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UNLV Singapore to Offer Pathway to U.S. Engineering Degrees

7 June 2012 – Singapore. Dr. Neal Smatresk, President of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) has announced the availability of undergraduate lower division Engineering classes beginning Fall 2013 at UNLV Singapore. Students will complete 60 U.S. academic credits at the branch campus in Singapore before they relocate to the main UNLV campus in Las Vegas, Nevada to complete a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering at the university's Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering.

Subject to any required approvals by the Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education, the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities and/or the Singapore Ministry of Education, UNLV will recruit and admit an initial cohort of 50 top engineering students to study in Singapore and then in Las Vegas. Classes in Singapore will be taught by locally-hired faculty in residence and part time instructors, augmented by faculty from the main campus Engineering faculty. Students will be fully admitted to UNLV as freshmen and will choose to major in one of the following fields once they relocate to Las Vegas as juniors: Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Construction Management, Electrical Engineering, Entertainment Engineering and Design, or Mechanical Engineering.

Qualified international students who graduate within the Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) fields may now be eligible for an extended 17-month Optional Practical Training (OPT) period of employment within the United States in addition to the basic 12-month OPT period. UNLV is U.S. regionally accredited, and applicable programs within the College of Engineering are accredited by the Accrediting Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). Outstanding students will be eligible to apply some upper division undergraduate courses to a M.S. or Ph.D. degree in Engineering at UNLV.

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) is a doctoral-degree-granting component of the Nevada System of Higher Education, an agency of the State of Nevada, United States of America. Founded in 1957, the University offers more than 220 undergraduate, graduate and professional degree programs. It is a public research-intensive and fully accredited institution with about 28,000 students and some 2,800 faculty and staff at its 350 acre main campus, located within view of the famous "Las Vegas Strip" resort corridor.

The William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration (Hotel College) is one of 10 colleges at UNLV. Hotel College faculty members are recognized as global thought leaders and educational trend setters in management training relating to and study of hospitality, tourism, food and beverage, meetings and events, as well as in all aspects of gaming. Students are graduated from the College with Bachelor of

Science, Master of Science, Master of Hospitality Administration and Doctor of Philosophy degrees. The College's executive education and certificate programs are offered worldwide, including at UNLV Singapore, through its **International Gaming Institute** and the **Hospitality Research and Development Center**. The College is consistently ranked first or second in the world in the field of hospitality.

The **Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering** is one of the other colleges at UNLV offering bachelors, masters and doctoral degrees. It has more than 1,600 students in nine departments. Housed in world-class facilities and named for one of the most innovative aviators and engineers of the 20th century, it produces graduates who are well prepared to find real-world solutions to technical challenges. The college's well-rounded curriculum combines practical and empirical knowledge with mathematical and scientific fundamentals and principles, providing a solid foundation for a successful career in engineering and computer science. In addition to the theory taught in the classroom, all programs afford each student the opportunity to participate in faculty research in leading areas such as renewable energy, cybersecurity, entertainment engineering, nanotechnology and structures.

UNLV Singapore was established in 2006 as UNLV's branch in Asia. Under the administration of the Hotel College, it currently offers 563 international and American students the College's curriculum leading to the UNLV Bachelor of Science in Hotel Administration in as few as three years of year-round study. An accelerated two-year Bachelor of Science program is available to eligible Singapore citizen and permanent resident polytechnic diploma holders and others in affiliation with the Singapore Institute of Technology. Degree-seeking undergraduates must be fully admitted as UNLV students; they and visiting students may earn U.S. academic credits during spring and fall semesters, summer and winter sessions, or on study trips beginning and ending in Singapore. Customized and open-enrollment executive education is provided at Singapore's National Library Building and at client facilities throughout Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

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