



Double Degree Agreement

between

Dalarna University and

University of Cagliari

Agreement on a Double Degree between Dalarna University (DU), Sweden, and the University of Cagliari (UNICA), Italy

This agreement is made by and between Dalarna University, Sweden, and the University of Cagliari, Italy (hereinafter referred to as the Consortium or host institution). Within these institutions, the involved and responsible units are the School of Culture and Society at Dalarna University and the Department of Political and Social Sciences at the University of Cagliari.

Purpose and Scope of the Agreement

The purpose of this agreement is to record the intention of the parties to develop and run a Double Degree programme and outline the principles and terms of double-degree cooperation. Both parties to the agreement offer master's programmes as a part of the national educational system, and the degrees mentioned below are mutually recognised by all partners in the Consortium.

Terms for Double Degree Cooperation

The Double Degree programme will be conducted by the Consortium according to the following principles:

- The University of Cagliari and Dalarna University mutually recognise the two-year master's degree Programme in Relazioni Internazionali (International Relations, UNICA) and the advanced level courses of the one-year Master in African Studies (DU). Upon completion of the study programmes students are awarded a Swedish Filosofie magisterexamen/Degree of Master of Arts (60 credits), Main Field of Study: African Studies (DU) and a Laurea Magistrale in Relazioni Internazionali (120 Credits) – Curriculum: Diplomatic and Area Studies (UNICA).
- 2. Students accepted to the Master of African Studies Education (DU) have the possibility to continue for a Second Year at the Laurea Magistrale in Relazioni Internazionali at the University of Cagliari. Studies completed in the MA programme in African Studies (60 ECTS) at DU are fully compensated for in the first year of the Laurea Magistrale in Relazioni Internazionali at UNICA. The students must study an additional 60 ECTS according to a mutually accepted curriculum to obtain a two-year MA (Laurea Magistrale) at UNICA. The curriculum of each programme is approved by the universities, faculties and departments involved, according to the national and institutional procedures and regulations. The students will defend their Master's Thesis at the end of the second year either at DU or at UNICA, or in both Universities.
- 3. Students accepted to the Master's Degree Programme (Laurea Magistrale) in Relazioni Internazionali at UNICA have the opportunity to attend the 60 ECTS in African Studies at DU in their first and second semesters (first year). These studies will be recognised as their

first full year in the Laurea Magistrale in Relazioni Internazionali (UNICA). The Research Proposal, the Elaborated Research Plan and the Master's Thesis are recognized as thesis preparation activities at UNICA and the defence of the Master's Thesis will be held at the end of the second year either at DU or at UNICA, or in both Universities.

4. UNICA and DU have agreed on objectives, entry requirements, admission procedures, core contents and structure of the Double Degree programmes as described in the Didactic Regulations and in the curriculum/study plan of each university (See Annex I). The members of both Universities have a common understanding of the skills and knowledge that the graduates of both programmes should possess. The Admission Procedures in UNICA will be undertaken by a Commission appointed by the Programme's Council and completed by the first week of September of each Academic Year.

Applicants that wish to be enrolled in either institution should have an English level of minimum CEFR B2 and must possess a bachelor's degree valid for admission to Master's level degree programmes.

- 5. Both partner universities have nominated a person for the administrative matters of the double degree programme to work in cooperation with the Consortium Board.
- 6. The partner universities will make use of the existing application procedures administrated by Dalarna University and the University of Cagliari. Application information, including the application forms, can be obtained at home university in addition to the application forms available online.
- 7. Students will be admitted based on an evaluation of the applications by the home university, in accordance with the procedures and regulations of the involved institutions. The number of students participating will be up to a maximum of 7 per year from each University. The number can be modified with a mutual agreement by the two Universities.
- 8. The period of study, modules duly completed and evaluated, and examinations passed at one of the host universities, will be recognised fully and automatically by the other host university.
- 9. Teacher mobility is an essential part of the double degree programme. In addition to teachers from UNICA and DU travelling internally, the teaching staff will include teachers from other partner universities and visiting scholars.
- 10. Student mobility is an integrated part of the curriculum of all students admitted to the double degree programme. The extent of studies completed in the host university is 60 ECTS credits.
- 11. Dissemination of information on the double degree programme and the recruitment of students will be carried out by both participating universities.
- 12. Students enrolled in the degree programmes defined in this agreement pay tuition fees only at their home university.

- 13. The students who complete their studies according to sections 2 and 3, after the completion of the second year will receive a Swedish *Degree of Master of Arts (60 credits) Main Field of Study: African Studies* (Dalarna) issued by Dalarna University and an Italian Degree of Laurea Magistrale in Relazioni Internazionali issued by the University of Cagliari. The acknowledgement of the degrees will be verified by national statutes that are displayed in the diploma.
- 14. To conduct a systematic evaluation, quality assurance and dissemination of the double degree programme and to develop the programme further, the following actions will be taken:
 - All modules and other units of the programme will be evaluated by the students and the staff. The outcomes of the evaluations will be used as input in the annual curriculum assessment by UNICA and DU.
 - New teaching activities can be introduced into the master's programmes with the consent of the partner universities provided that the basic structure of the programme is not changed.
 - Every two years, a more extensive evaluation of the whole programme and activities will be carried out by teachers, students, and administrative staff.

Renewal, Termination, and Amendment

This agreement will become effective upon signing as approved by the legal representatives /governing bodies of the participating institutions and will be valid for five cohorts starting from the academic year 2023-2024. The agreement will be evaluated, and it may be amended on the basis of the outcomes of the evaluation by mutual written consent of all the parties. Any party to this agreement may withdraw from the agreement by giving six months' written notice to the other partner institution. In this case, any students that have been accepted to the Double Degree programme have the right to complete their studies.

On behalf of Dalarna University On behalf of the University of Cagliari

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ANNEX I

Tabella 1 – Struttura della Doppia Laurea Magistrale

Table 1 – Structure of the Double Degree Programme

CORSI IMPARTITI ALLA DALARNA UNIVERSITY (PRIMO ANNO) /COURSES TAUGHT AT DALARNA UNIVERSITY (FIRST YEAR) – CORSI IMPARTITI ALL'UNIVERSITA' DI CAGLIARI (SECONDO ANNO) / COURSES TAUGHT AT CAGLIARI UNIVERSITY (SECOND VEAR)

YEAR)		
120 Credits		
First Year		Second Year
Courses in Dalarna University	Correspondence in Unica	Corsi impartiti in Unica al Secondo
First Year/Corsi impartiti a	First Year/corrispondenza in	anno/Courses in Unica Second Year
Dalarna University primo anno	Unica al primo anno	
Dynamics of African Societies –	Indicatori Socio-Economici -	European Integration - 9
12	6	
	Relazioni internazionali - 6	
Religion and Politics in Africa -	Storia internazionale	Law of International
9	contemporanea/Environment,	Organization/European Union Law -
	Development, Resources: A	6
	Diplomatic History -9	
Education and Change in Africa -	Geografia delle risorse – 8	Contemporary Africa/History of
8		African inter-regional relations 6
Economic Development – 7	Geografia delle risorse – 1	International Politics of
	Economics of Globalization -	Asia/Contemporary China – 6
	6	
Urban Spaces - 6	Sociologia dello sviluppo - 6	Elective Courses – 12
Urban Spaces - 1		English Language - 9
The Research Proposal – 1		
The Elaborated Research Plan - 1	Laboratorio di Progettazione	Second Language to be Chosen from
	Europea - 3	the Following Courses: French,
		Spanish, German, Chinese, Arabic - 9
Master's Thesis – 15	Attività di preparazione delle	Prova finale - 3
	tesi all'estero - 15	
60 Credits	60 Credits	60 Credits