

Memorandum of Agreement
between
The City University of New York
and the
Undersigned Austrian Universities

Topic
Mutual Recognition of University Degrees

PREAMBLE

To facilitate the admission process to graduate level programs of instruction, and to establish appropriate levels of post-secondary educational attainment, the City University of New York and the undersigned Austrian universities hereby agree to recognize in principle the equivalency of baccalaureate, master's and doctoral level degrees awarded by their respective institutions in the liberal arts, business studies, the sciences and engineering.

ARTICLE 1

The CUNY bachelors degree, currently covering eight semesters of study with a minimum of 120 credits, will be considered the equivalent of a baccalaureate degree (Bakkakaureat) from the Austrian university, which entails three years of study and a student workload of 180 ECTS credits¹ and is predicated on the successful completion of an Austrian high school diploma (Reifezeugnis/Matura).

ARTICLE 2

Graduates of a CUNY bachelors degree program will have met the requisite degree requirements for application to a masters degree program of study (Magisterstudium) in the appropriate area at the Austrian university, inversely graduates of an Austrian baccalaureate degree program (Bakkalaureatsstudium) in an appropriate area of study will have met the requisite degree requirements for application to a CUNY masters degree program. In addition to the aforementioned degree aspects, candidates will need to meet specific requirements as prerequisites for admission to particular programs of study.

ARTICLE 3

Graduates of a CUNY masters degree program will have met the requisite degree requirements for application to a doctorate degree program of study (Doktoratsstudium) in the appropriate subject area at the Austrian university, inversely graduates from an Austrian masters degree program (Magister- or Diplomstudium) in an appropriate area of study will have met the requisite degree requirements for application to a CUNY doctorate degree program. In addition to the aforementioned degree aspects, candidates will need to meet specific requirements as prerequisites for admission to particular programs of study.

¹In accordance with European agreements (Bologna Process), Austrian federal law defines the extent of university study programs in terms of student workload according to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). Semester hours are no longer used as a valid description in this context.

ARTICLE 4

Transfer of credits of courses, taken at one of the partner institutions, to the other will depend on their content appropriateness to the selected course of study at the receiving school.

ARTICLE 5

This agreement will remain in force for a period of 5 years, at which time it can be reviewed by all parties. Furthermore, in the unforeseeable event that there are law changes relevant to either of the partner institutions, such changes should be integrated into this agreement in the form of mutually agreed upon revision.

Vienna, July 2005

Signed by:

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