

DOUBLE DEGREE STUDIES COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between

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represented by Prof. Dr. Andreas Frey, Rector**

on the one side

and

**University of Pisa, Lungarno Pacinotti 43, 56126 Pisa, Italy,
represented by Prof. Paolo Maria Mancarella, Rector**

on the other side

relating to the bachelor programmes

“B.Sc. in International Financial Management” at Nuertingen-Geislingen University,

and

“Laurea Triennale in Management for Business and Economics” at University of Pisa

Whereas:

The parties hereto believe that education in the above mentioned bachelor programmes would be enhanced by carrying out a double degree studies cooperation.

It is hereby agreed as follows:

§ 1 DOUBLE DEGREE STUDIES

1. Content and load of studies

1.1 The double degree studies shall involve, for the students starting at Nuertingen-Geislingen University, seven semesters (three years and a half) of study with 226 ECTS at Nuertingen-Geislingen University and six semester (three years) of study with 222 ECTS for the students starting at University of Pisa.

1.2 Students starting at University of Pisa spend their first and second year of studies at the home university, and their third year at the host university.

1.3 The students starting at Nuertingen-Geislingen University will spend the first and second semester at Nuertingen-Geislingen University and the third, fourth and fifth semester at University of Pisa. The students can choose if spending also the six semester at University of Pisa or spending it at Nuertingen-Geislingen University. The seventh will be spent at Nuertingen-Geislingen University

1.4 The parties accept the course list as laid down in the appendix. Changes are possible subject to written agreement by the Joint Academic Committee (§2 Art. 2) In any case, each change to the syllabus will have to be verified and reapproved according to the internal rules of each University. Seminars and courses finished successfully at one of the institutions that are part of the curriculum will be recognized by the respective partner institution. In the event of a change of syllabus taking place at any one of the institutions, the other will be notified immediately. In the event that such a change of syllabus exceeds more than one third of the programme, the agreement will be renegotiated.

1.5 The language of instruction will be English for the student starting at University of Pisa and it will be in English and German for the students starting at University of Nuertingen-Geislingen

2. Award of Double Degree

2.1 Students completing the bachelor programmes referred to above will be awarded two degrees. Successful graduates will receive two bachelor degree certificates, one by each party.

2.2 The two bachelor degree certificates are equivalent to the bachelor's degree in the countries of the partner universities as follows:

Germany: B.Sc. BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Italy: LAUREA TRIENNALE

2.3 Each party is responsible for the issuing of the degree certificate confirming the qualification accompanied by a detailed record of study (e.g. diploma supplement) keyed to the programme requirements. Students must apply for the final certificates at Nuertingen-Geislingen University and the University of Pisa and submit a transcript of records to the respective examination offices.

3. Selection

3.1 The number of slots available for the double degree studies equals five per party. The number of students admitted to double degree studies at each party should be balanced on average. The number of students from each party that may participate in the double degree studies will be decided by the Joint Academic Committee (§ 2 Art. 2) on a yearly basis in July.

3.2 Each party is responsible for the fulfilment of entrance requirements, selection and admittance of students applying to their respective bachelor degree programme, including English-language proficiency.

Students who have already been admitted to the bachelor degree programme at one of the parties and selected for the double degree studies will be admitted at the other party without further entrance requirements or selection criteria.

3.3. Applications for the double degree option must be submitted by the candidates to the Coordinator at the home university no later than June 30th of the first year of studies for the students of Nuertingen-Geislingen University and no later than June 30th of the second year of studies for the students of the University of Pisa.

The following documents must be submitted in English language:

- a CV,
- a motivation letter,
- a list of courses passed and grades obtained at the home university.

3.4. The candidates will be selected by their home university according to their own criteria and procedures.

4. Tuition and Fees

4.1. Each party will waive tuition fees for students from the other party. Candidates shall pay tuition and fees at their home university and remain registered there, while also being registered at the host university.

4.2. Social fees (at Nuertingen-Geislingen University: Semesterbeitrag), health insurance, travel and living costs are the responsibility of the student.

§ 2 ORGANISATION

1. Coordinator

Each party will nominate a permanent staff member at its Department or Faculty who shall act as contact person for all matters concerning the double degree studies.

2. Joint Academic Committee

The parties shall appoint a Joint Academic Committee which:

- sets admission quotas for the double degree studies
- (if applicable) decides upon the distribution of scholarships,
- (if applicable) decides upon the distribution of subsidies,
- is responsible for the quality assurance of the double degree studies,
- approves changes to the course list in the appendix,
- takes care of student evaluation and overall evaluation of the double degree studies,
- gives recommendations for improvement of the double degree studies.

The Joint Academic Committee consists of 2 persons from each party (the Directors or Presidents of studies of each of the 2 bachelor programmes, and the Coordinators or the Responsible for International activities).

3 Curriculum and Academic Itinerary

3.1 Students starting their studies at Nuertingen-Geislingen University:

- enroll in the B.Sc. in International Financial Management and take 60 ECTS at Nuertingen-Geislingen University during their first year of study. The nomination of candidates at Nuertingen-Geislingen University will take place in July;
- enroll and take courses at University of Pisa for 130 ECTS or for 88 if the sixth semester takes place at Nuertingen-Geislingen University;
- have to write their bachelor thesis, complying with requirements of each institution.

3.2 Students starting their studies at University of Pisa:

- enroll in the Bachelor of Science in Management for Business and Economics and take 121 ECTS at the University of Pisa during their first and second year of study. The nomination of candidates at University of Pisa will take place in July;
- enroll and take courses at Nuertingen-Geislingen University for 101 ECTS;
- have to write their bachelor thesis, complying with requirements of each institution.

3.3 The courses offered at Nuertingen-Geislingen University and University of Pisa and the number of ECTS credits awarded can be found in the course list in the appendix A.

- 3.4 Before students start their study period at the host university, a course plan will be approved by the Coordinators from each party and a learning agreement will be signed.

4. Final Thesis

4.1. At the end of their studies, students have to write a final Bachelor thesis in English following the rules of both universities.

4.2. The final bachelor Thesis will be examined and evaluated following the rules of both universities.

5. Evaluation and Quality Assurance

6.1 Both parties will provide for accreditation of their study programme according to their national accreditation rules.

6.2 The Joint Academic Committee is responsible for the overall management and quality assurance of the double degree studies. Course evaluation is the responsibility of each party.

6.3 Students and staff of both parties will engage in ongoing review and evaluation. The Joint Academic Committee will meet once a year (in person or via video conference) to consider these reports together with recommendations for further enhancement.

§ 3 STUDENTS

1. Students

1.1 Each student shall have all the rights and privileges enjoyed by other students of the university in which they are enrolled.

1.2 Students participating in the double degree studies shall be subject to the rules, regulations and discipline of the university at which they are studying.

2. Housing, visa and student support

Students participating in the double degree studies shall benefit from all services offered by the host university. The services should be the same as those provided to regular students at the respective institution. In addition to the regular services offered by each university, each party undertakes to provide:

- support for obtaining visas (if applicable) and residence permits,
- support for the search for accommodation, local language courses, and special integration activities to all hosted students,
- information of any requirements regarding personal, home and health insurance at the home and host university.

All teaching is conducted in English for the students at University of Pisa and in English and German for the students starting at Nuertingen-Geislingen University. Communication and student administration should be conducted in English; if this is not possible the parties will provide for English speaking support if necessary.

3. Student Data

For any processing of personal data carried out in connection with this Agreement, the parties will comply with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016, on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and the free movement of such data (General Data Protection Regulation, hereinafter referred to as "GDPR"), which entered into force on 25 May 2018.

§ 4 RESPONSIBILITIES AND RIGHTS

1. Responsibilities of the parties

Each party is responsible for the implementation of the goals of the programmes. The parties are equal partners and are obliged to exchange information concerning the project on a regular basis.

2. Finances

Each party shall bear its own costs and expenses.

3. Ownership of intellectual property rights

Each party acknowledges that the title to all intellectual property contained in any information and documents provided or made available to the other party, including but not limited to teaching and learning material, is and shall remain at all times the exclusive property of the disclosing party, insofar as the disclosing party owns such rights, and that the other party has no rights to use, disclose, copy or otherwise dispose of said rights, except in accordance with any explicit or implied authority hereunder, and further that any such authority shall immediately cease upon termination of this Agreement.

4. Liability of the parties

The participating universities are not liable for damages caused by (guest) students and cannot be prosecuted for any accidents caused by students.

§ 5 DISPUTE RESOLUTION, START AND TERMINATION

1. Dispute Resolution

Any dispute arising from this agreement shall be referred for resolution to the coordinators referred to in § 2 Art. 1.

2. Start, duration and termination

2.1 It is understood that this agreement shall take effect July 31st, 2021 and shall continue for 5 years in accordance with § 5 Art. 2.3.

2.2 This agreement may be revised or amended by mutual written consent.

2.3 Any party may terminate this agreement, giving six months written notice to the other.

2.4 Following delivery of the notice of termination, no new intake of students shall take place and the parties shall take reasonable steps to ensure that students undertaking a programme at the time of termination of this agreement are placed on suitable courses at either of the universities or at another institution in order to complete their studies, subject to the appropriate programmes being available, the availability of the places in that programme and the payment of fees to the university.

The undersigned agree to this agreement on behalf of their respective universities:

This agreement is entered into on [date]

For Nuertingen-Geislingen University


For the University of Pisa



Prof. Dr. Andreas Frey

Rector

Date: August 4th, 2021



Prof. Paolo Maria Mancarella

Rector

Date: 8.10.2021



UNIVERSITÀ DI PISA

Appendix:

1-Students starting at Pisa University

Degree from UniPi	Field Code	ECTS	Ambito
First Year at University of Pisa			
Principles of mathematics	S/06	9	Base Statistico-Matematico
Management and Fundamentals of Accounting	P/07	12	Base Aziendale
Language (Spanish, French, Business English)	LIN	6	Affine
Principles of Economics	P/01	12	Base Economico
Principles of Law	IUS/01	6	Base Giuridico
Statistics	S/01	12	Caratterizzante Statistico-matematico
Computer Skills		1	Abilità informatiche
Total ECTS First Year		58	
			Affine
Second Year at University of Pisa			
Financial accounting	P/07	9	Caratterizzante Aziendale
Business and Commercial Law	IUS/04	12	Caratterizzante Giuridico
Public Policy	P/03	6	Affine
Financial reporting and analysis	P/07	9	Caratterizzante Aziendale
European Macroeconomics	P/02	9	Caratterizzante Economico
International Management and Marketing	P/08	12	Caratterizzante Aziendale
Free choice		6	
Total ECTS Second Year		63	
Third Year at University of Nürtingen			
Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management	P/07	3	Caratterizzante Aziendale
Strategic Management in an International Context	P/07	6	
International Economics (elective)	P/06	6	Caratterizzante Economico

Intercultural management (elective II)	P/10	6	Caratterizzante Aziendale
Financial Business Planning	P/07	6	Caratterizzante Aziendale
Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management	P/07	3	
Data Science and Finance	P/05	6	Affine
Business concept	P/11	6	Caratterizzante Aziendale
Corporate Finance (elective III)	P/09	6	Caratterizzante Aziendale
Research Methodology		6	Free choice
<i>Internship Nürtingen</i>		2	Internship
Thesis in Pisa		3	
Total ECTS Third Year		59	
Bachelor Degree at University of Pisa		180	
Internship		30	
Thesis in Nürtingen		12	
Total ECTS Fourth Year		42	
Bachelor Degree NGU		222	

2-Students starting at Nürtingen-Geislingen University

Course at NGU	ECTS		Field Code	ECTS	Field
First Semester					
Introduction to Finance	6		P/01	6	Base (Economico)
Business and Law	5		IUS/01	5	Base (Giuridico)
Accounting	5		P/07	5	Base (Aziendale)
Financial Management	5		P/07	5	Base (Aziendale)
Quantitative Methods	9		S/06	9	Base (statistico-matematico)
Total ECTS First Semester	30			30	
Second Semester					
Economics	5		P/01	5	Base (Economico)
Legal and Fiscal Frameworks	5		IUS/01	5	Base (Giuridico)
Business in a Global Environment	6		P/09	6	Caratterizzante (Aziendale)
Statistics and ICT	9		S/01	9	Caratterizzante (statistico-matematico)
Investment Analysis	5		S/01	5	Caratterizzante (statistico-atematico)

Total Second Semester	30			30	
Total ECTS 1st Year	60			60	
Courses at University of Pisa - Second Year					
Computer Skills	1			1	Abilità informatiche
Financial accounting	9		P/07	9	Caratterizzante (Aziendale)
Business and Commercial Law	12		IUS/04	12	Caratterizzante (Giuridico)
Public Policy	6		P/03	6	Affine
Financial reporting and analysis	9		P/07	9	Caratterizzante (Aziendale)
European Macroeconomics	9		P/02	9	Caratterizzante (Economico)
International Management and Marketing	12		P/08	12	Caratterizzante (Aziendale)
Student free choice	6			6	Student free choice
	64			64	
Third year 5th semester at Pisa University					
Industrial and Managerial Economics	6		P/06	6	Caratterizzante (Economico)
Language	6			6	Affine
Banking and Financial Markets	6		P/11	6	Caratterizzante (Aziendale)
Human Capital Management	6		P/10	6	Caratterizzante (Aziendale)
Total ECTS 5th semester	24	Total 5th semester		24	

		Third year 6th semester*			
Courses at NGU		Courses at University of Pisa			
Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management Strategic Management in an International Context	3 6	Strategy and Entrepreneurship	P/07	9	Caratterizzante (Aziendale)
Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management	3	Auditing and Management Control	P/07	9	Caratterizzante (Aziendale)
Financial Business Planning	6				
Data Science and Finance (Elective)	6	Quantitative Economics for Business	P/05	6	Affine
Elective (Business Concept)	6	Student's free choice		6	Student Free Choice
Bachelor Thesis	12	Bachelor Thesis		3	
Total 6th semester	42			33	
Total ECTS Third year	66			57	
7th Semester**					
Internship	30	Internship		2	
Research Methodology	6				
Total ECTS 7th Semester	36				
Total ECTS B.Sc. NGU	226	Total ECTS B.Sc. UniPi		180	