

University of Milan (UNIMI)

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

When it comes to joint programs, it must be ensured that all enrolled students receive a jointly conferred degree (potentially through the issuance of a dual diploma). A study program delivered entirely by an Italian university, even in collaboration with one or more foreign universities through agreements regulating international student mobility programs (exchanges), which also grant interested students a degree from foreign universities, does not constitute a university program (joint program). According to current regulations, UNIMI issues, as a supplement to the diploma for each degree, a certificate containing, also in English and according to models compliant with those adopted by European countries, the main indications regarding the specific curriculum followed by each student to obtain the degree. The document provides a description of the nature, level, context, content, and status of the studies undertaken and completed by the student. The diploma supplement developed for Joint Programmes and Double Degrees describes the various aspects of the study path, clearly indicating in which institution and in which study program the individual learning units of the international path were acquired. It accompanies the diploma of each institution issuing joint, double, or multiple degrees (Joint Programmes and Double Degrees). Within a university consortium, a single model of Diploma Supplement can be adopted. The partnership may also decide that it be issued by a designated partner institution. The single model of Diploma Supplement must list in the original language all the official names of the qualifications awarded by the participating institutions conferring the degree.

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

In case of an international jointly organised program, the diploma model can be a single Joint Degree/Diploma for all students, bearing the names of the partner institutions along with the title designation issued. Alternatively, each institution may produce its own diploma model, Double/Multiple Degree/Diploma, specifying that the degree is jointly awarded by the partners. For programs with structured mobility by title, the partnership universities may opt to produce a single Joint Degree/Diploma bearing the names of the two or more participating universities and the designation of the national title they confer. Alternatively, partners may decide that each issues its own diploma, Double/Multiple Degree/Diploma, with the designation of the national title. In the latter case, it is preferable to modify the national diploma model by adding an indication of the international nature of the program and the name of the foreign partner or partners involved. It should be noted that the University, like any other university in Europe and worldwide, has its own diploma model. If the partners propose a single diploma model, it may be adopted subject to verification and approval by the Student Services Division. A specimen of the single diploma model or that issued by each partner institution may be attached to the agreement.

Specific internal regulations or instructions

The internal regulations for issuing a joint and/or international degree essentially adhere to the guidelines outlined within the consortium agreements. In some cases, for instance, the parties may request that not only the names of the study programs but also the department and/or faculty to which they belong be mentioned on the diploma. As an internal rule, UNIMI does not include other logos on the diploma besides its own, given that the diploma is signed solely by our Rector and General Director.

Timeline

The diploma is issued within 4-6 weeks of obtaining the degree.