



**IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT
FOR A DOUBLE MASTER'S DEGREE**

Between

THE UNIVERSITY OF SASSARI

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Hereafter referred to as "UNISS" on the other hand

and

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Collectively referred to hereafter as "the institutions".

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IT HAS BEEN AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 Regulations

According to the Italian Ministerial Decree n. 270 /2004, Article 3, comma 10 establishing that "on the basis of specific agreements, Italian Universities can award joint degrees with other Italian or foreign universities" the University of Sassari and the West University of Timisoara, recognize the benefit of common and complementary aspects of their course catalogues and seek to foster their international activities by establishing the following Double Degree programme starting in the academic year 2020-2021:

Laurea Magistrale in Economics (LM - 56), curriculum in "Economics Intelligence", Università degli studi di Sassari
Master in Global Entrepreneurship, Economics and Management, West University of Timisoara

Article 2 Programme

The Double Degree programme is a two-year programme. It consists of 120 credits (ECTS) and includes student exchange. Mobility will take place:

- During the first semester, second year (S4) at WUT
- During the second semester, first year (S2) at UNISS

<i>UNISS Students</i>		<i>WUT Students</i>	
<i>S1</i>	<i>UNISS</i>	<i>S1</i>	<i>WUT</i>
<i>S2</i>	<i>UNISS</i>	<i>S2</i>	<i>UNISS</i>
<i>S3</i>	<i>UNISS</i>	<i>S3</i>	<i>WUT</i>
<i>S4</i>	<i>WUT</i>	<i>S4</i>	<i>WUT</i>

Students will obtain 30 credits (ECTS) each semester, according to the tables of equivalent courses of UNISS and WUT, which are approved by the relevant authorities of both institutions and presented in the appendix subject to the approval by both parties to reflect curricula evolution.

Article 3 Registration procedures

For each academic year of the Double Degree programme, the students will register and pay the tuition fees to their home institution. They will register additionally at the host institution during their period abroad without paying further tuition fees. They will have the same rights and duties as all the other students.

Students participating in the program will have to cover living expenses (travel, accommodation, etc.) on their own. Students may apply for a scholarship/grant offered by their home institution or other European, national, or local funds.

Article 4 Admission Requirements

The number of students who will participate in this programme will be jointly determined by both institutions on a yearly basis, aiming for a balance (maximum 10 participants: 5 UNISS and 5 WUT). Each institution will be responsible for the student selection process based on academic merit and motivation. An adequate knowledge of the English language, with a minimum B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages is required. Selections will be held separately by the two institutions but will have to be accepted by the counterpart.

The number of students shall be agreed for each academic year in accordance with the regulations at each university. The goal of this program is to exchange on average the same number of students in both directions. A maximum of 10 students will take part in the Programme. Provided that selection criteria are met, no restriction will be applied to applicants, e.g. regarding nationality or the university of first enrolment. Admission to the Master's Degree is also subject to the evaluation of the educational and professional experience (incl. portfolio) which are required to be compatible with the contents of the course to be attended.

Article 5 Exams and Academic Regulations

The students are subject to all the regulations and procedures of the university at which they are currently studying. They complete the courses and academic activities and take all the corresponding exams. Both

institutions agree to arrange dates for exams and for their possible resit in a way that enables students to complete the programme without delay and within the standard period of study. For students who have not passed a regular exam, the universities agree to allow one resit only. The latter resit must take place shortly after the regular exam and within the same semester. Should it not be possible to hold/offer the resit as scheduled for organisational or other reasons that lie outside the students' area of responsibility, the universities are obliged to offer an alternative method of examination at the partner university.

Students who do not achieve at least 30 ECTS at the partner university will not be awarded the Double Degree qualification.

The language of instruction is English, other languages may be used when appropriate.

Both institutions use the ECTS credit system. In accordance with their national legislation, the partner universities must use specific, national grading scales.

The conversion of the grades will be done on the basis of the conversion table presented in the appendix.

At the end of each year the host institutions issue a certificate documenting the records received by each student enrolled in the programme.

Article 6 Final Thesis

The defence of the Master thesis at UNISS and at WUT shall be carried out at the home university or at the partner university.

Students must submit a final thesis according to the rules of their university of origin, but joint supervision will be possible either with a professor of the university of origin or with a professor of the other institution on the panel, either in person or via ICT. The integrated panel will include professors of both universities and it will be summoned at least twice a year.

Article 7 Degree Awarding

After successful completion of the two academic years, as described in article 2 and 3, UNISS and WUT will each award the corresponding diploma according to their own regulations and procedures. Students who will have successfully completed the programme will be awarded a double degree qualification, UNISS will award the *Laurea Magistrale in Economia (LM-56)*, WUT will award the *Master in Global Entrepreneurship, Economics and Management*.

Each university will give its own diploma supplement. The certificates will clearly read a reference to the partner university, and that the academic degree was awarded within a double degree programme agreed between UNISS and WUT.

Article 8 Coordinating Committee

The two institutions share the organisation and management of the activities of this programme and establish a Coordinating Committee, including one professor for each university who will be responsible for the management of the programme.

Article 9 Quality Assurance

The institutions will cooperate in order to set an integrated approach to quality assurance of the joint programme. Standards and guideline for quality assurance in the European Higher Education Area will be applied.

Article 10 Signature, validity, renewal, termination, amendments and resolution of conflicts

This agreement, signed by the two partners, is valid for a period of 4 years, starting from the academic year 2020/2021 and it may be renewed by signing an addendum.

The agreement may be cancelled by either institution before December 31st of each year, for the following academic year. In case of cancellation of this agreement, all the students already enrolled in this programme have the right to complete their studies within the following two years.

Amendments to the appendices of this agreement must receive mutual consent by the departments/faculty and be stated in writing before the end of March/May each year.

Any disputes arising from the interpretation or implementation of this agreement will initially be addressed at an informal level by the relevant staff involved in the dispute. Where a resolution cannot be achieved informally, the dispute shall be referred to the signatories of this Agreement (or their successors), or to their nominated representatives. If this fails to achieve a resolution the dispute may be referred by either party to mediation. In the framework of this Memorandum, all the activities carried out on the Italian territory will be subject to the law of Italy so far as it is legally binding, and Italy shall be the forum for any mediation; while all the activities carried out on the Romania territory will be subject to the law of Romania so far as it is legally binding, and Romania shall be the forum for any mediation.

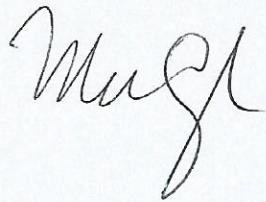
Any cost related to mediation will be equally shared by the parties.

ARTICLE 10 Language and number of copies

The present Agreement is drawn up in two copies in English.

For Sassari University
Sassari, 04.07.2020

Massimo CARPINELLI
Rettore



For the West University of Timisoara
Timisoara, 07.07.2020

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APPENDIX 1

Double-Degree in

Laurea magistrale Economia (LM-56) – curriculum in “Economic Intelligence”
awarded by University of Sassari

and

Master in Global Entrepreneurship, Economics and Management
awarded by West University of Timisoara

Table of correspondence between exams at WUT and UNISS, to be used only by UNISS according to its administrative procedures

Reserved to students from UNISS

Semester 1 completed at UNISS for a total of 30 ECTS

Corso di laurea Magistrale in Economia (LM-56)			
curriculum « Economic Intelligence »			
TAF	SSD	Insegnamento	ECTS/CFU
B	IUS/04	Diritto dei mercati finanziari	6
B	SECS-S/06	Metodi matematici	6
B	SECS-P/11	Economia degli intermediari finanziari	12
E	L-LIN/12	Lingua inglese II	6

Semester 2 completed at UNISS for a total of 30 ECTS

Corso di laurea Magistrale in Economia (LM-56)			
curriculum « Economic Intelligence »			
TAF	SSD	Insegnamento	ECTS/CFU
B	SECS-P/01	Advanced macroeconomics	12
B	SECS-P/05	Econometrics	12
B	SECS-P/01	Advanced microeconomics	6

Semester 3 completed at UNISS for a total of 30 ECTS

Corso di laurea Magistrale in Economia (LM-56)			
curriculum « Economic Intelligence »			
TAF	SSD	Insegnamento	ECTS/CFU
B	SECS-P/01	Environmental Economics and planning	12
B	SECS-P/02	Advanced economic policy	6
		Affine/Elective Course	6

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Semester 4 to be completed at the West University of Timisoara for a total of 30 ECTS

MSc - Global Entrepreneurship, Economics and Management		ECTS
1. Spatial econometrics (M2GEEM2201)		5
2. Advanced finance (M2GEEM2204)		5
3. Urban economics (M2GEEM2202)		5
4. Social Networks analysis and network economics (M2GEEM2203)		5
5. Research (M2GEEM2205)		5
6. Master Thesis elaboration (M2GEEM2206)		5
Total		30

Table of correspondence - STUDENTS UNISS

WUT		UNISS	
Disciplina	ECTS	Insegnamento	ECTS/CFU
Social Networks analysis and network economics	5	Affine/Elective Course	6
Urban economics	5	Affine/Elective Course	6
Spatial econometrics	5	Big Data Analysis (SECS-S/01)	6
Advanced finance	5		
Master Thesis elaboration	5	Master Thesis	12
Research (M2GEEM2205)	5		

Table of correspondence between exams at WUT and UNISS, to be used only by WUT according to its administrative procedures

Reserved to students from TIMISOARA

Semester 1 completed at the West University of Timisoara for a total of 30 ECTS

Codul disciplinei	Disciplina	ECTS / CR
M2GEEM1101	Academic writing	6
M2GEEM1102	Ethics in academic research	6
M2GEEM1103	Qualitative models in business	6
M2GEEM1104	Cognitive theory of entrepreneurship	6
M2GEEM1105	Accounting, law and economics	6
	Total	30

Semester 2 completed at UNISS for a total of 30 ECTS

MSc - Economics	
	ECTS
Econometrics	12
Digital Economics	6
Advanced macroeconomics	12
Total	30

Semester 3 completed at the West University of Timisoara for a total of 30 ECTS

Codul disciplinei	Disciplina	ECTS / CR
M2GEEM2101	Panel data econometrics	6
M2GEEM2102	Advanced microeconomics	6
M2GEEM2103	Institutions and markets	6
M2GEEM2104	Development and growth	6
M2GEEM2105	Research practice	6
	Total	30

Semester 4 completed at the West University of Timisoara for a total of 30 ECTS

Codul disciplinei	Disciplina	ECTS / CR

M2GEEM2201	Spatial econometrics	5
M2GEEM2203	Social Network Analysis – Network Economics	5
M2GEEM2202	Urban Economics	5
M2GEEM2204	Advanced finance	5
M2GEEM2205	Research	5
M2GEEM2206	Master thesis elaboration	5
	Total	30

Table of correspondence - STUDENTS			
WUT		UNISS	
	ECTS		ECTS/CFU
Econometrics (M2GEEM1201)	6		
Discipline Optionale (Empirical Industrial Organizations (M2GEEM1204))	6	Econometrics	12
Discipline Optionale	6	Digital Economics	6
Advanced macroeconomics (M2GEEM1203)	6	Advanced macroeconomics	12
Economics of innovation (M2GEEM1202)	6		

APPENDIX 2 – Conversion Table

Mark for single modules / single exams

Grades WUT		Grades UNISS	
<4	insufficient	<18	insufficient
5	sufficient	18-23	sufficient
6	satisfactory	24-25	satisfactory
7-8	good	26-27	good
9	very good	28-29	very good
9,5-10	excellent	30 - 30 e lode	excellent

Mark for the final thesis

Students will defend their theses before an integrated panel. The integrated panel will include professors of both universities.

Within the *Laurea magistrale in Economia (LM-56)* awarded by University of Sassari, the final graduation mark is awarded out of 110 points. The procedure for calculating this mark is the following:

First, the student's weighted average grade point is multiplied by 11 and divided by 3 to obtain a base mark (e.g., grade point average $28.65 \times 11 = 315.15 : 3 = 105.05$ base mark).

Then, the panel adds the points awarded for the final defence ("Tesi di Laurea") to the base mark following the discussion of the dissertation (e.g., 105.05 base mark + 4.95 defence = 110 final graduation mark).

When the base mark is high and the dissertation is very good, a *cum laude* can be awarded by the Commission.

Within the *Master's Degree in Global Entrepreneurship, Economics and Management awarded by West University of Timisoara WUT*, there is no final graduation, but the mark for the final thesis will be computed in the student's weighted average.

The score will be converted according to the UNISS conversion scale for UNISS students. and the student's weighted average grade point is multiplied by 11 and divided by 3 to obtain the final graduation mark for WUT students.