AUN: Promising tools for balanced mobility

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ASEAN University Network (AUN)

Mobility in Higher Education

- NQF
- ASEAN Credit Transfer System
- AUN Quality Assurance (AUN-QA)

Mobility of Students, Faculty and Researchers
Inputs from relevant AUN meeting regarding inter-regional mobility

2nd ACCESS Dialogue Event
“Mobility as an Instrument for Integration: Sharing Experiences and New Ideas”
3-5 June 2010
Manila

2 key participants:
• Academic executives
• ICT experts

ACCESS = Academic Cooperation Europe and Southeast Asia Support Project under EU support
Photos from the 2nd ACCESS Workshop:
Common Challenges found:

- Implementation
  - student & faculty exchange
  - credit transfer mechanism

- Academic compatibility

- Insufficient funding support
“ASEAN-EU Mobility: A Framework for Sustainable Implementation”

Implementation Framework (agreed priorities)

- Student Exchange
- Faculty Staff Exchange
- Role of ICT
- Credit Transfer System & QA
- Resource & Knowledge Exchange
ASEAN Credit Transfer System

“ACTS”
What is **ASEAN Credit Transfer System**?

AUN-ACTS is designed as the integrated online system of student’s application process and grading scheme, utilised to facilitate exchange students among 26 AUN Member Universities and within the ASEAN region, and to serve all universities in linking up their international courses/programmes in one-stop shop.
ACTS comprises 3 components

- Proposed Grading Scales
- Online list of available courses offered to students by AUN Member Universities
- Online system for application + communication + monitoring of student exchange
Proposed Grading Scales

The scale will be used as a common grading system to evaluate student’s performance.

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<td>A</td>
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<td>E/F</td>
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ACTS Credits:
1 Full Academic Year = 60 credits
1 Semester = 30 credits
1 Term/Trimester = 20 credits
Online list of available courses offered to students by AUN Member Universities

• Student can find the list of **12,270 courses** at [http://acts.ui.ac.id](http://acts.ui.ac.id) (as of Jan 2012)

• These courses are conducted in English, offered to the exchange students from other universities within the region

• **Student in the home university** (sending university) **can choose courses** that he/she wish to enrol in the host university (receiving university)
Number of courses available per country

Viet Nam: Total 145
Thailand: Total 3,942
Singapore: Total 1,356
the Philippines: Total 1,335
Myanmar: Total 0
Malaysia: Total 3,238
Laos: Total 0
Indonesia: Total 1,551
Cambodia: Total 89
Brunei: Total 314
Number of 12,270 courses available for ACTS (divided into areas of studies)

- **Engineering**: 30%
- **Life & Health Sciences**: 21%
- **Physical & Natural Sciences**: 25%
- **Social Sciences**: 10%
- **Arts & Humanities**: 19%

- **Undergraduate**
  - Engineering: 30%
  - Life & Health Sciences: 14%
  - Physical & Natural Sciences: 29%
  - Social Sciences: 19%
  - Arts & Humanities: 18%

- **Graduate**
  - Engineering: 21%
  - Life & Health Sciences: 14%
  - Physical & Natural Sciences: 30%
  - Social Sciences: 10%
  - Arts & Humanities: 25%
Online application system

• Online application system provides the online application form and the automatic application processing system.

• The system aims to service students in applying and processing their course application.

• In practice, this process will be done online by students, IROs, ACTS Secretariat.

• The system enables to monitor and report the status of student exchange.

* The online system is operated by the AUN-ACTS Secretariat situated at Universitas Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia
Student-centred system based on students workload (learning outcomes)

Non-complicated grading conversion from host to home university

Not require a modification of existing institutional or national credit systems

Duration: 1 up to maximum 2 academic semesters or shorter period of study (summer semester)

Applicable for both undergraduate & graduate students
ACTS guidelines

AUN Member Universities agreed on

1. **Approve**
   - Ensure that prior approval has been obtained from the relevant offices for the student exchanges;

2. **Match**
   - Ensure that there is sufficient overlap, or matching, of content in the core courses that the student will be taking in the host universities with the courses which the students would normally have had to take in their home universities;

3. **Agree**
   - Agree that the content overlap, or course matching, will not be necessary in the elective or enrichment courses to be taken in host universities, and;

4. **Accept**
   - Agree to accept credits assigned to a course which their students earn in the host universities during the exchange period.
### Why We Use ACTS

#### The Benefits

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| **Easy to apply**  
(ACTS regulations/guidelines shown on website) | **Internationalisation**  
of university |
| **Credit earning**  
(Equate) | **Promote recruitment**  
of international students |
| **Widen choice**  
of courses/subjects | **Enhance collaboration**  
among higher educational institutions |
| **Intellectual experience**  
and | **Enrichment**  
programme |
| **increased soft skills**  
(such as overseas experience) | **Inter-Institutional recognition**  
within ASEAN |
| **Networking**  
with ASEAN friends | |

**“ASEAN Brand”**  
sense of ASEAN belonging,

The system can keep the **record of number**  
of student exchange.
Current stakeholders in the ACTS process

- AUN-BOT
- AUN-ACTS Secretariat UI
- AUN-ACTS Steering Committee
- Database
- IRO
- Participating University
- STUDENT FIRST

STUDENTS First
ACTS Timeframe

2009-10: ACTS Development
2011-12: Trial period among 26 AUN Member Universities
2013: System Evaluation
2013-: Sharing with ASEAN+3 dialogue partners
2015-: Sharing with all ASEAN universities
ACTS has also been implementing in order to facilitate some of the AUN Student Exchange Programme, for example:

- AUN Student Mobility Initiative (approved by 2010) committed by all AUN Member Universities in offering 5 full scholarships for their own students
- UBD Discovery Year 2011

### Terms of Full Scholarships

#### HOME Universities
- Airfare
- Living Allowance
- Travel Insurance
- Health Insurance
- Accommodation

#### HOST Universities
- Tuition Waiver
- Accommodation (optional)
Current situation: since 1\textsuperscript{st} semester 2011

- Number of participating student: 205 students
- Number of acceptance: 50 students
- Number of sending university: 9 universities (5 ASEAN countries: Br, In, L, My, Th)
- Number of receiving university: 18 universities (8 ASEAN countries: Br, Ca, In, My, Ph, Sg, Th, Vt)
STEP 1. Go to http://acts.ui.ac.id
STEP 2. select menu APPLICATION: to understand the procedures of the ACTS

How to join the AUN Exchange Programme under the AUN-ACTS:

1. Student of AUN Member Universities can check academic calendar, available courses, and available courses at the term of the university he/she would like to study at (Host University) by visiting AUN-ACTS website.
2. Once the student has decided the university and the courses, he/she should discuss his/her decision with the faculty of his/her university (Home University).
3. After discussing with the faculty, the student can apply online at AUN-ACTS website. When student apply online, student has to fill the form of his/her personal details, choose alternate Host Universities, choose proposed courses at offered term at each alternate Host Universities, upload all required documents such as photograph, TOEFL/IELTS certificate, and other supporting documents/certificate to the system, and print the application form from the system. After that, student has to send the application form with all supporting documents to the International Relations Office (IRO) of Home University to be reviewed.
4. Once the process is completed, the IRO Home University will nominate the name of students for exchange by approve nomination in the system and verify the students alternate Host Universities. Nominated student will get account to log in to the system given by Home University.
THANK YOU
ASEAN University Network
Demonstration of AUN-ACTS Online System

http://acts.ui.ac.id
How to use ACTS Online System at http://acts.ui.ac.id
STEP 3. select menu COURSES:
to view the list of courses and credit
### View Courses

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STEP 4. 

select menu **APPLICATION** 
then select **Academic Calendar**
to check and matching your appropriate time of study
STEP 5. select menu APPLICATION
Then select “Registration Form”

to download and complete “Application form”

ACTS Student Application Form ➔
Submit the completed ACTS Student Application Form and other completed documents needed to your International Relations Office for review.

Host University approved student’s application and send notification to Home university

Successful applicant will get online password
STEP 7

select menu APPLICATION
Then select “Registration Form”

Complete and return "ACTS Learning Agreement" to IRO office at your university