

INTERNATIONAL DOUBLE MASTER'S AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNIVERSITY OF PALERMO AND UNIVERSITÀ DI SCIENZE APPLICATE WÜRZBURG-SCHWEINFURT (FHWS)

On one part, University of Palermo, hereinafter also referred to as the "UNIPA", with registered office at Piazza Marina n. 61, 90133 Palermo, Italy, VAT number 00605880822, and on its behalf and represented by Prof. Fabrizio Micari, Rector of the University of Palermo;

on the other part, the University of Applied Sciences Würzburg-Schweinfurt, hereinafter also referred to as the "FHWS", with registered office at Münzstr. 12, 97070 Würzburg, Germany, VAT number DE 197697359, and on its behalf and represented by Prof. Robert Grebner, President of the University of Applied Sciences Würzburg-Schweinfurt.

STATE

1. That both institutions share cultural, technical, educational, and scientific fields of common interest.
2. That collaboration and the exchange of experience and knowledge, as well as the provision of services between both institutions, are in their greatest interest for social and cultural progress.
3. That they are interested in promoting their international collaboration in the field of higher education and research.

They hereby sign an agreement that regulates the conditions under which students may access and opt for a double master's degree conferred by both universities, subject to compliance with the clauses established in this agreement, and in accordance with the current regulations at each institution, as follow:

First – Purpose of the agreement and General

This double master's agreement aims to establish the academic and administrative conditions under which students enrolled at the "**Laurea Magistrale in Servizio Sociale e Politiche Sociali LM87**" at UNIPA, and students enrolled at the master degree course in "**International Social Work with Refugees and Migrants**" at University of Applied Sciences Würzburg-Schweinfurt, may access and opt for a double master's degree conferred by both universities, subject to compliance with the clauses established in this agreement, and in accordance with the current regulations at each institution.

Both Institutions consider that the two degree courses are similar and not significantly different with respect to the acquired competences.

All procedural rules will be determined through the informal agreement between international programmes managers (within an administrative agreement).

This Agreement is accompanied by a list of the courses and other curricular activities (Annex 1) that students enrolled in the double degree programs may opt during their stay at the host university in order to obtain the double degree. In the Annex 1 there are the similarities and correspondences of the two courses for a minimum of 30 ECTS (credits).

In addition to the courses from Annex 1 relevant for obtaining the double degree, students may, in consultation with international programmes managers at home institution, opt for any other module delivered at the host university during their stay.

The curriculum of the table (Annex 1) must be approved in advance by the academic bodies of both Universities, and can be modified in each academic year, after approval of the academic bodies of both Universities.

Finally, Annex 2 provides academic and administrative officials responsible for the double master's agreement.

The agreement presupposes that the Degree Programmes concerned will be quality assured (accredited) by an official organisation at the latest by the time of the earliest possible successful completion of the Double Degree Programme. Should the deadline expire without quality assurance this agreement can be terminated by the other party. Both institutions will provide each other insight into their systems of quality assurance and accreditation.

Both institutions, University of Palermo and FHWS commit themselves to cooperate in the obligatory accreditation process and to provide all data required for the accreditation process.

Most of the curricula of the respective Degree Programms are designed in such a way that essentially the same competences are achieved so that the awarding university can award its degree within the framework of this Agreement.

Second – Student application and admission

The maximum number of students which could be enrolled in each double degree program is 10 (ten), for each academic year, by each University.

Each university will announce yearly the application call for participating to double degree program.

Evaluation of the applications and applicant's selection will be mainly based on their motivation, academic career and the level of knowledge of the English language (level B1; preferably B2).

The language of instruction while studying at the partner institution is English (level B1-B2).

Before beginning to take the courses at the host university, students admitted to the double degree program must possess the minimum level of knowledge of the English language (level B1, preferably B2). In the case of students who possess a level of knowledge almost correspondent to the minimum required and under previous approval of the coordinators of the double degree program, this minimum level could be attained by taking and passing language courses at the home university's or at the host university's Linguistic Centre. Also in this case, the minimum level must be reached before starting the courses at the host university.

The student's final admission requires approval by the partner institution and acceptance into its corresponding degree program.

Third – Stay

Each student admitted to the double degree program must submit his/her plan of studies to the approval of both universities.

The students participating in the double master's program must attend one semester at the partner institution.

The partner university, through the administrative official responsible for this agreement, provides assistance in the search for suitable accommodations. Likewise, the partner institution provides the student with the information relating to the host country, visas, required medical insurance, etc., before their arrival. The partner institution must provide students in the double degree program with the same services that it generally provides its own students.

Each institution's academic calendar will be considered when organizing the stays. The academic official responsible for this agreement must inform the incoming students about the organisation of the courses they must take during their stay at the partner institution.

All students admitted to double degree program must register and present the transcript of records of the courses already taken at their home university, as well as the learning agreement with the courses they will take during their stay at the host institution.

After completing the stay, the students must submit to their institution the official student transcript of records issued by the partner institution in order to receive credit for the courses taken. The certificate must be presented in English.

Fourth – Enrolment and tuition fees

The student participating in the double degree program will pay the enrolment fees and taxes at their home university and they will be exempted from paying registration degree fees for courses taken at the host institution during the period of the stay. Note that this refers to tuition fees only, and does not include ancillary fees, such as student association fees or travel and medical insurance.

Once the student has been accepted into the double master's program, he/she must be enrolled for at least one semester in the corresponding master's program at the partner institution. The enrolment will be carried out by the administrative official responsible for this agreement, who will inform the student about the necessary documents.

Fifth – Student obligations and rights

During the exchange period, the students will be subject to the rules and regulations of the partner institution and to all the legal and social obligations within the host country. Likewise, they will enjoy the same rights as students enrolled at the partner institution.

If a student does not comply with the terms of this agreement, including the length of the stay at the partner institution and its curriculum, that student will forfeit any right to receive the degree from the partner institution and will be excluded from the double master's program, although they may still be eligible to opt for the master's degree at their home institution.

Students who fail an examination while on exchange will be provided with the same opportunities than other students of the host institution in their possibility to retake the examination. Legal regulations of the host country will apply.

Sixth – Expenses

Transport costs, medical insurance, accommodations, upkeep, and any other expenses arising during the exchange period established in the double master's program will be charged to the student. The student must acquire health insurance that guarantees access to health care in the host country.

Should this insurance not cover medical and health care, death and disability caused by an accident, repatriation assistance for death by any cause, and reimbursement for medical expenses it is recommended that an additional insurance is made.

UNIPA and University of Applied Sciences Würzburg-Schweinfurt will undertake all efforts for finding national and international resources to assure financial support for their own students to this program.

Seventh – Evaluation of the results

The academic officers of both institution charged with the coordination of this double degree program will meet also by video conference, at least once in a year, to evaluate the effectiveness of the learning program and the results achieved by students, as well as the resources supplied by both universities. They could suggest the necessary modifications to improve the quality of the program and propose them to the competent Boards of both institutions.

Major changes in the curricula (appendix) have to be seen as an alternation of the contract and need to be documented in written form. In case the curricula start to differ to such a degree that the quality of the Double Degree Programme cannot be guaranteed, this agreement can be discontinued by either of the parties.

Eighth – Duration of the agreement

This agreement will take effect from the time of its signing by the representatives of both institutions, and will be valid for a period of five years. Following this period, the agreement may be renewed by written consent. Either one of the signatory institutions may terminate this agreement in writing, which must be sent to the partner institution 6 months in advance. If one institution wishes to terminate this agreement, both pledge to meet their commitments to the students admitted into the double master's program before either one withdraws from it.

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

Ninth – Awarding of the Degree

To obtain the Master's degree from the host institution, the Double Degree student must have been awarded the Master's degree from the home institution.

Double Degree students will be awarded the degree of the host institution if they meet the following requirements:

- i. For FHWS students to obtain the Master in qualification:
 - fulfilment of all the requirements to obtain the Master in **Laurea Magistrale in Servizio Sociale e Politiche Sociali LM-87** as ascertained by the Examination Committee of the department Culture e Società.
 - successful completion of the Double Degree studies (30 ECTS) during the time at the department Culture e Società.
- ii. For UNIPA students to obtain the FHWS qualification:
 - fulfilment of all the requirements to obtain the Master Degree course **International Social Work with Refugees and Migrants** as ascertained by FHWS.
 - successful completion of the Double Degree studies (30 ECTS) during the time at FHWS.

After students return to their home country having completed degree requirements, both universities must assess whether the student successfully completed courses comply with credit transfer regulations. Valid credits have to count toward the eventual degree completion.

Annex 1. List of courses and other curricular activities that students enrolled in the double degree program between the “Laurea Magistrale in Servizio Sociale e Politiche Sociali” LM-87 at UNIPA and the Master degree in “International Social Work with Refugees and Migrants” at University of Applied Sciences Würzburg-Schweinfurt can select to obtain at least the equivalent of 30 ECTS during the stay at host university

 <p>UNIPA</p> <p>Laurea Magistrale in Servizio s Sociale e Politiche Sociali LM-87</p>	 <p>FHWS</p> <p>Master degree in “International Social Work with Refugees and Migrants”</p>
MASCULINITIES, CRIME AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE (9 CP)	Practical Social Work in Specific Migration Practice Fields (e.g. Unaccompanied Minors, Vulnerable Groups or other Forms of Differences) (5 CP)
SOCIAL POLICY, COOPERATION AND NO PROFIT// TEORIA POLITICA (6 CP)	Refugee and Migration Politics & Organizations and Structures (5 CP)
HUMAN RIGHTS (6 CP)	Human Rights & Private International Law (5 CP)
PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (Conflict Communication) (3/6 CP)	Radicalization Prevention & Conflict Transformation (5 CP)
EUROPEAN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW (6 CP)	International, European and National Migration and Refugee Law (5 CP)
TIROCINIO I ANNO (9 CP)	Practice I (5CP)

Annex 2. Academic and administrative officials responsible for the double master's agreement

The academic officials responsible for the double master's program are:

- Prof. Roberta T. Di Rosa and Prof. Cirus Rinaldi – Delegates of the Coordinator of the “Laurea Magistrale in Servizio Sociale e Politiche Sociali” LM-87 at UNIPA
- Prof. Ralf Roßkopf and Prof. Vathsala Aithal – Coordinator of the master degree program “International Social Work with Refugees and Migrants” at FHWS

The administrative officials responsible for the double master's program, including administrative dialogue with the partner institution agreement, are:

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If either one of the signatory institutions changes any of the officials named herein, it must inform the partner institution, as well as the academic and administrative officials of the double master's program, and indicate the corresponding substitutes.

Tenth – Academic and research exchanges

With the aim of supporting the double degree program, UNIPA and University of Applied Sciences Würzburg-Schweinfurt will promote and coordinate by mutual consent the exchange of visiting professors and researchers as well as the organisation of workshop, seminars, conferences and publications on topics of common interest. The exchange and the development of the activities above mentioned will conform to the norms and procedures in force in the two institutions.

Eleventh – Use of Logo

The Partners mutually commit not to use the name and/or logo or any other identifying marks for purposes other than those covered by the agreement, except for specific agreements between the parties that provide, prior explicit approval, forms of communication and divulging of the initiatives covered by the agreement.

Twelfth – Personal data treatment

Universities will arrange for the treatment, the dissemination and communication of personal data in pursuit of their institutional goals and as provided by law.

Thirteenth – Text of the agreement

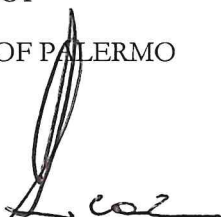
The agreement will be drawn up in English. Any amendments or changes to the text of the agreement must be requested in writing by the institution proposing them.

If any disagreement regarding the interpretation and application of the agreement arises in Germany, German laws and regulations will be applied. If the disagreement arises in Italy, the laws and regulations of Italy will apply.

As proof of agreement with the foregoing, the present agreement is signed in duplicate.

ON BEHALF OF

UNIVERSITY OF PALERMO



Prof. Fabrizio Micari

Rector of the University of Palermo



10. July 2019

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UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES
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