AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN

University of Pavia (Italy)
and
University of Fribourg (Switzerland)

FOR THE CREATION OF A DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAM BETWEEN

The Faculty of Economics (Facoltà di Economia) of the University of Pavia
AND
The Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences of the University of Fribourg

TAKING IN CONSIDERATION

- the reciprocal institutional interests in favor of encouraging the collaboration and the exchanges of a didactic, technical and scientific nature at an international level;
- the experience and friendly cooperative links between the two institutions that have united them;

BOTH PARTIES AGREE ON THE FOLLOWING

Art. 1. Purpose
The principle objective of this agreement is the implementation of a double degree program based on the mutual recognition of courses and course results that lead to a post-graduate degree that is legally recognized in the countries that implement the program in question. Both institutions will simultaneously award the titles

- for the Faculty of Economics of the University of Pavia: Laurea Magistrale in International Business and Economics (MIBE);
- for the University of Fribourg, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences: Master of Arts in European Business;
to students who have successfully completed the double degree program of study in accordance with the requirements indicated in this agreement. The dual degree is awarded if the conditions of the degree of the home institution are entirely fulfilled and the additional requirements of the partner institution that are described below are completed.

**Art. 2. Conditions and Selection of Participants**

Cooperation during the second cycle is based upon reciprocal recognition of the first cycle university studies. Only students with a first level degree (180 ECTS) with at least 60 ECTS in management and/or economics are eligible to participate in the double degree program. The acceptance of students by each partner university for participation in the double degree program is dependent upon the following conditions:

- the student holds a bachelor degree with at least 60 ECTS from course of economics and/or management;
- the student demonstrates adequate knowledge of the English language.

Participating students in the exchange program will be selected by their home university on the general basis of previous academic merit. The final admission of the candidate to the program will be decided by the host university.

**Art. 3. Description of the Program**

The double degree program covers a two years period with 120 ECTS credits. Student exchange will take place during the second year of study. The double degree graduation will require that participating students stay one year in each institution to attend part of the curriculum. The terms and conditions of the agreement applied to graduate students are described below.

a) Students of the University of Pavia will successfully complete the first year at their home university. They access the program after their first year and they are enrolled at the second year of the Master of Arts in European Business at the University of Fribourg according to the rules of University of Fribourg, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences. In their second year the students must get at least 39 ECTS in Fribourg in courses.

b) Students of the University of Fribourg will successfully complete the first year at their home university. They access the program after their first year and they are enrolled at the second year of the Laura Magistrale in International Business and Economics
(MIBE) according to the rules of the University of Pavia. In their second year the students must get at least 39 ECTS in Pavia in courses.

c) Participating students will write a single master thesis in English. The thesis can be written either in Fribourg (27 ECTS) or in Pavia (24 ECTS). It is directed by a faculty member of this university and a second supervisor from the other university. All students applying for the dual degree have, however, to defend their master thesis in Pavia towards a joint jury.

d) Overall students must validate at least 120 ECTS to obtain the degrees of both institutions, including the master thesis. The remaining ECTS must be gained in courses that must fulfil the following conditions and be taken either in Fribourg or in Pavia:

- at least 27 ECTS from courses of the module “European Business” as defined by the Faculty of Fribourg;
- at least 12 ECTS from courses of a second specialization (e.g. finance or marketing) as defined by the Faculty of Fribourg;
- at least 9 ECTS in courses of the economics area;
- at least 6 ECTS in courses in quantitative methods; and
- at least 6 ECTS in courses in law.

The list of courses will be decided jointly by the Directors of the two programs at each Institution.

e) The language of the program is English; however, up to 18 ECTS can be taken in any other language.

f) Before going to the partner university, students must prepare a study contract. In this contract which is discussed with the home institutions the courses that will be taken in the partner university in each semester are declared and agreed upon.
Art 4. Case of Failure
Failure in the part of the double degree program taken in the host institution does not automatically lead to the failure in the home degree. In such cases credit can be given for courses passed on the host institution and be counted towards the home degree. The decision on which courses are accredited is taken by the program director.

Art. 5. Finances and Services
Students will pay tuitions to the home institution. They will be responsible for all other expenses, local taxes and medical insurance in the host country. In the partner institution no addition tuition fees are demanded, but in Pavia the students will be responsible for covering the cost of printing their diplomas.
Students are responsible for obtaining all necessary visas for the period of studies in the country of the host institution.
The host institution will help students to find accommodation and provide them with the necessary documentations and application materials.

Art. 6. Number of exchange students
It is desirable to approximately balance the total number of students exchanged on a year to year basis. However, there shall be a five year clearing period during which a surplus or deficit in the exchange is carried forward. The total number of exchange student shall be determined by both institutions on a yearly basis.

Art. 7. Responsibility
The Dean of the Faculty of Economics of the University of Pavia and the Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences of the University of Fribourg will jointly be responsible for the pedagogical and administrative aspects of the program. They may choose to appoint members of their Faculty to represent them.

Art. 8. Entry into force, renewal, termination and modification
a) This agreement will enter into force at the beginning of the academic year 2012-2013. It shall remain in force for a term of five years with the understanding that it may be terminated by either part giving a one year notice to other part in writing. It will be extended for another term with the written approval of both parties.
b) This contract can be amended or modified only if authorized by the two signatories.

c) For the conditions and problems that arise and are not covered by this agreement both parties agree to consult and negotiate mutually acceptable decisions.

**Art. 9. Commitment**

Each University shall make every reasonable effort to carry out and fulfil the goals of the above international program. They both cooperate to search all necessary and additional means towards Community, national, regional and local institutions to ensure the program organisation and facilitate the mobility of participating students and Faculty staff.

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