

COLLABORATION AGREEMENT
FOR AN INTER-UNIVERSITY PROGRAM
OFFERING A DOUBLE DEGREE BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST ATTICA
AND THE UNIVERSITATEA DE STAT DIN MOLDOVA

PRESENT:

For the one party, the *University of West Attica*, located in Aigaleo, at Ag. Spyridonos 28, GR-12243 AIGALEO, Attica, Greece, bearing Fiscal Identity Number VAT: 997018524, VAT office: AIGALEO, legally represented according to the Act:38008/Z1/6-3-2018 (Government Gazette 117/6-3-2018), the Decision of the Minister of Education, Research and Religious Affairs in the framework of the Law 4521/2018 (Government Gazette 38/2-3-2018, Issue A') and the Act 2-14/3/2018 of the Administrative Committee of the University of West Attica, by **Prof. Dr. Constantinos Moutzouris**, Rector and President of the Research Committee.

And for the other party, the *Universitatea de Stat din Moldova*, located at Alexei Mateevici str., 60 Chisinau, 2009, represented by his Excellency the Chancellor, **Prof. Gheorghe Ciocanu**, in virtue of election results approved by the Decision no. 9 of 10.06.2015 of the Board for Institutional Strategic Development, and in accordance with that laid down in article 107 of the Education Code nr. 152 of 17.07.2014.

DECLARE:

- I. That the University of West Attica (henceforth UNIWA) and the Universitatea de Stat din Moldova (henceforth USM) are institutions entrusted with providing higher education, having their own legal authorities, and the faculties to enter into agreements in order to meet their principles, and objectives aiming at promoting and strengthening university education, research and social interaction, and making cultural exchange possible for members of their communities, and in particular for teaching staff and students.
- II. That within a global, competitive context it is in the interests of both institutions to promote the exchange of its future graduates through Academic stays at other institutions or Universities, both national and international, in order to complete their undergraduate or masters studies with students from the partner University, at the same or at a different level, while at the same time allowing them to obtain a double degree.
- III. In accordance with the above, both parties mutually recognize sufficient legal capacity to enter into this collaboration agreement, and to that end agree to the following:

PROVISIONS:

I. Objectives

1. The purpose of this agreement is to establish a joint program of actions between the two signing parties, with the aim that students accepted on the program can obtain an official qualification from each of the two signing Universities, through reciprocal recognition of the ECTS credits given by UNIWA and USM, to be detailed later, which have been studied and passed in accordance with the requirements as described in this agreement and in respect of the applicable legislation.
2. In accordance with the above, the signing Universities will exchange students, and will thus act as receiving University and as sending University.

II. Studies included within the Double Degree Program

1. The Double Degree Program established in this agreement will be carried out between the Graduate courses, assuring the following qualifications:
 - *Master in Cyber Security* from the University of West Attica
 - *Master in Information and Communication Technologies* from Universitatea de Stat din Moldova.
2. Students who successfully complete the study of their subjects, for those study programs specified in Annex-I of this agreement, will be granted by each University the official qualification mentioned above. In any unforeseen circumstances, compliance with the aforementioned academic requirements will always guarantee that the academic qualification from the sending institution is obtained.
3. Furthermore, the Program will be able to be extended by the parties to include studies from the same level or different levels through the formalization of an addendum, which will have by necessity to include the specifications in Annex-I, together with any other requirements specific to the qualification, and any other conditions which the parties consider necessary and are not included here.

III. Student application, selection and admission

1. Following the public announcement of places, students at the UNIWA and the USM who wish to take part in this Double Degree Program will have to present the corresponding application to their University, and at the same time they will have to, if necessary at their University, carry out the corresponding pre-registration and subsequent enrolment at each of the Universities with respect to the subjects to be studied at each of them.
2. The receiving University will be the one to take the final decision regarding admission for each student.
3. For admission to the Double Degree Program students from each institution will have to meet the requirements specified in the study plans corresponding to the qualifications described in clause II, in addition to those required by each institution, which are described in the table contained in Annex-II of this agreement.

4. Applicants admitted to the Program will have to present the documentation required in Annex-II in order to formalise the admission, and they will be registered at both Universities.

IV. Enrolment rights

1. Students will have to finalise the pre-registration and/or enrolment at each of the Universities which are the parties of this agreement in relation to the subjects that each one will teach, within the periods established on the academic calendar for the respective Universities, and which to that end will be taken from the academic calendar or similar which has been approved for each course. Students will have to pay the recognition fees, if applicable, at the receiving University for subjects studied at the sending University which are described in Annex-I.

V. Student obligations

1. Each selected student will finalise a study commitment with their University prior to starting the exchange period, committing to respecting the previously established conditions until the end of the foreseen studies, and in particular the regulations and legislation of the receiving University during the stay, which will be wholly applicable during the academic stay.
2. During the mobility, students on the Program will fulfil their obligations to the sending University and comply with the timeframe as described in Annex-III, except in cases when the corresponding qualification has already been completed, and will ordinarily carry out registration, enrolment, and the payment of fees or costs.
3. Prior to the academic stay at the receiving University, students will have to have the required visas or authorizations, together with medical insurance to cover their stay.
4. The student will be liable for enrolment fees, transport, medical insurance, accommodation, maintenance, and any other cost which may arise during the period of participation on the program, except when the signing Universities decide to cover these costs through their own initiative or, in the case of enrolment fees, a grant is available.
5. Both parties commit to unify efforts in order to obtain funding from public and private institutions which will contribute to the program, and to mutually provide information regarding the options which exist for students at the other University to obtain grants or assistance.

VI. Student rights

1. The office or service for each of the parties which covers all the needs for coordinating and assisting the incoming students will notify them regarding accommodation options, and will provide guidance regarding the services generally provided by the University, and in particular for foreign students.
2. Participating students will receive teaching and will be evaluated in exactly the same way as the students at the receiving University. Likewise they will enjoy all rights and services which are provided to the student at the receiving University.

VII. Exchange of academic information

1. The parties will provide the appropriate mechanisms to share, send and receive whatever documentation or information is necessary for the proper implementation of the Program. Each University is responsible for sending the pertinent information, and is under an obligation to have the necessary human and technological resources in order to guarantee the authenticity and integrity of the information and documents transferred between the two parties.
2. The sending University will, prior to the exchange, provide the receiving University with the corresponding academic certificates, with express mention of the system of grading used, for each of the participating students for the purposes of transferring it to the Academic record.
3. The inter-university collaboration involves the transfer of personal data registered in physical support, for their further process and use. For this purpose, the parties agree not to use the personal data obtained as a result of the management of the double inter-university degree for a purpose other than that, which motivates the execution of this agreement, not to communicate to third parties without consent of those concerned, and to comply with security measures and other obligations under the legislation to protect the personal data of any involved person.

VIII. Issue of qualifications

1. In order to obtain the double degree, students will have to study and pass the subjects or modules which are described in Annex-I of this agreement. The signing Universities will reciprocally have to recognize the credits and qualifications obtained by the student which were taken at the other University, in accordance with the equivalences in Annex-I. To that end, Annex-I provides details of the system of equivalences between the two parties.
2. For the recognition referred to in the previous paragraph, the Universities will issue the corresponding comprehensive academic certificates covering the results of the student in terms of the subjects studied including the final grade. Recognition of credits studied at the other University could carry the corresponding fees, if established thus in their respective regulations, except when there are enrolment grants which cover the fees mentioned above.
3. Prior to the exchange or academic stay, the sending University will provide the receiving University with the corresponding academic certificates with the purpose of transferring them to the student's academic record, according to Annex IV.

IX. Payment for certificate issuing

1. In case that the active regulations of the participating universities require the fulfillment of some economic obligation for the issue of the Graduate certificates, then the students will have to pay, fulfilling the financial requirements directly to the University which has this prerequisite.

X. Academic coordinators and monitoring committee

1. UNIWA and the USM will each appoint an academic coordinator for the Masters program, who will be responsible for this agreement.
2. For the correct execution and monitoring of the agreement a mixed commission will be formed, made up of the previously mentioned coordinators and the legal representatives of each institution, or their delegated representatives. This commission will have to act whenever necessary in order to interpret the agreement, or for any other matter which may arise during its execution and which has to be resolved by both parties.

XI. Duration of the agreement

1. This agreement will come into force on the day it is signed by both institutions, and will be valid for four years, with tacit renewal for equal periods of time, as long as neither party expresses unequivocally their wish to not renew it through providing notice of at least six months prior to the end of its initial duration, or of any of the successive renewals which may occur.
2. When either of the participating universities cannot provide, within its academic prospectus, the studies during an academic course, they will have to notify the other at least 4 months prior to the start date of the academic activity.
3. In the case of the agreement coming to an end all actions already in progress will have to be completed.

XII. Modification and cancellation

1. The parties will be able to modify or extend this collaboration agreement through mutual consent through addenda to the same, which will have to be signed by the legal representatives of each institution following any necessary formal procedures.
2. Failure to meet any of the obligations forming party of this agreement could give rise to its cancellation at the behest of the affected party.
3. As proof of consent to that stipulated this agreement is undersigned in duplicate in the place and on the date indicated below.

In Aigaleo,

On 11 / 12 /2018

For the UNIWA



Signed: C. Moutzouris

In Chisinau,

On 07 / 12 /2018

For the USM



Signed: Gh. Ciocanu