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Study Course Cooperation Agreement.

International Mobility to achieve a

Double Degree in Economics/Empirical Economics

§1. Partners

University of Udine (Italy), represented by the Rector, Prof. Alberto Felice De Toni, with legal domicile at University of Udine, Via Palladio n. 8, 33100 Udine (Italia), codice fiscale 80014550307

University of Graz (Austria), represented by the Rector, Univ.-Prof. Dr. Christa Neuper, with legal domicile at University of Graz, Universitätsplatz 3, A-8010 Graz

The following curricula at the respective partner universities provide the basis of this agreement:

- a) Laurea Magistrale in Economics – Scienze Economiche, University of Udine: (Appendix B)
- b) University of Graz: Curriculum für das Masterstudium "Politische und Empirische Ökonomik" approved by the Senate of the University of Graz (Appendix C)

Within the framework of this agreement, "home institution" refers to the institution in which a student is formally enrolled as a degree candidate. "Host institution" refers to the institution that has agreed to receive students from the home institution for a period of study.

§2. Objectives

The master's programs promote mobility in the context of well-structured and coordinated programs of study in both universities:

This agreement permits students of the University of Udine, Department of Economics and Statistics, and students enrolled in the master's program "Political and Empirical Economics" at the University of Graz, upon the successful fulfillment of the conditions indicated in this agreement, to receive a double degree, that is the academic degree of both the home and the host institution, with all the corresponding legal effects associated to these degrees.



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§3. Candidates for Double/Complementary Degree Program

Students registered as master degree students in "Economics/Scienze Economiche", Department of Economics and Statistics of the University of Udine, and in "Politische und Empirische Okonomik, Department of Economics of the University of Graz, shall have access to the Double Degree Program.

Double Degree candidates shall be subject to the standard rules, regulations and enrolling constraints of the host institution. They shall register at the host institution -without additional tuition fees -only for the parts of the study program which will be carried out under the responsibility of the host institution. The first semester of study must be completed at the home university.

§4. Application and Selection

The University of Graz as well as the University of Udine accepts up to 20 students per year according to the following process:

Students will fill in an application form. Applicants will provide the required documents by a deadline announced by each University. Applicants will be informed of their nomination to the Double Degree program not later than four weeks after the application deadline.

English requirement: each University specifies the required level of English (and the necessary documents to certify it), that however cannot be lower than B2. The test may not be older than two years.

Documents to be handed in for application:

- Complete application form
- Proof of English Proficiency
- Transcript of Records (Udine) / Diploma Supplement of the BA (Graz)

A selection committee of at least two professors decides at each home university whether the applicant is accepted to the programs. Should the number of eligible applications exceed the available number of places for exchange students, the committee will produce a list of accepted students and a waiting list. In case, a nominated student withdraws from his/her application, the first person on the waiting list moves up to take the free place.



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§5. Exams and Theses

Exams shall be organized under the responsibility of the host institution and candidates should fulfill the requirements established by the host institution. The partner universities agreed on how marks are transferred from one institution to the other for this program (see Appendix A). Marks and credits will be mutually recognized.

However any person accredited as examiner in the home institution may take part as "observer" in the examination in the host country as a quality assurance.

§6. Conditions for Obtaining the Double Degree

Master students from the University of Graz, Department of Economics/ who achieve at least 30 ECTS at the University of Udine, will receive upon successful completion of the master thesis in Graz the Master Degree on "Economics" (MSc.(Econ.)) and the "Laurea Magistrale in Economics/Scienze Economiche" (Uv1.Sc.) of the University of Udine, with all the corresponding legal effects associated with these degrees.

Master students from the University of Udine, Department of Economics and Statistics, who achieve at least 30 ECTS at the University of Graz, Department of Economics will receive upon successful completion of the master thesis exam in Italy the "Laurea Magistrale in Economics/Scienze Economiche" (M.Sc.) of the University of Udine and the Master Degree in Economics" (MSc.(Econ.)) of the University of Graz.

Both universities will issue their master degree certificate with an indication of the shared nature of the qualification on the certificate, accompanied by the relevant documents, such as a Diploma Supplement, stating the inter-institutional character of the Double Degree.

Both universities guarantee to make available to the students an academic offer of at least 30 ECTS credits for the respective mobility semester(s).

§7. Mobility Phase

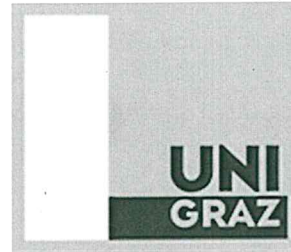
Mobility students will have in the host institution all of the rights and obligations of regular students.

The responsible personnel for the Double Degree are the program coordinators from the University of



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Udine and the University of Graz, respectively.

The Office of International Relations of the host University supports the guest students by providing them with information on accommodation, infrastructure, language courses, support for disadvantaged students, and if applicable, visa requirements. Students are responsible for adequate insurance coverage (health; accident, liability) during their stay at the host university.

Mobility students are exempt from registration fees all tuition fees at the host university.

Financial subsidies can be applied for through existing mobility programmes and grants (e.g. Erasmus+). However, both universities will undertake all reasonable effort to support students.

The University of Udine guarantees 5 (five) Erasmus+ study mobility grants for its students. The number of study grants could be modified according to the Erasmus+ financing agreed to the university.

§8. Promotion of the program

In order to promote joint actions in education and research, both institutions shall encourage:

- the exchange of students, university staff and researchers;
- study sessions, workshops, and seminars on previously agreed subjects;
- the exchange of information, documents and scientific publications; -student exchange involving work in internships or visits to companies.

The exchange of persons shall comply with the regulations and procedures in force at the home institutions.

§9. Waiver of financial obligations

The signing of this agreement does not entail any financial obligation for the parties.

§10. Quality Assurance, Formal recognition, Duration, and Termination of Agreement

In order to assure the quality of the program a continuous and intensive monitoring will be necessary. Students and staff of the participating universities will engage in ongoing review and evaluation. The responsible personnel of the program will meet to discuss the progress of the agreement.

This agreement shall be in effect starting with the Academic year 2019-2020 and be binding upon the parties for a period of 3 academic years. Before expiry, the parties will evaluate the terms of this contract



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at least 12 months prior to the termination of the contract and decide on the prolongations of the conditions of the contract.

The agreement may be terminated at the request of either institution, provided such request is made in writing at least twelve months before termination is to become effective. In the event of the withdrawal of either university, the withdrawing institution shall meet all of its obligations under the agreement for the legally defined time period necessary to guarantee all students registered at the time to complete the double degree master's program as outlined in the study program regulations by each institution.

§11. Resolution of Conflicts

The parties agree to solve in a friendly manner any controversy arising from the interpretation of the present agreement. In the event that the disagreement cannot be resolved, the issue(s) will be submitted for arbitration; each party will appoint a member of the arbitration panel, and one member will be chosen by mutual consent. The place of arbitration for Italians is Udine, for Austrians is Graz.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this agreement has been signed by the proper officers of each institution.

§12. Miscellaneous

Considering that there have not been substantial and relevant changes to the annexes of the previous agreement between the parties, the University of Udine and the University of Graz agree in confirming the content of Appendix A, the Curriculum for the Master's Program in Political and Empirical Economics (with its annexes) and the Economics Course Manifesto degli Studi of the University of Udine as added in the previous agreement between the two universities.

UNIVERSITY OF UDINE

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Prof. Alberto Felice De Toni, Rector

Date *14.02.2019*

UNIVERSITY OF GRAZ

[Signature]



Prof. Dr. Christa Neuper, Rector

Date *6.3.2019*



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Appendix A

To the Cooperation Agreement for a Study Course with International Mobility to achieve a Double Degree in Economics/Empirical Economics between the University of Udine and the University of Graz.

Courses, Exams and Theses

1. ECTS-Credits

The Double Degree Program joining the master's program with International Mobility of "*Economics/Scienze Economiche*" at the University of Udine (UNIUD) and the master's program of "*Political and Empirical Economics*" at the University of Graz comprises 120 ECTS credits.

The examinations of the courses taken at the host institution, considered as equivalent to examinations taken at the home institution, are specified below (section 2).

Students have to acquire at least 30 ECTS at the host institution. At most 60 ECTS acquired at the host institution can be recognized for the degree program at the home institution. Exams shall be subject to the standard rules of the host institution.

Students participating in this program shall produce a master thesis written in English. Upon successful completion of the master thesis (exam) in the home institution they will receive the Master Degree in "*Economics*" (M.Sc. (Econ.)) of the University of Graz and the "*Laurea Magistrale in Economics Scienze Economiche*" (M.Sc.) of the University of Udine, with all the corresponding legal effects associated to these degrees.

2. Courses followed at the host institution

Marks (grades) reported in courses attended at the host University are converted to the regular grades of the home University by using the standard tables of conversion used for Erasmus exchanges.



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2.1 Students from the University of Udine

Students from the University of Udine should follow the University of Graz courses of the "Political and Empirical Economics" Program for at least 30 ECTS credits. These credits can be acquired in the direct way by attending the second or the third semester in Graz, whose courses can replace the UNIUD courses of the same semester according to the Learning Agreement of each student.

2.2 Students from the University of Graz

Students from the University of Graz should follow the University of Udine courses of the course with International Mobility "Economics/ Scienze Economiche" Program for at least 30 ECTS credits. These credits can be acquired by attending the second or the third semester in Udine, whose courses can replace the Graz courses of the same semester according to the Learning Agreement of each student.

An equivalence table according to a mutual agreement between the Coordinators of the two sides and based on the two study plans as indicated in Appendix B and Appendix C will be made available to the students before the start of the application process.

Appendix B

Master's program Economics /Scienze Economiche at the University of Udine: each year the Department of Economics verifies and publishes its updated didactical courses with their syllabus on the official web-site of University of Udine.

Appendix C

Master's Program Politische und Empirische Ökonomik at the University of Graz: each year the Department of Economics verifies and publishes its updated didactical courses with their syllabus on the official web-site of University of Graz.