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Necessary components of the consortium agreement

The agreement for an international study programme will need to be based on the following elements:

- An accredited Partner University;
- National Law references on international joint or integrated (double degree) study programmes;
- Short description of each partner university's two-tier system and diplomas awarded;
- Joint Academic Board coordinating the international study programme or Academic Boards coordinating it at each partner university;
- Short description of educational goals and expected learning outcomes of the joint programme or integrated programmes concerned;
- Denomination of the joint awarded diploma or either diplomas or other;
- Admission requirements to the international programme;
- Study plan and ECTS assigned;
- Mobility plan;
- Grade correspondence; Exam assessment system in force at each partner university;
- Joint supervision of dissertation;
- Provisions on dissertation drafting and assessment methods;
- Joint Dissertation Committee composition;
- Provisions on dissertation defence;
- Dissertation and/or final grade calculation method;
- Number of participating students (in case of integrated study programme);
- Deadline for enrolment and Academic Calendar at each partner Institution;
- Reciprocity as far as policy on academic fees is concerned.

## Specific internal regulations

Higher education institutions offering a joint or integrated programme must be accredited by the competent authorities of their respective countries. The relevant national regulations must include provisions enabling institutions to participate in a joint or integrated programme and to award a joint, double, or multiple degree. Institutions awarding a degree as part of a joint or integrated programme must ensure that any degree awarded belongs to the national higher education qualification system of the countries where they are based in. Institutions intending to establish a joint or integrated program enter into a specific agreement that regulates the aspects of programme activation, organisation, and management.

## Timeline

Activating a joint programme takes at least one full year while an integrated study programme can be agreed in around six months from proposal to signing.