

**CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
A DOUBLE MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME**

between

RUHR-UNIVERSITÄT BOCHUM, GERMANY

and

UNIwersytetem Wrocławskim, POLAND

In the field of International Relations

Introduction

Bearing in mind the importance of exchanging experience in the domain of education and research in the area of International Relations, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, represented by its Rector Prof. Dr. Axel Schölmerich and the Dean of the Faculty of Social Science, Prof. Dr. Stefan Schirm, and Uniwersytetem Wrocławskim, with legal address pl. Uniwersytecki 1, 50-137 Wrocław, Poland, represented by its Rector Prof. Dr. Adam Jezierski and the Dean of the Faculty of Social Science, Prof. Dr. Robert Wiszniowski

agree

to implement a two year Double Master's Degree Programme in the field of International Relations

Article 1. Description of the Programme and National Qualifications

The proposed Double Degree Programme will be based on a two years syllabus (4 semesters, 120 ECTS): the first year (semesters 1 and 2) spent in the home institution and the third semester in the host institution, semester 4 may be spent at either institution, according to a study plan jointly defined by the home and host institutions.

The main objective of the programme is to train students in the field of international relations with a multidisciplinary approach including politics, economy, history and sociology.

Competences acquired during the programme will be: ability to analyse and understand political, economic and social phenomena in Global and European society and polity from different perspectives; qualification to work in local, national, European and international public administration, in national, European and international private business and NGOs, media, professional associations, third sector bodies, political and trade organisations.

Wrocław University and Ruhr-Universität Bochum undertake to run a teaching programme on the subject of international relations on a second-level degree course, based on previously existing study programmes.

Upon successful completion of the two years Programme, the students shall be awarded the following Degrees:

- In Germany: "MA Sozialwissenschaft, Studienprogramm (=Vertiefungsrichtung) 'Globalisierung, Transnationalisierung und Governance' (Master of Art's Degree in Social Science, Study Programme Globalization, Transnationalization and Governance)

According to the Bologna Process rules and recommendations and the German legislation, this degree corresponds to a second cycle degree, Master level (120 ECTS credits), giving access to a third cycle degree equivalent to PhD level in Europe.

- In Poland: "Dyplom magistra na kierunku stosunki międzynarodowe" (Master's Degree in International Relations),

According to the Bologna Process rules and recommendations and Polish legislation (The Act on 27th of July 2005 – The Act of Higher Education), this degree corresponds to a second cycle degree, Master level (120 ECTS credits), giving access to a third cycle degree equivalent to PhD level in Europe.

Article 2. Structure of the programme and student exchange plan

1. Studies leading to the Double Degree shall last two years totalling 120 ECTS credits.
2. Students of Wrocław University will study at first year at home institution and second year (one or two semesters) at Bochum University. Students of Bochum University will study first year at home institution and second year (one or two semesters) at Wrocław University.
3. The study plan for students of both institutions is defined in the Annex I.
If substantial changes will occur in the study program of the partner universities, the Annex I may be amended 2 months before the beginning of each academic year.
4. Students must obtain minimum 30 ECTS credits (one semester) at the host institution, according to the study plan defined in the Annex I.
The parties undertake to recognise and honour grades attained at the partner university in the domain of teaching on the particular course.
5. Students must prepare, present and defend a final MA Dissertation either at Wrocław University or Ruhr-Universität Bochum supervised by teaching personnel of both universities.
6. The host Institution will appoint a tutor/counselor for each student for the duration of the study period.

Article 3. Admission requirements

1. Regular enrollment in the MA Sozialwissenschaft Studienprogramm 'Globalisierung, Transnationalisierung und Governance' (Master's Degree Social Science 'Globalization, Transnationalization and Governance'), for students having Bochum University as their home institution, and in the Dyplom na kierunku stosunki międzynarodowe (Master's Degree in International Relations) for students having Wrocław University as their home institution.
2. The following eligibility criteria must be fulfilled by students applying for the programme:
 - a) First level Degree/Bachelor Degree in Social Science or related fields.
 - b) Completion of the first year of Master studies at the home Institution having obtained at least 60 ECTS credits, according with the scheme in the Annex I
 - c) Fluent proficiency in English.
3. The admission of students whose academic record partially does not meet such fixed requirements, will be subject to an additional assessment by the Academic Board at the host institution, who will make the final decision and will propose a suitable study plan.

Article 4. Student selection process

The two parties offer 10 places for students on each side, aiming to start with at least 5 students per academic year.

The selection of exchange students is based on shared responsibility between both parties, as follows:

1. The home institution makes an initial selection of candidates, followed by an interview.
2. The final decision regarding the acceptance of the exchange students is taken by the host institution. The process will be done in agreement between the two parties.
3. The criteria for selection will be based on academic records..

Care will be taken by both Academic Boards to select only those students who shall presumably complete their Double Degree studies.

Article 5. Languages policy

Ruhr-Universität Bochum undertakes to offer Polish students the opportunity to attend a German language course as part of the teaching offered as the host institution. Wrocław University undertakes to offer German students the opportunity to attend a Polish language course as part of the teaching offered as host institution. The respective courses offered at each of the parties free of charge are given on different levels (beginner/intermediate/advanced).

Article 6. Recognition mechanism

Both parties fully and automatically recognize courses, which are developed for the master, as well as examinations passed at the partner institution.

Article 7. MA Dissertation

With the purpose of strengthening the scientific cooperation between both institutions, the dissertations will address, whenever possible, problems in areas of common interest to the two institutions and organized as follows:

1. The MA dissertation will be supervised by a professor or researcher of the host or home institution.
2. The thesis defence can take place at the host or home institutions, according to the national rules. The defence will follow the local rules of evaluation and the result of the defence will be fully and automatically recognised by the partner institutions.
3. The MA dissertation shall be written in English.
4. The thesis committee shall include members from both institutions (in Bochum – thesis supervisor from Bochum University and reviewer from Wrocław University and in Wrocław – thesis supervisor from Wrocław University and reviewer from Bochum University).

Article 8. Extension of the mobility period

Should a student not complete the expected study plan within his mobility year, the Academic Boards of both Institutions will jointly decide whether to grant or not an extension.

Article 9. Enrolment, tuition fees, insurance and services to students

1. Students are responsible for all their travel, accommodation and living expenses.
2. Students participating in the Double Degree Programme shall only pay tuition fees to their home institution if required. Only supplementary fees (e.g. revenue stamp, regional fees for accommodation, additional compulsory insurance, "Semesterbeitrag" ("social contribution") at Ruhr-Universität Bochum) shall be paid to the host institution.
3. The host institution undertakes to facilitate the arrival of the students and to put at their disposal all the existing services and study grants, if available.

Article 10. Cooperation aspects and monitoring

Both parties undertake to facilitate a constant exchange of information and transparent administrative procedures. The parties undertake to send the required documentation of students taking part in the programme leading to the awarding of the Double Master's Degree. In particular the parties will produce the Transcripts of Records of the exchange students reporting the grades according to the ECTS scale.

Both parties fully and automatically recognize courses, which are developed for the master, as well as examinations passed at the partner institution.

Each partner should appoint a *local academic coordinator* who will be responsible for ensuring that the requirements of the home Universities are met.

Both parties shall make all the possible efforts, namely before national and European institutions and companies, to obtain the maximum financial support for the programme.

In addition, the *local academic coordinator* in each institution will meet on a regular basis in order to:

- Assess the pertinence of the teaching programmes in both institutions.
- Report on the cooperation and the academic results of the students.
- Review the curriculum and discuss evaluation results.
- Propose new initiatives.

Article 11. Promotion of the programme

The promotion of the programme is the responsibility of both parties.

Each member institution agrees to the use of its name and logo for the purposes of promotional material, programme literature and other documentation of the programme.

Article 12. Financial obligations

No financial obligations shall arise out of this agreement for either party.

Article 13. Conflict Resolution

The parties shall resolve any controversy arising from the interpretation of these terms and conditions by mutual agreement.

Article 14. General Provisions

The present agreement will take effect after the signature by the legal representative of both contracting parties and will be valid until Academic Year 2024-2015 (5 years).

This agreement may be amended by mutual consent following the same procedure that has been followed for the first signature.

Either party may terminate the present agreement by six months written advance notice. In the event of the agreement being terminated, any activities in progress shall be run to completion and both parties must ensure that enrolled students can complete the Double Degree Programme.

Article 15

Two originals of the present agreement shall be signed, one for each of the signatories of the contract. Each original shall have equal validity.

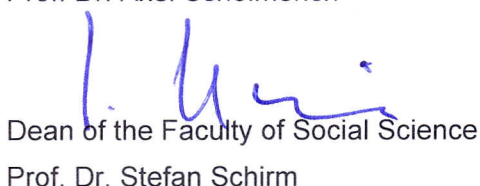
Date **3. 9. 19**

For the Ruhr-Universität Bochum



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Annex I:

Study Plan and Option in Bochum

Three core modules (topics) Bochum (as existent for MA SOWI GTG)

Internationalization and Transnationalization (IT) 1st area: theories of internationalization and transnationalization 2d area: processes of internationalization in society, cultures and economy	2 courses, 9 CP
International Institutions and Processes (IIP) 1st area: international relations 2d area: global economic governance	2 courses, 9 CP
Europeanization, Democracy and Governance (EDG) 1st area: governance in the EU multi-level-system 2d area: governance and democracy in Europe	2 courses, 9 CP

In addition:

- Research methods and statistics	2-4 courses (6 or 12 CP)
- Research seminar (diploma seminar)	2-4 courses (6 or 12 CP)
- Master thesis	20 CP
- Foreign language courses	5 CP
- elective seminars	3 or 6 CP

Study Plan and Option in Wroclaw

International Economic Transactions Summer semester	8 CP
Introduction to International Migration and Immigrant Integration Summer semester	6 CP
Theory of International Relations Winter semester	8 CP
Foreign language (polish) Winter and summer semester	5 CP
Globalisation and Regionalization Winter Semester	8 CP
Soft Power and Public Diplomacy Winter Semester	4 CP
Development Economics Winter semester	4-CP
Elective seminars (8-10) options Winter and summer semester	4-CP
Individual diploma seminar Winter semester	2 CP
Individual diploma seminar and master thesis and defence Summer semester	10+10 (20 CP)

Criteria for the Double Degree

Required:

1. Successful completion of three core modules, each consisting of two courses, available at both locations (Bochum: IT, IIP, EDG; Wroclaw: ..., ..., ...).

2. Successful completion of a research module/diploma seminar, consisting of two seminars available at both locations.
3. Successful completion of minimum 30 ECTS CP at the partner university, during which at least half must be gained in one of the aforementioned modules.
4. Successful completion of the Master's thesis and an accompanying oral exam.
5. Successful Studies in Methodology of social sciences, amounting to a minimum of 4 ECTS CP.

Recommended:

1. Successful completion of an internship and a written report on it, complemented by a career orientation course.
2. Acquiring and deepening of language skills in the partner university's national language. Students with already existing language skills on B2 level can choose different courses in addition.