

AGREEMENT FOR DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMME

BETWEEN THE

**University of Rome Tor Vergata
Department of Law**
ROME, ITALY

AND THE

**Créteil East Paris University
International School of Political Studies**
CRETEIL, FRANCE

University of Rome Tor Vergata, Rome, Italy, hereinafter referred to as Tor Vergata and Créteil East Paris University, France, further referred to as UPEC, hereinafter jointly referred to as the Parties/Universities and separately the Party/University agree to establish a parallel degree programme in international studies in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth below.

1. DEFINITIONS

For reference in this agreement, we hereby define:

- (a) *Exchange period* – as the period during which students spend their stay at the Partner University (e.g., one semester or more);
- (b) *Dual Degree student* – as a student who participates in the Dual Degree programme under this Agreement;
- (c) *Home institution* – as the institution of higher education in which the Dual Degree student has been originally enrolled;
- (d) *Host institution* – as the institution of higher education, which will host the Dual Degree student during the programme.

2. AGREEMENT PURPOSE

- (a) The parties agree to collaborate in a Dual Degree programme, which will allow qualified students to study at their Home Institution and the Host Institution for the purpose of completing their degree. On the basis of courses and credits recognition, students who successfully fulfill the requirements of the two institutions will be eventually awarded with the **Laurea in Scienze dell'Amministrazione e delle Relazioni Internazionali** at the University of Rome Tor Vergata and **Licence in Political Science, International Political Science** programme at UPEC.
- (b) While no minimum or maximum number of students will be set, the parties estimate herewith that the number of Dual Degree students will not be more than 6 students per year and per institutions.
Such number may vary each academic year with the written agreement of the two Universities. However, a balance of dual degree students is obtained under the term of this agreement.
- (c) During the Bachelor scheme, the dual degree students shall study two years at their home institution (in their 1st and 2nd year for Tor Vergata students and in their 1st and 3rd year for UPEC students) and study at the host institution for one year (in the 3rd year for Tor Vergata students and 2nd year for UPEC students) to complete their studies.

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- (d) Each party will appoint a Faculty member (or a joint commission) belonging to the Board of the Institution's degree involved in the Dual Degree, who will be responsible for the successful operation of the Dual Degree programme. Duties will include necessary academic arrangements for the programme.
- (e) The Parties define the tasks of the appointed Faculty member.

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Students will be admitted to the programme on the basis of the criteria specified below. Each nominated Dual Degree student generally must:

- (a) be fully enrolled in a Bachelor programme at his/her home institution;
- (b) be selected through an interview by the Home Courses Commission.
- (c) Tor Vergata students are eligible for the Dual Degree only if they are enrolled to the Major in "History and Politics".
- (d) Since the Bachelor in Scienze dell'Amministrazione e delle Relazioni Internazionali is a course mainly taught in Italian, UPEC University will consider the knowledge of the Italian language as a specific criterion for the eligibility.
- (e) Since the *Licence* in International Political Science is a course taught partly in English and partly in French, Tor Vergata University will consider the knowledge of the French and the English languages as a specific criterion for the eligibility.

4. ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Each Party will select its Dual Degree students under its own responsibility and applying its own criteria; admitted students can be interviewed by the hosting institution which has the right to refuse a candidate, notifying the partner institution via e-mail and justifying its decision.

5. OBLIGATIONS OF BOTH PARTIES

- (a) Every year by May, the parties will provide a list of nominated students and provide to the referent office the following students' documents:
 - i. A copy of valid student's identity document (ID card or passport, if needed) and a notarized translation to French or Italian if needed;
 - ii. An original of the enrolment statement;
 - iii. An original Academic Transcript of all the exams taken and ECTS obtained;

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- iv. An original of the learning agreement signed by both the coordinators of the programmes and the student;
- (b) The parties agree to share detailed curricular information, including course syllabi, and communicate any changes to degree completion requirements;
- (c) Provided a Dual Degree student has completed all courses, obtained enough credits, received a passing grade on his/her thesis and on his/her oral defense in English or in Italian (see para. (e) in this article), and has met all additional requirements of both institutions according to this Dual Degree programme, he/she will be awarded the corresponding Bachelor degree from each institution according to this agreement.
- (d) Each Dual Degree student will be assigned a faculty member from the host institution as an academic supervisor.
UPEC students are provided remote supervision by a UPEC supervisor as well as a Tor Vergata supervisor, who will be physically or digitally present during their oral defense. Tor Vergata students are also provided dual academic supervision during their stay at UPEC.
- (e) The final thesis of the Tor Vergata Dual Degree students will be defended (or discussed) either at UPEC or in physical premises of Tor Vergata, involving the representatives of UPEC and TVU in the joint commission. The final thesis of the UPEC Dual Degree students will be defended at UPEC, involving the representatives of UPEC and Tor Vergata in the joint commission. The final thesis of Dual Degree students must be submitted at both institutions. Tor Vergata students who discuss their thesis in Tor Vergata University can write and discuss it in Italian, according to the home institution practice and regulation.
- (f) The joint commission will propose the final grade to be assigned to the students who completed all the requirements for the Dual Degree by taking into account the grades reported in the exams and the thesis;
- (g) At the end of the programme both institutions will exchange information and documents to up-date the student's academic carrier to be able to issue the Bachelor degree;
- (h) Appendix 1 describes degree requirements and the specific courses and credit hour requirements by semester (or year) for the Dual Degree programme at both the institutions;
- (i) Appendix 2 contains the grade conversion table.
- (j) Appendix 3 contains the referent academic coordinators and offices in both institutions involved in the programme.

6. STUDENT OBLIGATIONS

- (a) Each Dual Degree student pays tuition in his/her home institution.
- (b) Each student is responsible for the following costs: international travel; room, board and living expenses; mandatory Health Insurance Programmes for international students or equivalent private insurance; textbooks; and miscellaneous expenses. Students are also required to read and respect the Code of Conduct of the hosting institution.
- (c) Each Dual Degree student must sign a learning agreement approved by both the coordinators of the Dual Degree programmes;
- (d) In order to complete the relevant administrative procedures and to take part to introductory seminars and language courses, students are required to reach the host institution at least 1 month before the beginning of the fall semester.
- (e) The host University will provide a course of language (Italian/French) for foreigners, which will be scheduled before the beginning of the semester or throughout the Academic Year. Attendance to the course is compulsory for students, except in case they can demonstrate a good level of the foreign language. Although no grade is assigned for this activity, a certification of regular attendance and proficiency is released at the end of the course, according to the host University practice. The course is weighted in terms of ECTS, consistent with the Curriculum in Appendix 1.
- (f) UPEC students must be aware that the Bachelor in Scienze dell'Amministrazione e delle Relazioni Internazionali is a course taught in Italian. Courses taught in English are included in the didactic offer, and are eligible in the learning agreement, but they may vary depending on the academic year.
- (g) Tor Vergata students must be aware that the *Licence* in International Political Science is a course taught partly in French and partly in English, and that the language of the courses may vary depending on the academic year.

7. ACCOMMODATION

The host institution will attempt to assist Dual Degree students to obtain, at students' own expenses, on-campus accommodation or, if not available, off-campus accommodation within reasonable access to the campus, e.g. by public transport. The host institution will provide further reasonable assistance, within its discretion and its capabilities.

8. REGULATIONS OF HOST UNIVERSITY

- (a) The Dual Degree students shall be subject to policies, procedures and the laws of the host institution and the host country. The students will be disciplined or expelled for violations in the same manner as students of the host institution.
- (b) The Dual Degree students shall have the same rights and privileges regarding the facilities and amenities of the host institutions as the home students.

9. DURATION AND TERMINATION

- (a) This Agreement shall be in force and be binding upon the parties hereto for a period of five (5) years from the date of this Agreement, and is renewable. This Agreement may be amended prior to the expiration of the foregoing period only by written mutual consent.
- (b) Either party may terminate this Agreement with one (1) year advance notice. In the event that this Agreement is terminated, student candidates currently enrolled shall be permitted to complete the programme in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

10. MODIFICATIONS

The parties may change or modify the terms of this agreement only by written amendment signed by both the institutions. Any alteration can be made under the condition that there is no prejudice to any participants.

11. NON-DISCRIMINATION

Both institutions subscribe to a policy of equal opportunity and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, disability, or status as a veteran.

12. CONFLICT RESOLUTION

The conventions falling under this present agreement foresee the resolution of possible controversies concerning the interpretation and the carrying out of the conventions signed by an Arbitration Board, free of charge, consisting of a member designated by each contracting party and by one chosen together.

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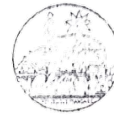
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The Rector
Prof. Orazio Schillaci

CRÉTEIL EAST PARIS UNIVERSITY



Pour le Président et par délégation
Le Directeur Général des Services

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Frédéric DEHAN

The President
Prof. Jan Luc Dubois-Randé