



Univerzita Palackého
v Olomouci



AGREEMENT

ON A DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAM

BETWEEN

Palacky University Olomouc, Faculty of Law, represented by its Rector, Prof. Jaroslav Miller, with legal domicile at Křížkovského 8, Olomouc 77900, CN: 61989592

and

Paris Lodron University Salzburg, Kapitelgasse 4-65020 Salzburg, represented by its Vice-Rector, Univ. Prof. Dr. Erich Müller

I.

Preamble

This joint agreement develops and expands a fruitful cooperation between the institutions, as initially laid down in the agreement of a Joint Degree Studies “Kooperationsvereinbarung”, signed in Olomouc at 26. 9. 2005. It stems from the desire of its signatories, the two institutions mentioned above, in the spirit of European co-operation, to develop their system of academic exchange. This European awareness, present in both institutions, forms the basis for them to cooperate in their dual sphere of teaching and research within the framework of existing and future programs promoted by the European Commission.

Hence, the Palacky University Olomouc and the Paris Lodron University Salzburg have decided to institute an exchange of students that will culminate in

the award of the degrees of both institutions under the conditions specified hereunder.

Following the § 47a Law No. 111/1998 „ o vysokých školách“ the Czech universities can award degrees jointly with other foreign universities. For Austrian universities the legal basis for awarding degrees jointly with foreign universities is established in §51 Abs. 2 Z 27 UG 2002.

The Palacky University Olomouc, Faculty of Law, offers a master's degree on Political Studies, European Studies – European Law.

The Paris Lodron University Salzburg offers a interdisciplinary master's degree in European Union Studies.

Within the framework of this agreement, “**home institution**” refers to the institution in which a student is formally enrolled as a degree candidate before the candidates decision for the double degree studies.

“**Host institution**” refers to the institution that has agreed to receive students from the home institution for a period of study.

II.

Objectives

1. The Palacky University Olomouc and the Paris Lodron University Salzburg agree to collaborate in the realization of an university training with the final aim to confer a double master's degree on the following disciplinary area: European Union Studies.

This agreement allows students of the Palacky University Olomouc, Faculty of Law and the Paris Lodron Salzburg University upon the successful fulfilment of

the conditions indicated in this agreement, the opportunity of receiving double degree diploma, both the academic degree of the home institution and the legal effects of the corresponding academic degree of the host institution.

In reference to this agreement, both partners agree to respect the laws and regulations in force in the two countries.

2. Candidates for Double Degree (DD) Program

- a. Students registered as degree candidate at Palacky University Olomouc, Faculty of Law or Paris Lodron Salzburg University shall have access to the DD Program.
- b. Students shall be screened for eligibility for admission as DD Program candidates by the home institution. The home institution shall respect the admission requirements and enrollment constraints of the host institution.
- c. DD Program candidates are to be nominated by their home institution. This nomination shall not replace the evidence of university entrance qualification and the legalization. Only students with very good standing at their home institution might be nominated for this program. Details of nomination are pointed out in Attachment A.
- d. DD Program candidates shall be subject to the standard rules, regulations and enrollment constraints of the host institution. They shall register at the host institution only for the parts of the study program, which will be carried out under the responsibility of the host institution. They shall, in terms of registration procedure, be granted all privileges for candidates of "mobility programs". Tuition fees shall, on the basis of reciprocity, be waived during those parts of the study program which will be carried out at the host institution.

3. Courses, Exams and Theses

- a. Exams for particular courses follow the rules of the institution where the course was audited and is examined. Master exams shall be organized separately under the responsibility of both home institutions. The examination boards shall be composed of faculty members holding at least a Ph.D.
- b. DD Program theses shall be supervised jointly by both institutions. For that reason, the DD Program candidates shall choose one main supervisor for one institution supported by the coordinator from the other institution.
- c. Details about courses to be audited and examined will be pointed out in Attachment B.

4. Conditions for Obtaining the DD Program Degree

- a. The DD Program degree shall only be awarded after the student has completed his/her studies at the home institution, and has additionally fulfilled the following requirements:
 - aa. award of at least 20 ECTS credit points under the responsibility of the host institution, and
 - ab. completion of a diploma/master thesis at home institution; and
 - ac. successful completion of the oral (and, if applicable written) master exam at home institution and
 - ad. award of the corresponding Master diploma at home institution

b. Within the framework of the DD program the partner universities shall both award their academic degrees on the basis of their applicable national laws.

c. For the purpose of international mobility, both Diplomas will be accompanied by a diploma supplement according to art. IX 3 of the Lisbon Recognition Convention of 11 April 1997.

5. Costs and travel expenses

Costs and travel expenses are on the students' own responsibility. Both host and home institution endeavor to provide advice for funding opportunities as they deem appropriate and necessary.

6. Program Coordination and Student Counseling

a. Each institution will nominate a program coordinator to ensure that the DD Program proceeds according to a reasonable schematic plan, and that the terms of this agreement are carried out.

b. Each program coordinator will ensure that the partner institution has available all information appropriate to the promotion of the program.

c. Further on, the host institution will appoint for each student a tutor to whom he/she may apply for advice or assistance during his/her stay in the host country.

d. The persons responsible for the program at both institutions shall meet at least once a year in order to:

- review the effectiveness of the teaching programs;

- examine the academic results achieved by the students in the light of the institutions' joint effort;

- propose further actions.

7. 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.

8. Duration, Amendment, Review and Termination of Agreement

a. This agreement shall be in force from the date of the signing of both parties and will be binding upon the parties for a period of three years. It revokes and replaces the agreement between the two institutions, signed in Olomouc at 26. 9. 2005. It shall be subject to revision, modification or renewal after proper evaluation by mutual written agreement.

b. 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. Any termination of the agreement must take into account the rights of students already participating or accepted for any exchange to complete the parts of the study program which will be carried out under the responsibility of the host institution.

c. An evaluation of this agreement will be initiated by both institutions at least twelve months prior to its expiration to ascertain if the program should be continued and, if so, how it might be improved.

9. Support for this program

The Paris Lodron University Salzburg and the Palacky University Olomouc shall take all necessary joint actions vis-à-vis governments and the European Commission.

10. Promotion of the program

In order to promote joint actions in education and research, both universities 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 practica or visits to companies.

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

11. Waiver of financial obligations

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

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