

**Addendum I**  
to the **DOUBLE DEGREE COOPERATION AGREEMENT**  
between  
**The School of Economics and Management, University of Florence**  
and  
**The Faculty of Economic Sciences, Georg-August-University Göttingen**

Addendum I is an attachment to the double degree cooperation agreement between Georg-August-University Göttingen, Faculty of Economic Sciences (*Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Wirtschaftswissenschaftliche Fakultät*), referred to hereinafter as University of Göttingen and the School of Business and Management, University of Florence, referred to hereinafter as University of Florence.

The Double Degree Cooperation Agreement involves the following two degrees:

- MA in Development Economics (University of Göttingen)
- Master in Economics and Development (University of Florence)

**1. Selection Committees, Application Procedure, Selection Procedure and Selection Criteria of the Double Degree Programme of the University of Göttingen and the University of Florence**

**1a. Selection Committees**

Each partner will appoint a selection committee according to its own regulations. Candidates for the Double Degree program will be selected by their home institution according to selection criteria jointly defined and agreed upon by the University of Florence and the University of Göttingen.

Each institution reserves the right to require double degree candidates to complete the standard enrolment documents and to provide the results of any required entrance examinations. The host institution has the right to not accept a double degree candidate from the home institution for academic rationales or any other substantial reasons.

**1b. Application procedure:**

When applying for the MA in Development Economics program at the University of Göttingen, applicants complete a Double Degree application form and sign it. The following documents have to be attached:

- A certified copy (or certified English translation) of the degree certificate(s) or an official progress report if final results are not available;
- A motivation letter (in English) containing reasons for applying, and intended aims and outcomes;
- A curriculum vitae (in English) containing personal details, educational background, practical or professional work experiences or qualifications and

previous scholarship awards (e.g. Erasmus).

Applicants from the University of Florence are selected at the end of the first semester of their first year in the Master in Economics in Development program according to a public competition announcement. Necessary documents to apply will be specified in such public competition announcement, and will include a motivation letter and a curriculum vitae.

### **1c. Application deadline:**

- Students applying via University of Florence for the Double Degree Master program should submit their applications to the University of Florence Selection Committee at the end of the first semester of their first year in the Master in Economics and Development program according to the rules of the public competition announcement.
- Students applying via University of Göttingen for the double degree Master program should submit their applications simultaneously with their application for the MA Development Economics program.

### **1d. Admission requirements and selection criteria:**

The University of Florence and the University of Göttingen selection committees select students in accord with the following criteria:

#### **I. Admission requirements:**

- 3 year Bachelor program (180 ECTS),
- At least 60 credits (ECTS) in economics/mathematics/statistics/econometrics/agricultural economics/economic geography/economic history plus at least 12 credits (ECTS) in mathematics/statistics/econometrics.
- Verification of sufficient English language knowledge, if the native language of the applicant is not English (C1, TOEFL at least 90 points, IELTS at least volume 7 with no section under 6)

#### **II. Selection criteria for Students with home university Göttingen:**

Grade of Bachelor program (max. 8 points)

Grade (German system)		points
1,00		8
➤ 1,0 - 1,3		7
➤ 1,3 – 1,7		6

➤ 1,7 - 2,0		5
➤ 2,0 - 2,3		4
➤ 2,3 - 2,5		3

Motivation letter (max. 4 points)

Motivation		Points
Absolutely convincing		4
Very convincing		3
convincing		2
Less convincing		1
Not convincing		0

Average grade of modules from mathematics/statistics/econometrics

Grade		Points
1,0 - 1,7		4
➤ 1,7 - 2,0		3
➤ 2,0 - 2,3		2
➤ 2,3 - 2,5		1

If applicants have the same rank the grade of the Bachelor's degree is the decisive criteria.

III. Selection criteria for Students with home University of Florence:

Grade of Bachelor program (max 4 points)

110 CUM LAUDE		4
➤ 108 - 110		3
➤ 104 - 107		2
➤ 99 - 103		1
➤ < 99		0

Motivation letter (max. 4 points)

Motivation		Points
Absolutely convincing		4
Very convincing		3
convincing		2
Less convincing		1
Not convincing		0

Average grade of the mandatory courses of the first semester of the MSc in Economics and Development (max 8 points)

Grade	Points
30 CUM LAUDE	8
30	7
29	6
28	5
27	4
26	3
25	2
24	1
< 24	0

If applicants have the same rank, knowledge of German (certified) and the weighted average of the marks of the other exams of the first semester of the first year of the MSc are considered.

## **2. Curriculum components and timing towards double degree graduation with an MA in Development Economics from the University of Göttingen and a Master in Economics and Development from the University of Florence:**

- 2a.** The Double Degree program is a selective, high-quality two year Master program specialising in development economics.
- 2b.** Addendum II shows the curriculum for University of Florence students and for University of Göttingen students. Students spend the first two semesters at the home university and the third and fourth semester at the host university.
- 2c.** The University of Florence and the University of Göttingen recognise at least 60 ECTS from the two year Master program of the partner university.
- 2d.** Master theses are conducted according to the regulations of the university where the students spend the third and fourth semester (host university) and are recognised by the partner university respectively.

## **3. Course and examination schedules**

Course schedules may be subject to change. Any changes in course schedules will be communicated to the academic director and/or coordinator at the partner university prior to the start of the semester in which the changes take effect. Double degree course and examination schedules will be published annually on the websites of the respective institutions.

## **4. Course plan**

Before students start at the host institution a course plan will be approved by the coordinators of the Double Degree program.

## **5. Education director**

Each partner university appoints in line with the regulations of the respective university an education director.

Georg-August-Universität Göttingen      Prof. Stephan Klasen, education director

University of Florence      Prof. Lisa Grazzini, education director

## **6. Assessment procedures and regulations for mark allocation**

Performance will be assessed in line with the regulations of the respective universities. The Master thesis will be assessed in terms of procedures of the university where the supervisor is located. The partner university will recognize the thesis for its Master program respectively.

**The signatories representing their institutions are:**

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