

Internationalization Strategies beyond Bologna





The University = 6 units

- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Arts & Humanities
- Faculty of Social & Economic Sciences
- Faculty of Catholic Theology
- Faculty of Natural Sciences
- Central Administration



Study Offers

- Diploma Programs
- Secondary School Teacher Accreditation
- Bachelor Programs
- Master Programs
- Doctoral Programs





Students

→ Arts & Humanities	8.500 students
→ Natural Sciences	6.000 students
→ Social & Economic Sciences	5.000 students
→ Law	4.000 students
Theology	500 students

22.000 students from about 100 countries

About 10 % foreign students

3.200 first enrollments (first time at the University of Graz)

2.400 graduates (of which 260 doctoral students)



Mobility

Academic Year: 2004/2005

500 outgoing and 350 incoming mobility students

200 outgoing and 200 incoming faculty + staff

500 partners world-wide

300 partners within Europe

18 university-wide agreements

on the basis of at least 3 co-operations

in at least 2 faculties

→ Member of the UTRECHT Network and COIMBRA Group

International Relations

Main objective: to strengthen the quality in teaching & research

- Enhancement of mobility (students & staff)
- Internationalization of education & research via international cooperation (networks, projects, etc)
- **Strategic Focus Joint Degrees**
- **Strategic Focus South-Eastern Europe**
- **Implementation of Summer Schools**





Enhancement of mobility

- **Study abroad**

One semester or year is spent abroad; courses taken abroad will be recognized upon return

- **Research abroad**

Research within the framework of a bachelor, master or doctoral thesis

- **Teaching abroad**

Teaching activity within various programs, e.g. CEEPUS

- **Internships**

Internships for staff (e.g. CG VS, bilateral agreements)

Future Targets

Our target is the integration of strategies for internationalization in all university processes as well as the implementation and strengthening of the university's focus.

- Further development of the Joint Degree Programs on the doctoral level
- Establishment of Summer Schools
- International personnel development strategies
- Increase of intercultural competence
- Wider range of English taught courses

Joint Degrees/Double Degrees



**Diversifying
university studies
by creating a joint
vision**



Definitions

- **Joint Programme**
- **Double Degree**
- **Joint Degree**

- **Joint Study**
- **Recognition / Nostrification**



Strategic Project: Joint Degrees

BENEFIT

- Interdisciplinary course offerings
- Internationalization of existing course offerings (visiting professors)
- Enhancement of the strategic focus
- Positioning of the University
- Increase in attractiveness of Universities for international students
- Enhanced international employability of graduates



Strategic Project: Joint Degrees

First four Joint Master Programs started:

2007/08:

- *English & American Studies for the Alps Adriatic Region*
- *History of South-Eastern Europe*
- *Jewish Studies – History of the Jewish Culture*

2008/09:

- *Sustainable Development*

Further 5 programs (4 Joint Master, 1 Joint PhD) are in preparation:

- *Estudios Ibéricos e Iberoamericanos*
- *Gender Studies*
- *Cultural Sociology*
- *South Eastern European Studies*
- *PhD Diversity Management and Governance*

Funded by the Province of Styria (since 2004) & the European Commission by the Tempus programme (since 2009)

Principles

- The study programs are jointly developed and recognized by all partner institutions
- Students have to spend at least 30 ECTS credits at a partner institution
- Upon completion of the study program, students receive a degree which is jointly conferred and recognized by all partner institutions

Issues in Joint Degrees programmes

Choice of partners

Development of the programme:

Curriculum design/ Length of programs / Mutual recognition

Language

Tuition fees

Diploma / Degree

Organisation of the programme:

Application/ Selection/ Admission

Mobility

Coordination

Quality Assurance

Public Relations

Example

Joint Master in Sustainable Development



Partners:

University of Graz, Austria (co-ordinating University)

University of Utrecht, The Netherlands

University Ca' Foscari Venice, Italy

University of Leipzig, Germany

University of Basel, Switzerland

University of Hiroshima, Japan

Overall organisation

Duration: 120 ECTS

Obligatory Mobility: 30 ECTS / Summer school

Languages:

- * **English:** Tracks + Integration Module + *Master Thesis*

- * **Local languages:** Basics + *Master Thesis*

Coordinating institution: *Uni Graz*

Tuition fees: charged by *home university* – waived for mobility semester

Application/Admission: at “home” institution

Selection Committee meeting

Coordination: Administration / Academic advisors

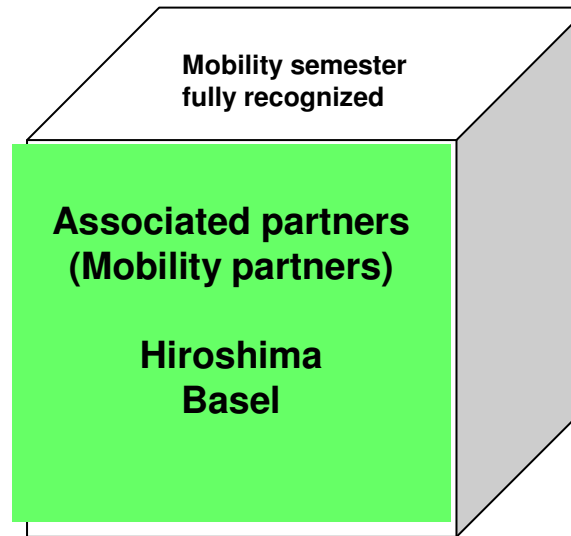
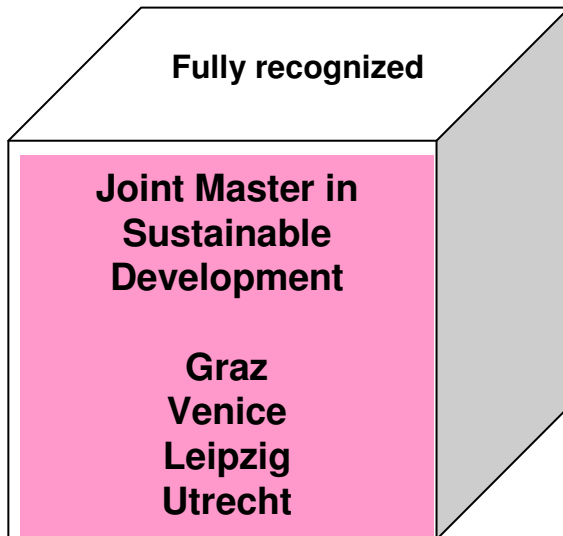


Structure of the programme

Based on existing programmes

Compulsory subjects (1st semester)
Basics in Sustainable Development
Restricted electives (2nd semester) One track to be chosen from the following options:
Climate & Environmental Change (<i>Graz</i>)
Energy & Resources (<i>Utrecht</i>)
Environmental Evaluation and Management (<i>Venice, Italian only</i>)
Environmental Policy and Management (<i>Utrecht</i>)
Environmental Technology (<i>Leipzig</i>)
Integrated Coastal Zone Management (<i>Venice</i>)
International and European Environmental Law (<i>Utrecht</i>)
Land use & Biodiversity (<i>Utrecht</i>)
Marine Environment (<i>Venice, Italian only</i>)
Renewable Resources (<i>Graz</i>)
Resources Management (<i>Leipzig</i>)
Sustainability: The Social Dimension (<i>Basel</i>)
Sustainable Business Management (<i>Graz</i>)
Sustainable Development Science & Technology (<i>Hiroshima</i>)
Sustainable Urban & Regional Development (<i>Graz</i>)
Technologies and Control of the Environment (<i>Venice, Italian only</i>)
Terrestrial Environment (<i>Venice, Italian only</i>)
Compulsory subjects and electives (3rd semester)
Integration Module and further specialisation
Master's thesis and defence (4th semester)

Diploma



What makes a JD a success

- ✓ Careful analysis – knowing why and how
- ✓ Well researched choice of partners
- ✓ Support of all institutions at all levels
- ✓ Sufficient academic and administrative staff resources
- ✓ Well-defined and learner-oriented programmes
- ✓ Clear understanding and communication policy
- ✓ Accreditation & Quality Assurance



More information on:
www.jointdegree.eu

