements. Faculty from College Station campus will travel to TAMU-Qatar to conduct Residency Week classes each January. All academic requirements and standards will remain the same as College Station campus.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further questions at [jennings@entc.tamu.edu](mailto:jennings@entc.tamu.edu) or 845-4972. We thank you in advance for your support.

cc: Dr. Robin Autenrieth  
Dr. F. Barry Lawrence  
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**Submitted by (Contact Person):**

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**Certification Statement**

By signing below, the Dean of the College certifies the proposed program complies with coordinating board standards. If the program is delivered through Distance Education, the Dean of the College certifies that they are following the *Principles of Good Practice for Academic Degree and Certificate Programs and Credit Courses Offered Electronically*.

*Use additional signature lines if program is between three or more departments or colleges.*

Signature, Department Head or Interdisciplinary Program Chair  
Dr. Walter W. Buchanan

Signature, Department Head or Interdisciplinary Program Chair *(if joint program)*

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Chair, College Review Committee  
N.K. Jones 4-12-12

Chair, College Review Committee

Dean of College  
[Signature] 4/26/12

Dean of College

Chair, University Curriculum Committee or Graduate Council

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Additional Approvals Required: Faculty Senate and President.

Exam results must be submitted with original signatures of only the committee members approved by the Office of Graduate Studies. If an approved committee member substitution (1 only) has been made, his/her signature must also be submitted to the Office of Graduate Studies.

#### Application for Degree

Graduate degrees are conferred at the close of each regular semester and 10-week summer semester. A candidate for an advanced degree who expects to complete his/her work at the end of a given semester must apply for graduation by submitting the electronic application for degree to the Office of the Registrar and by paying the required graduation fee at the Fiscal Department no later than the Friday of the second week of the fall or spring semester or the Friday of the first week of the first summer term. Cancellations made after the application deadline will not receive a refund of the diploma fee. Students who have completed all their degree requirements will not be allowed to cancel their graduation. The electronic application can be accessed via the student's Howdy portal.

### The Degree of Master of Industrial Distribution

The Dwight Look College of Engineering offers a graduate program leading to the degree of **Master of Industrial Distribution (MID)**. Enrollment in MID classes is restricted to students who have been admitted to the MID program. The program of study has been designed for individuals within both manufacturing and industrial distribution companies.

The MID degree is a non-thesis degree for which a final oral examination is not required. The majority of MID courses are offered via web-based distance learning. New students are admitted in the fall semester only.

Residence (See Residence Requirements, page 31.)

A student must complete 6 credit hours of Texas A&M University resident credit to satisfy the residence requirement for the Master of Industrial Distribution degree.

Students who are employed full-time while completing their degree may fulfill total residence requirements by completion of less-than-full time course loads each semester. In order to be considered for this, the student is required to submit a Petition for Waivers and Exceptions along with verification of his/her employment to the Office of Graduate Studies.

*Currently at TAMU-College Station  
Requesting TAMU-Q to be added*

#### Student's Advisory Committee

After receiving admission to graduate studies and enrolling for coursework, the student will consult with the MID Program Office concerning program structure and requirements. The MID student's "committee" consists of the Director of the MID Program Office. The Director has the responsibility for counseling the student on academic matters, and, in the case of academic deficiency, initiating recommendations to the Office of Graduate Studies.

#### Degree Plan

The degree plan must be completed and filed with the Office of Graduate Studies prior to the deadline imposed by the student's college or by dates announced in the OGS calendar.

This proposed degree plan should be submitted through the online Automated Degree Plan System located on the website [ogsdpss.tamu.edu](http://ogsdpss.tamu.edu).





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Additional coursework may be added to the approved degree plan by petition if it is deemed necessary by the MID Program Director to correct deficiencies in the student's academic preparation.

#### **Credit Requirement**

A minimum of 30 semester credit hours of approved courses is required for the Master of Industrial Distribution degree.

#### **Limitations on the Use of Transfer, Extension and Certain Other Courses**

1. No transfer credit is allowed.
2. No credit may be obtained by correspondence study.
3. A maximum of 12 credit hours of 685 (Directed Studies) may be used with the approval of the MID Program Director.
4. A maximum of 3 hours of 689 (Special Topics) may be used with the approval of the MID Program Director.
5. A maximum of 3 hours of 693 (Professional Study) may be used with the approval of the MID Program Director.
6. Extension courses are not acceptable for credit.

Exceptions will be permitted only in unusual cases and when petitioned by the student's program and approved by the Director of the Master of Industrial Distribution Program and the Office of Graduate Studies.

#### **Transfer of Credit**

No transfer of credit is allowed for the Master of Industrial Distribution degree.

#### **Scholastic Requirements**

To maintain good academic standing, an MID student must maintain a minimum cumulative 3.000 GPR each semester. If a student fails to attain a cumulative 3.000 GPR, he or she is placed on academic probation. A student on academic probation must raise his/her cumulative GPR to 3.000 or above by the end of the next 9 hours of coursework or within one calendar year, whichever comes first. If this requirement is not met, the MID Program Director will recommend that the Office of Graduate Studies block the student from further enrollment. If a student is blocked from further enrollment in the MID program, he or she shall not be permitted to enroll in other MID courses.

An MID student must attain a minimum cumulative 3.000 GPR on MID core courses.

#### **Foreign Languages**

A foreign language is not required for the Master of Industrial Distribution degree.

#### **Time Limit**

All degree requirements must be completed within a period of seven consecutive years for the degree to be granted. A course will be considered valid until seven years after the end of the semester in which it was taken. Graduate credit for coursework which is more than seven calendar years old may not be used to satisfy degree requirements.

### **Final Examination**

A final oral examination is not required for the Master of Industrial Distribution degree. Except as noted above, the requirements for the degree of Master of Industrial Distribution are identical with those for the degree of Master of Science.

### **Application for Degree**

Graduate degrees are conferred at the close of each regular semester and 10-week summer semester. A candidate for an advanced degree who expects to complete his/her work at the end of a given semester must apply for graduation by submitting the electronic application for degree to the Office of the Registrar and by paying the required graduation fee at the Fiscal Department no later than the Friday of the second week of the fall or spring semester or the Friday of the first week of the first summer term. A cancellation made after the application deadline will not receive a refund of the diploma fee. Students who have completed all their degree requirements will not be allowed to cancel their graduation. The electronic application for degree can be accessed via the student's Howdy portal.

## **The Degree of Master in International Affairs**

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The George Bush School of Government and Public Service offers a non-thesis program leading to the degree of Master in International Affairs (MPIA). This program is designed for individuals planning careers in public international affairs. Courses are intended for those with such interests, and it enables a student to specialize in one of two career tracks: international economics and development and national security and diplomacy. The degree entails 48 credit hours of study.

The Master in International Affairs degree includes a core curriculum of five courses, a summer internship (or intensive language and cultural study) and a six-course specialization in two selected areas of concentration. The professional nature of the program provides a curriculum taught by a multi-disciplinary faculty who also combine a mix of scholarly and professional international experience. The core curriculum includes seminars in leadership and public management in world affairs, international politics, global economics, research methods, and American foreign policy. In addition, all students participate in a final semester capstone project working as a team under the supervision of a faculty member to address a real world client's international problem. Capstone research culminates in a major written report to the client. Prerequisites exist for each of the two areas of concentration. The Bush School equips students having a disposition towards leadership and public service with the vital skills and knowledge critical for successful careers whether in government or non-governmental organizations. A foreign language background is not required for admission into the program. To graduate, however, a student must successfully pass a foreign language exam administered in accordance with the ratings of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages. For this test the student must demonstrate a minimal proficiency in speaking and comprehension at the established rating of "intermediate low."

The Bush School, in conjunction with the Economics department, also offers a dual degree program that enables students to receive both their Economics undergraduate degree and a Master of International Affairs (MPIA) degree in international economics and development in five years. Students admitted into this program will be enrolled in Bush School graduate courses with an undergraduate classification for the fall of their fourth year and will be re-classified as master's degree students upon completing 120 credit hours, typically following