

Joint International Master in Sustainable Development Degree/Diploma Details

Legal Prerequisites

University of Graz: § 51 Abs. 2 Z 26, § 54d and § 87 Abs. 5 UG 02 (Austrian Universities Act 2002) & Statutes of the Legal Regulations on University Studies (*Satzungsteil Studienrechtliche Bestimmungen*)

[https://static.uni-](https://static.uni-graz.at/fileadmin/Rechtsabteilung/Dateien/Satzung_Studienrechtliche_Bestimmungen_2018.pdf)

[graz.at/fileadmin/Rechtsabteilung/Dateien/Satzung_Studienrechtliche_Bestimmungen_2018.pdf](https://static.uni-graz.at/fileadmin/Rechtsabteilung/Dateien/Satzung_Studienrechtliche_Bestimmungen_2018.pdf)

Leipzig University: Saxon University Freedom Law (SächsHSFG) as published on 15 January 2013 (SächsGVBl. p.3) and modified by article 44 of the law on 26 April 2018 (SächsGVBl. p.198)

<https://www.revosax.sachsen.de/vorschrift/10562-Saechsisches-Hochschulfreiheitsgesetz>

Utrecht University: the Act on Higher Education and Scientific Research

Ca' Foscari University Venice: Decree of the Ministry of Education, University and Research n. 270/2004; Ca' Foscari University Statute and Regulations of Studies.

Terminology

- **Local Degree certificate:** refers to the degree certificate which is issued by the respective degree awarding university
- **Double Degree certificates:** Graduates will receive two local degree certificates (=regular diploma) issued by the degree awarding universities. The mobility university has to be a degree awarding university. It is mentioned on the certificates or in the diploma supplement that the diplomas are jointly awarded and that the graduate completed one Master's degree programme which was offered in cooperation.
- **Diploma supplement:** A diploma supplement will be issued by the entrance university to all graduates. It will contain all information about the programme and international structure. It will indicate the obligatory mobility of the programme and describe the degree awarded. It will list all universities participating in the programme.
- **Bridging document:** refers to a document which is issued by all partner universities in addition to the resp. diploma issued as a so called bridging document. It is mentioned on the document that the legally valid document is the resp. diploma.

Degree options

a) Entrance Universities Graz, Venice and Leipzig

If students complete the obligatory mobility at one of the partners mentioned above, they will receive a double degree certificate. This means the graduate will receive in addition to the local degree diploma of the entrance university the local degree diploma of the university where he or she spent the obligatory mobility.

If students complete the obligatory mobility and/or an extra mobility at Utrecht University or at one of the non-degree awarding institutions who offer a specialization track, the entrance university will issue a local degree diploma. This means the graduates will receive a degree certificate issued by the respective entrance university only.

In addition, graduates of the Joint Master's Programme will receive a commonly issued bridging document and diploma supplement which will contain all information about the programme and its international structure and will be provided by the respective entrance university.

The entrance university is responsible for taking care of the graduation procedure by confirming the successful completion of the programme according to the programme requirements. The entrance university issues the local degree diploma and informs the degree awarding mobility partner about the completion of the Joint Programme. The degree awarding mobility partners will then issue the local degree diploma as well. The student will receive a diploma supplement which describes the degree awarded as well as the Joint Programme.

b) Entrance University Utrecht

A degree from the University of Utrecht is awarded to students who

- are registered as a student at Utrecht University and
- pay tuition fees at Utrecht University for the whole degree programme duration (at least 120 credits) and
- complete at least half of the Master's programme (60 EC) through components offered by Utrecht University and
- conduct the final 30 EC master's thesis research project at Utrecht University.

If students complete the obligatory mobility at the University of Graz, they will receive a double degree certificate. This means the graduate will receive in addition to the local degree diploma of the entrance university the local degree diploma of the university where he or she spent the obligatory mobility.

If students complete the obligatory mobility at Leipzig University, Ca' Foscari University or at one of the non-degree awarding institutions who offer a specialization track, the entrance university will issue a local degree certificate /diploma. This means the graduates will receive a degree certificate issued by the respective entrance university only.

In addition, graduates of the Joint Master's Programme will receive a commonly issued certificate of completion (bridging document) and diploma supplement which will contain all information about the programme and its international structure and will be provided by the respective entrance university.

The entrance university is responsible for taking care of the graduation procedure by confirming the successful completion of the programme according to the programme requirements. The entrance university issues the local degree diploma and informs the degree awarding mobility partner about the completion of the Joint Programme. The degree awarding mobility partners will then issue the local degree diploma as well. The student will receive a diploma supplement which describes the degree awarded as well as the Joint Programme.

As of 2022/23 Utrecht University will change status and will become a non-degree awarding – mobility university.