

Sorbonne University

Internal regulations regarding issuing joint programmes degrees (double/multiple/joint degree)

Diplomas awarded in international partnership are governed by articles D. 613-17 et seq. of the French Education Code. The international partnership is organised by an agreement concluded between one or more French higher education establishments and one or more foreign higher education establishments.

Diplomas in international partnership are awarded by the heads of establishment on the recommendation of the juries. The joint diploma awarded is automatically recognised in France. It must also be recognized in the partner country(ies) according to the terms of the agreement signed between the establishments.

The diploma supplement is drawn up in French, translated if necessary into foreign language(s).

Specific internal regulations regarding issuing multiple degree and joint degree or validating joint diploma issued by partner HEI

In France, there is no legal equivalence between diplomas obtained abroad and French diplomas.

The ENIC-NARIC France Center (European Network of Information Centres-National Academic Recognition Information Centres) is the French information center on the academic and professional recognition of diplomas. It establishes certificates of comparability for diploma(s) obtained abroad, provides information on the procedures to follow to practice a regulated profession and provides information on the procedure for recognizing French diplomas abroad.

Current state of national legislation regarding issuing diplomas and degrees for completion of an international joint programme

The diploma parchments envisaged in international partnership are available for national bachelor's and master's diplomas for which the establishments are accredited by the State. The same rules are also valid for the engineering diploma.

They are offered as part of joint diplomas if the partners accept, in the agreement which binds them, the delivery of a French joint parchment. This measure applies in particular to all master's degrees developed within the framework of a European program, as long as a French higher education establishment is the coordinator of an Erasmus Mundus type consortium.

The implementation of a multilingual parchment includes, for the French part, the required visas and the signature of the rector of the academic region and chancellor of the universities. The diploma titles, in French and in a foreign language, are placed at the head of the parchment.

This presentation does not prejudice the rules of the foreign partners with whom these diplomas will be issued, which could result in the issuance of a diploma according to their own legislation. The French establishment will then be in the case of issuing a double diploma. In the case of a

single parchment, as mentioned above, only paper from the Imprimerie nationale must be used in the case of a single parchment.

Depending on the national legislation of the partner establishments, different types of parchments can be issued by French higher education establishments. The French higher education establishment can issue a bi- or multilingual diploma bearing the French part of the countersignature of the rector of the academic region, chancellor of universities.

This parchment mentions in French the name of the French diploma and includes its visas. It also indicates the names of the diplomas issued by foreign partners in their language. This multilingual parchment allows French establishments to meet, in particular, the conditions for issuing joint Erasmus Mundus-type diplomas, and is available according to the number of partners involved in the training course.

In the particular case where the partner establishments do not accept the multilingual parchment proposed by the French side and in order to clearly display the international partnership on the French parchment, it is possible to adapt the parchment of the national diploma by indicating, in the French language French, foreign partner establishments and mentioning the partnership agreement.

In case of difficulty in issuing a joint scroll, higher education institutions issue two diplomas. The double diploma corresponds to the simultaneous delivery, for each State, of its national diploma according to its own format. The student is awarded as many diplomas as there are partners associated with the international partnership training he has followed.