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Double Degree Agreement

between

the Degree Programme, Bachelor of Business Administration Program (B.B.A)

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International Business (English Program)

of the

Rajamangala University of Technology Phra Nakhon, Bangkok, Thailand

(hereafter RMUTP)

and

the Degree Programme in International Management

(hereafter IM)

of

Hochschule für angewandte Wissenschaften Würzburg-Schweinfurt University of Applied Sciences Würzburg-Schweinfurt, Germany

(hereafter FHWS)

1. Introduction

This agreement sets out the terms for the operation of an undergraduate Double Degree programme between the Bachelor degree programme in Bachelor of Business Administration Program (B.B.A) in International Business (English Program) of RMUTP and the Bachelor degree programme in International Management of FHWS.

This agreement aims at facilitating and developing a programme which offers students an opportunity to earn two degrees. As a result of the Double Degree studies, the students acquire deeper experience of multicultural studying and business environments, better cross-cultural communication and language skills, wider professional partner network, new opportunities for further education and stronger competitive advantages in the European job markets.

2. Definitions

For the purpose of this Agreement, the following definitions shall apply:

host institution

the institution receiving students

home institution

the institution sending students

• double degree student

a student participating in a double degree programme as referred to in the Agreement

3. General

a) This Double Degree agreement is an extension of an already existing and valid Erasmus+ contract or a valid student and staff exchange contract with a University who is not in the scope of Erasmus+. Without such a contract this agreement is null and void.

- b) The Double Degree programme is available for degree students in the Bachelor degree programme in International Management of FHWS and for degree students in the Bachelor degree programme of Faculty of Business Administration, B.B.A. in International Business of RMUTP.
- c) Successful completion of the Double Degree programme leads to the award of Bachelor of Business Administration Program (B.B.A) in International Business (English Program) by RMUTP and to the award of Bachelor of International Management by FHWS.
- d) Responsibility for the Double Degree programme belongs with the management of the degree programmes involved.
- e) A detailed description of the Double Degree programme, including the requirements to obtain the degrees as mentioned under § 3c is drafted and approved by the Exam Board and Academic Committees of RMUTP and the Exam Board (Prüfungskommission) of the study program BIM, prior to exchange of Double Degree students. This document is subject to annual monitoring, as described under § 7. This document will form a mandatory appendix to this agreement, without which this agreement is null and void.
- f) The programme will be operated in accordance with:
 - the Faculty of Business Administration of the International Business Department of RMUTP
 and
- g) The agreement to cooperate implies that both Bachelor degree programmes are already or will be accredited by a renowned international accreditation agency in a

period of two years after signing the contract. Should the deadline expire without accreditation this agreement can be terminated by the other party according to the regulations named in § 8 of this agreement. Both institutions will provide each other insight into their systems of quality assurance and accreditation.

4 Admission and registration

- a) RMUTP and FHWS will aim to ensure that equal numbers of Double Degree students from each institution participate in the Double Degree programme and will aim at a number of 2 x 4 Double Degree students per year: 4 students from RMUTP and 4 students from FHWS. The target number of Double Degree students may be altered by agreement in writing between the two institutions. However, student numbers are expected be balance of a period of five years.
- b) Subject to these constraints, each institution will accept to receive for an agreed exchange period, without the payment of additional tuition fees, the students selected and nominated by the partner institution for the participation in this Double Degree programme. The host institution must be notified of the nomination of the students at least four months prior to the intended commencement date of the exchange period.
- c) Students will be screened for eligibility for admission to the Double Degree programme by the home institution. Both institutions shall respect the admission requirements and enrolment constraints of the host institution. Participants will be subject to the standard rules, regulations and enrolling constraints of the host institution.

The prerequisites for FHWS students to enter the programme are the following:

- successful completion of the first three (two) semesters studies at FHWS;
- English language requirement: B2, GER, IELTS 6.0 (no sub-scores below 5.5) or TOEFL score 80 internet-based test (no sub-score below 17).

The prerequisites for RMUTP students to enter the programme are the following:

- successful completion of the 2nd year in first semesters studies at RMUTP;
- English language requirement: IELTS 6.0 or TOEFL score 550 paper-based test/ 79-80 internet-based test or equivalent.
- proof of German language achievable language level A2 within two semesters at the FHWS.
- d) For the period of their sojourn at the partner institution, including the international placement, Double Degree students will be registered at their home institution, but will also be registered as bachelor degree students at the partner institution.

e) Double degree students will have access to all facilities and student services provided by the two institutions, including those to assist students in finding accommodation.

5 Contents of the Double Degree programme

- a) Students participating in the Double Degree programme are required to study for at least two semesters (or equivalent time) at the partner institution and earn a minimum of 60 ECTS credits (or equivalent).
- b) The academic requirements for the contents of the Double Degree studies undertaken by Double Degree students during the exchange period are set out in detail by the host institution of the Double Degree student and agreed by the home institution.
- c) These academic requirements, including a list of mandatory and optional courses for the students participating in the Double Degree programme, are annually confirmed by FHWS and RMUTP, as described under § 7.
- d) The language of instruction while studying at the partner institution will be English.
- e) Double Degree students will secure international placement complying with the placement requirements of both institutions. The international placement must be done outside the country of the home institution. Exemptions need to be approved by the responsible institution.

6. Supervision, grading, and awarding of the degree

- a) The host institution will evaluate the academic performance of all Double Degree students using the same criteria used for students enrolled in the programme of the host institution.
- b) The minimum pass grade to be obtained at RMUTP is 2.0, according to the grading system in Thailand. The minimum pass grade to be obtained at FHWS is 4.0 according to the German grading system.
- c) In the event there is an academic appeal by the Double Degree student during the study period at the host institution, the academic appeal process of the host institution will apply.
- d) Upon completion of their study period at the host institution, the host institution will provide the home institution with (a) transcript(s) of the academic results of the Double Degree student.

- e) Successful completion of a work placement of 30 ECTS credits is a mandatory part of both degree programmes. RMUTP students must do their work placement in Germany or the other countries with the approval of the schools
- f) Double Degree students of RMUTP are required to do the Cooperative education (Internship) for one semester as part of their studies at RMUTP; FHWS students are required to complete a Bachelor's Thesis as part of their degree programme in International Management. The "Graduation Project" / Bachelor Thesis is supervised and graded by a supervisor from the home institution and honoured by the host institution and subsequently archived in both institutions.
- g) To obtain the Bachelor's degree from the host institution, the Double Degree student must have been awarded the Bachelor's degree from the home institution.
- h) Double Degree students will be awarded the degree of the host institution if they meet the following requirements:
 - i. For FHWS students to obtain the RMUTP qualification:
 - fulfilment of all the requirements to obtain the Bachelor of Business Administration Program (B.B.A) in International Business (English Program), including the work placement of 30 ECTS credits and the Bachelor's Thesis, as ascertained by the Exam Board and Academic committees of RMUTP
 - successful completion of the Double Degree studies (60 ECTS credits or equivalent) during two semesters at RMUTP.
 - ii. For RMUTP students to obtain the FHWS qualification:
 - fulfilment of all the requirements to obtain the Bachelor of International Management, including the work placement of 30 ECTS credits and Graduation Project as ascertained by FHWS.
 - successful completion of the Double Degree studies (60 ECTS credits) during two semesters at FHWS.
 - proof of German language knowledge level A2.

7. Monitoring

Each party is accountable for carrying out the terms of the agreement and nominates a responsible person to ensure that the Double Degree programme is consistent with the objectives of their home institution's curriculum and the student's own career interests.

Coordinator FHWS:

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The responsible persons will annually discuss all possible changes in the curricula of both programmes subject to this agreement, in order to ascertain the link between both curricula and to assure the quality of the Double Degree programme as a whole. Major changes in the curricula (appendix) mentioned under § 3e have to be seen as an alternation of the contract and need to be documented in written form. In case the curricula start to differ to such a degree that the quality of the Double Degree programme cannot be guaranteed, this agreement can be discontinued by either of the parties according to the regulations named in § 8 of this agreement.

A written report of the annual monitoring meeting will be submitted to the Exam Board of the Degree Programme in Business Administration Program (B.B.A) in International Business (English Program) of RMUTP and the equivalent responsible body or person of the Degree Programme in International Management of FHWS.

8 Consultation and revision of arrangements

- a) This agreement is in force from the day of its signing and it can be subject to revision, modification and renewal by mutual written agreement.
- b) The agreement may be terminated at the request of either party provided such request is made in writing at least twelve months before termination is to become effective. The termination of the agreement must take into account the rights of students already participating or accepted for the Double Degree studies. Those students must be able to finish the Double Degree study programme.

9. Signatures

This Agreement comes into effect once it has been signed by their duly authorised representatives as follows:

Date

For

FHWS - University of Applied Sciences Germany

For

Rajamangala University of Technology Phra Nakhon, Bangkok, Thailand

Prof. Dr. Robert Grebner

President

Assoc/Prof. Supatra Kośaiyakanont

President

Prof. Dr. Harald Bolsinger

Dean Faculty of Economics and

Business Administration

Dr.Parinya Maglin

Dean, Faculty of Business Administration

Appendix 1

Double Degree requirements

To be awarded the Bachelor of International Management from FHWS and the Bachelor of Business Administration Program (B.B.A) In International Business (English Programme) by RMUTP students must complete successfully:

FHWS Requirements:	RMUTP Requirements:
See Appendix 2 Courses at the home University worth 150 ECTS (equal)	See Appendix 3 Courses at the home University worth 150 ECTS (equal)
Furthermore: The following FHWS courses (see Appendix 2) must be taken by students from RMUTP Students	Furthermore: Courses from the RMUTP curriculum (English Programme) worth 60 CP (equal)

Appendix 2

Information for Incoming Students studying in the FHWS Double Degree Program

International students participating in our Double Degree (DD) program are enrolled at FHWS for 2 semesters. During these 2 semesters, Double Degree students need to obtain 60 credit points (CPs) as described in the study and examination regulations (Studien- und Prüfungsordnung) of the International Management Program at FHWS.

Two Semesters at FHWS:

In the two semesters, Double Degree students take part in the following mandatory courses:

Mandatory Courses	CPs
International Business Strategies (IB 1)*	12
International Business Functions (IB 2)*	12
Change, Innovation, Diversity and Brand Management (GM 1)*	12
Strategic, Knowledge, Financial and Relationship Management (GM 2)*	12

^{*} Consisting of four courses each in IB 1 and IB 2 and four courses each in GM 1 and GM 2.

Furthermore, double degree students choose elective subjects worth 12 CPs. Elective subjects can also be chosen from the English Program (EP) of the faculty of Business & Economics (FWiWi). The English Program can be found on the following webpage:

http://fwiwi.fhws.de/international/english_business_courses.html (Look for the news "Courses of the English Program" there.)

Please check the above program constantly as changes can take place quite frequently.

Business Electives	CPs	
Several Business Electives (FWPF) and Additional Courses		12

Appendix 3

Core course

- 03-111-101 Principles of Accounting 3(2-2-5)
- 03-114-101 Management Accounting 3(3-0-6)
- 03-211-101 Principles of Marketing 3(3-0-6)
- 03-311-101 Taxation 3(3-0-6)
- 03-311-102 Business Law 3(3-0-6)
- 03-311-103 Principles of Management 3(3-0-6)
- 03-311-104 Quantitative Analysis for Business 3(3-0-6)
- 03-411-101 Business Finance3(3-0-6)
- 03-411-102 Microeconomics 3(3-0-6)
- 03-411-103 Macroeconomics 3(3-0-6)
- 03-511-101 Information Systems and Computer Usage in Business 3(2-2-5)
- 03-712-101 Introduction to International Business 3(3-0-6)

Major Course

- 03-212-401 International Marketing 3(3-0-6)
- 03-212-404Marketing Management 3(3-0-6)
- 03-312-307 Operation Management 3(3-0-6)
- 03-312-312 International Management 3(3-0-6)
- 03-412-203 Global Finance 3(3-0-6)
- 03-414-404 Global Economics 3(3-0-6)
- 03-712-302 Import and Export for International Business 3(3-0-6)
- 03-712-303 International Business Negotiation and Presentation 3(3-0-6)
- 03-712-304 linternational Business Research 3(2-2-5)
- 03-712-305 Strategic Management for International Business 3(2-2-5)
- 03-712-306 Seminar in International Business 3(3-0-6)
- 03-712-307 Business Ethics in Dynamic World 3(3-0-6)

03-712-308 Global Consumer Behavior 3(3-0-6)

03-712-309 Politics and Economy of ASEAN 3(3-0-6)

03-712-410 International Project Management 3(3-0-6)

Remark

Major elective and free elective course would be arranged by International business department and students need to contact department for further detail of course arrangement and schedule.