



DOUBLE DEGREE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF PALERMO AND THE UNIVERSITY OF A CORUÑA

MASTER IN MOLECULAR AND HEALTH BIOLOGY/ MASTER IN MOLECULAR, CELLULAR AND GENETIC BIOLOGY

The University of Palermo (hereinafter UP), with address in Piazza Marina, 61 - 90133 Palermo (Italy), represented by the Rector Professor Fabrizio Micari, and

The University of the Coruña (hereinafter UDC), with address in A Maestranza s/n 15001, A Coruña (Spain), represented by the Rector Prof. Julio Ernesto Abalde Alonso

agree on the following terms regarding a double degree programme:

1. Objective

The aim of this agreement is to establish a double degree programme regarding the UP Master in Molecular and Health Biology and the UDC Master in Molecular, Cellular and Genetic Biology. Every student enrolled in one of these Master programmes could be awarded with both Master degrees, providing they fulfil the conditions and requirements established in this agreement.

2. Academic Recognition

The credits and grades awarded by one party to students enrolled in one of the Master programmes involved in this agreement will be fully recognized by the other party, according to the terms and conditions established in the Annex to this agreement.

3. Student Mobility

Student mobility between the parties is required to perform the double degree programme. Teaching staff mobility could be eventually required as well.

Whenever available, student mobility will be carried out under the Erasmus programme.

When a student could not be financed by the Erasmus programme, travel and accommodation costs will be at the own student's expense. In any case, the parties will assist the incoming students during their application procedure, and will offer them the same services and access to the university facilities granted to any other student enrolled in the university regular programmes.

Before travelling to the host university, the student's home institution has to guarantee that the student has proper travel, and life and accident insurances.



4. Study Programmes

Students enrolled in the double degree (either at UDC or UP) have to follow the study programme set out in the Annex to this agreement.

5. Requirements to Enrol in the Double Degree

Students enrolled in one of the Master degrees that give form to this double degree can participate in the programme this agreement refers to.

Students will register at the home university by paying the corresponding fees and taxes, and will also register in the incoming university with exemption from payment of tuition fees.

According to UDC internal rules, students from UP coming to UDC are required to pay an insurance, compulsory for all students registered at UDC, as well as the Diploma issuing fee.

According to UP internal rules, students from UDC coming to UP are required to pay an insurance, compulsory for all students registered at UP, as well as the Diploma issuing fee.

The requirements and conditions to access to the double degree and the conditions of the participants are those established in the attached regulation.

6. Academic Commission

In order to ensure the good development of the programme, an Academic Commission will be formed including the coordinators of both masters and up to four participant professors, two of each university.

Among other functions, this Academic Commission will be responsible to examine the efficiency of the learning programme and the academic results achieved by the students, as well as the resources supplied by both institutions; the Commission will also be in charge of suggesting the necessary modifications to improve the quality of the programme. The members of this Commission will meet at least once a year to discuss - via e-mail or skype conference - all possible problems and to deal with the necessary changes to improve the quality of programme.

7. Double Degree awarding

The procedure to obtain and recognise the Master is defined by each university. The home institution will carry out the recognition of the studies, in accordance with the conditions established in the attached regulation.

Students enrolled in the Double Degree Programme will receive the titles of:

- Master in Molecular and Health Biology (curriculum in molecular biology) by the University of Palermo.
- Master in Molecular, Cellular and Genetic Biology. by the University of A Coruña

8. Administrative organization

The administrative management will be ensured by the administrative services of each university.

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9. Financial commitments

The signature of this agreement does not mean any financial fulfilment to the parties.

10. Conflict resolution

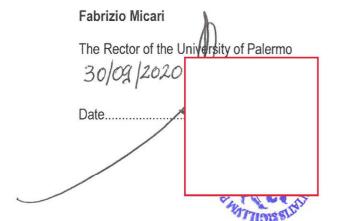
The parts engage to resolve any controversy that could arise in the interpretation of the present agreement by common consent. In case that the controversy could not be solved, the conflict will be submitted to arbitration by a technical commission; each part will designate a member of the arbitrage commission and the third member will be agreed by both parties.

11. Entry in force and period of the agreement

The present agreement will come into effect after being signed by both parties.

The agreement is valid for a period of 4 years and may be renewed after the evaluation of the developed activities and with the express written consent of the two parties.

In witness whereof, the present agreement is signed in duplicate at the indicated place and date.



Julio Ernesto Abalde Alonso

The Rector of the University of the Coruña

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