

Memorandum of Agreement
between
The Federal Ministry of Education and Cultural Affairs
and
The New York State Education Department
and
The University of New York

Taking into account the preparation that Austrian teachers receive at Upper Cycle Education and the competence affirmed through the “Matura” (or its equivalent) examinations, an assessment of the students, curriculum, and the facilities of the Federal Pedagogical Academy in Vienna leads to the acceptance that the “Lehramtszeugnis” is to be considered as the equivalent of the bachelor’s degree awarded by the City University of New York to majors in elementary education and (lower) secondary education.

It is further agreed that the holder of a City University of New York bachelor’s degree with a major in elementary education and (lower) secondary education has the equivalent to the successful completion of a teacher training program at an Austrian Federal Pedagogical Academy.

Vienna, 19 March 1999

Signed by:

Federal Minister **Elisabeth Gehrler**, Republic of Austria

Dr. Charles Mackey, Acting Executive Coordinator Office of Teaching, New York State Education Department

Dr. Louise Mirrer, Vice-Chancellor City University of New York

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The purpose of this memorandum is to formalize a meaningful recognition of university degrees between two countries where a number of significant exchanges require a formal agreement.

The Austrian Universities, which are under the direct auspices of the Federal Minister of Science and Transport of the Republic of Austria, currently offer two types of first-degrees, a "Magister" and a "Diplom-Ingenieur". The attached list indicates the number of semester hours of some sample relevant degree programs of two leading Austrian Universities: the University of Vienna (the country's largest university with a student population of approximately 80,000), and the Technical University of Vienna (the country's largest Technical University with a student population of approximately 20,000).

The City University of New York offers as its first degree the Bachelor degree, which comprises approximately 120 credits. Its second degree, the Master degree, carries a minimum of 30 credits. As the second largest University in the State New York (with approximately 200,000 students on 20 campuses throughout the City of New York), it is truly representative of the higher education profile of New York State.

After a reciprocal review of each other's program of study it is herewith agreed that the Austrian degrees of Magister and Diplom-Ingenieur awarded by its 19 universities (see attached list) will be considered the equivalent of a Master's degree awarded by the City University of New York and will carry with it the appropriate rights and privileges which such a Master's degree has in the State of New York.

Similarly the combination Bachelor's and Master's degree awarded by the City University of New York will carry with it the equivalent of a Magister or Diplom-Ingenieur (depending on field of study) while the Master's degree awarded by the City University of New York combined with a Bachelor or equivalent from another institution will first need to be approved on a case by case basis but in any case will allow the candidate to proceed to doctoral studies at an Austrian university without further qualifications.

This agreement will be reviewed by both parties at any time when significant changes, regulation modifications or new educational laws take effect to modify the above mentioned programs.

Vienna, 19 March 1999

Signed:

Dr. Caspar Einem, Federal Austrian Minister of Science and Transport

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