

IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT FOR A DOUBLE MASTERS' DEGREE

Between

THE UNIVERSITY OF BORDEAUX

A public scientific, cultural and professional institution
Situating at 35, Place Pey-Berland, 33000 Bordeaux (France)
Represented by its President, Prof. Dean Lewis
Hereafter referred to as "UBx",

And

THE UNIVERSITY OF VERONA

Via dell'Artigliere, 8 Verona 37129 (Italy)
Represented by its Rector, Prof. Pier Francesco Nocini
Hereafter referred to as "UVr",

Collectively referred to hereafter as "the Parties".

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Having regard to the transmission of the present Agreement to the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research,

Having regard to the French Education Code, in particular Articles L. 123-7 and D.123-15 to D.123-22 referring to the missions of public higher education in international matters,

Having regard to Article L613-1 of the French Education Code and Articles D613-17 to D613-25 relating to degrees awarded in the context of international partnerships,

Having regard to the Decree of 22 January 2014 fixing the national framework leading to the awarding of national degrees,

Having regard to the Decree of 25 April 2002 relating to the national Masters' degree,

Having regard to the Decree of 26 May 2016 awarding UBx the right to award the French degree concerned by the present implementing agreement,

Having regard to the recommendation of the UBx (*Commission de Formation et de la Vie Universitaire*) relating to the creation of the university degree dated 27/03/2025

Having regard to the decision taken by UBx Council on November, 17th 2023 delegating power to the President of the University,

Having regard to the Framework Agreement fixing the different cooperation actions envisaged between the two establishments dated

Having regard to the recommendation of the UBx Academic and University Life Commission relating to the present Agreement dated 27/03/2025

Having regard to the recommendation of the UBx *Conseil de Collège* DSPEG relating to the present Agreement dated 11/03/2025

Having regard to the recommendation of the Conseil UF Council DSPEG relating to the present Agreement dated 20/02/2025

Having regard to the Italian University Reform, with particular reference to Double Degrees,

Having regard to the powers conferred to the Rector by art.13 of the Statute of the University of Verona to represent the University for official purposes,

IT HAS BEEN AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

Purpose

The purpose of the present Agreement is to establish the conditions of implementation and management of a double Master degree in International Economics and Business, hereafter referred to as the Program.

The present agreement sets out the rights and obligations of the Parties. The Parties are subject to the rules established in the present agreement as far as their responsibilities towards the students and the other Party are concerned.

ARTICLE 2

Degree awarded, legal framework and obligations of the Parties

2.1 DEGREES AWARDED

After having successfully completed the Program, the student will be awarded a double Master's degree recognized by the country of the Parties:

- At UBx the diploma awarded is: Master Mention "Economie internationale" Parcours "Economie, banque et finance internationales". The diploma will be delivered in French, in accordance with the national legislation in force.
- At UVr the title of the diploma awarded is: Master in International Economics and Business . The diploma will be delivered in Italian, in accordance with the national legislation in force.

When one of the Parties is constraint to change the name of the diploma mentioned above, it shall inform the other Party as soon as possible.

Graduates will receive a transcript of records in accordance with the regulations in effect at the Parties.

2.2 DEGREES ACCREDITATION

The degrees covered by the Program are registered in the country of each Party in accordance with their national legal rules. The Program will not begin before having been legally validated in both institutions and according to their internal legal rules.

If for any reason one of the Parties is no longer accredited to award the degree during the period concerned by this agreement, it will withdraw from the Program until it receives a new accreditation.

2.3 DUTIES OF PARTIES

The Parties undertake to do all that is necessary for the adequate preparation, implementation and management of the Program, acting in good faith and in such a manner as to respect the other Party in accordance with scientific and academic ethics.

ARTICLE 3 Coordination

3.1. STEERING COMMITTEES

Each Party will set up a steering committee that will oversee the academic and administrative coordination of the Program. The two steering committees will work in close collaboration.

At UBx:

- The academic coordination is guaranteed by Prof. Jean-Marie Cardebat and Dr. Raphaël Chiappini, Faculty of Economics, management and AES / Department of Law, political sciences, economics and management (DSPEG), email: jean-marie.cardebat@u-bordeaux.fr and raphael.chiappini@u-bordeaux.fr
- The administrative coordination is jointly guaranteed by the International Relations Office and by the Direction for Teaching Affairs.

At University of Verona:

- academic coordination will be carried out by, Prof. Simone Quercia, Prof. Angelo Zago (Department of Economics - DSE) and prof. Francesca Rossignoli (Department of Management – DIMA) email: simone.quercia@univr.it, angelo.zago@univr.it, francesca.rossignoli@univr.it;

- administrative coordination will be carried out by the Study Programs Unit.

If one of the coordinator changes, the Party concerned will inform the other as soon as possible.

The Steering Committee will undertake the following tasks:

- create the conditions necessary for the implementation of the agreement;
- agree on necessary adaptations and update the syllabus in the light of scientific developments and new teaching methods;
- suggest amendments to the present agreement if necessary;
- facilitate the annual procedure for the joint selection of students;
- define the assessment methods to be used for the evaluation of the Program as well as their implementation, particularly in anticipation of the renewal of the agreement.

The two steering committees will meet once a year as a rule: the meetings can take place also through conference call or video conference or e-mails, etc.

3.2. SELECTION COMMITTEE

The two Parties will recognise a single Selection Committee, made up at least of the academic coordinators of the two Parties. By mutual agreement, these coordinators may widen the Selection Committee to include other members. In this case, the academic coordinators will jointly chair the selection committee.

The Selection Committee is responsible for the selection of the students who apply to the Program (see details in article 5).

ARTICLE 4

Promotion of the Program

The Parties undertake to collaborate in the active promotion of the Program at international, national and local levels. Each party will use its networks to disseminate information aiming to promote the Program in an efficient and diverse manner.

ARTICLE 5

Administration of the Program and of exchanges

5.1. NUMBER OF STUDENTS AND BALANCE BETWEEN THE PARTIES

The number of double degree students to be exchanged is fixed up to maximum of 5 per year for each University. Provided that they meet the selection criteria, they will be able to participate whatever their country and establishment of origin. The Parties will ensure that,

over the period of the Agreement, a balance is maintained as to the number of students registered in their own establishment.

5.2. PROCEDURES AND APPLICATION DATES

In order to take part in the Program:

- Students at UBx should have gained a bachelor degree in economics sciences and the first year of the Master Economie Internationale from the Faculty of Economics, management and AES, UBx
- Students at University of Verona should apply through a Call for Application that will be published on a yearly basis a few months before the enrolment to the first year of the Master Programme. Students that are awarded one of the available places will also need to fulfil the merit requirements for their first year, defined in the same Call for Application.

Every year the Steering Committee will communicate all the relevant information about the application procedure.

The closing date for applications is fixed every year by the academic coordinators of the two Parties. The selection procedure will take place on the date decided annually by the Parties.

5.3. SELECTION CRITERIA

The Parties will select students on the following criteria:

- excellence of their academic training;
- compatibility with their academic career;
- motivation and open-mindedness of the student
- knowledge of English

5.4. APPLICATIONS

Any student interested in the Program must send the following documents to the Selection Committee:

- degree or other certificates;
- academic transcript;
- certificate of linguistic ability in English issued by the student's home establishment or by an internationally recognized language center [level B2]
- statement of purpose;
- *curriculum vitae*;
- copy of national identity document;

- any other document likely to help the Selection Committee to make its decision.

Apart from the copy of the national identity document and the academic certificates, all the documents will be submitted in the language in which the Program will be taught.

5.5. SELECTION PROCEDURE

Selection for the Program will include three stages, which will ensure the participation of both Parties in the selection of all the candidates:

1) Admissibility

This stage will be carried out by the administrative departments of the establishment where the student makes his application.

2) Pre-selection

After receiving the eligible applications sent by the administrative departments of his establishment, the academic coordinator of each party undertakes to draw up a list of pre-selected students, ranked in accordance with the selection criteria set out in article 5.3.

3) Selection

The list of preselected candidates is sent to the academic coordinator of the other Party, who may validate it or suggest modifications in accordance with his opposite number. The final list will then be communicated to all the candidates.

5.6. REGISTRATION AND MONITORING OF STUDENTS' PROGRESS

During the first year of the Program, the selected students will be registered in the establishment in which they made their initial application (hereafter "the home establishment", as distinct from "the host establishment"). During the second year, they will be registered with both Parties but will only pay tuition fees to the home establishment. For UBx students, this contribution is reassessed on an annual basis and amounts to €250 for the year 2024-2025.

Students participating in the Program will be required to pay registration fees to their home institution and will be exempt from the payment of these fees at the host institution. Specific charges may however apply as follows:

- Students at UBx must pay a Student Life Contribution (CVEC) on an annual basis to the Regional Student Social Services Center (CROUS). The payment of the CVEC is a prerequisite for administrative registration at UBx. The CVEC is designed to provide

support for student welcome as well as social, health, cultural and sports-related services. It also contributes to prevention and health education activities for students. This contribution is reassessed on an annual basis and amounts to €103 for the year 2024-2025. Students will be informed of the specific amount and the corresponding procedures upon the completion of their acceptance at UBx.

- Students at University of Verona must pay a regional student contribution (valid for the whole mobility period). The payment of this fee is a prerequisite for administrative registration at UVr. This contribution is reassessed on an annual basis and amounts to €202 for the year 2024-2025. Students will be informed of the specific amount and the corresponding procedures upon the completion of their acceptance at UVr.

Each Party is responsible for monitoring the progress of, and assessing, the students that it hosts and undertakes to supply the other Party with their academic transcript.

The collection and storage of data relating to students will be carried out in accordance with the rules in force for each Party.

5.7. EXCHANGE¹

Mobility will take place:

- During the first semester, second year (S3) at University of Verona
- During the first semester, second year (S3) at UBx

<i>UBx Students</i>		<i>Verona University Students</i>	
<i>S3</i>	<i>Verona University</i>	<i>S3</i>	<i>UBx</i>
<i>S4</i>	<i>UBx</i>	<i>S4</i>	<i>Verona University</i>

5.8. SYLLABUS

Students accepted for the Program will follow the syllabus included in an Annex to the present Agreement.

¹ During the first year of the Master (semesters 1 and 2), the students will stay at their home establishment.

5.9. EXAMINATIONS AND TRANSFER OF MARKS AND CREDITS

a. Recognition of examinations and evaluation procedures

The period of study will take place under the supervision of the host establishment and the student will be subject to the examinations or any other form of assessment in accordance with the rules of that establishment.

The Parties will cooperate in accordance with the principle of mutual recognition of examination results.

The *European Credit Transfer System* (hereafter “ECTS”), including the grading scale, will be fully applied. The universities use their own conversion tables of marks that refer to the respective national grading scale systems.

At the end of each semester, the Steering Committee of each establishment will communicate the students’ results to the other Party, including the grades and ECTS credits obtained.

Each module successfully completed by the student will lead to the number of ECTS credits defined in the syllabus; the final degree will be obtained after validation of 120 credits.

b. Joint supervision of Masters’ dissertations (where applicable)

The Masters’ dissertation will be written in English.

The dissertation work may be carried out in the host establishment, with the consent of both Parties and under the joint supervision of one lecturer from each party. In that case, the viva voce will take place at the home establishment, with a panel of lecturers from both Parties, physically present or by videoconference.

c. Repeating a year

If the student does not validate all his study agreement in the host establishment, he will not be awarded a degree from that establishment.

Failure in obtaining all the foreseen ECTS at the host institution leads to the failure in obtaining the double degree, but not necessarily the master degree at the home institution. The ECTS obtained during the exchange period (if any) could be recognized and inserted in the master degree study plan upon approval of the competent offices and Committee and according to each university rules.

5.10. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF STUDENTS

Each party must provide the students that it receives in the context of the Program with:

- help with obtaining a student visa;
- help with completing administrative procedures;
- help with finding accommodation;
- academic advice and orientation;
- access to complementary services (library, computers, restaurant).

The Parties undertake to provide the same services to students on the Program as to their other students. The Parties will not finance students' visas, health insurance, or accommodation or language lessons (except any that may be included in the Program syllabus).

Each party is responsible for informing its students of the possibility of scholarships and grants applicable to the Program.

Students must respect the laws and customs of the country and the policies and rules of the establishment where they are studying.

5.11. INSURANCE

Students must adhere to the rules in force in the host establishment:

For UBx:

- within the context of a mobility period lasting less than 3 months, students participating in the Program will not be covered by the French Social Security system; they must therefore provide proof of private health insurance coverage with no reimbursement limits for the entire duration of their stay in France;
- within the context of a mobility period lasting more than 3 months, students participating in the Program must register with the Local Public Health Insurance Office (CPAM) of Gironde for benefits under the French Social Security system, unless they can provide proof of private health insurance coverage with no reimbursement limits for the entire duration of their stay in France;
- all students admitted to UBx in the context of the Program, regardless of the length of their mobility period, must provide proof of (personal) civil liability insurance for the entire duration of their stay.

For UVr:

- all students participating in the Program will be covered by a compulsory student insurance provided by the University within a specific agreement with an insurance company. The cost of the insurance is normally around 15,00 euros.

All students taking part in the Program must be able to produce a certificate of insurance covering repatriation and civil liability (for a private individual) with unlimited cover and valid for the whole period of their stay in the host establishment.

ARTICLE 6

Financial details

6.1. COST OF THE PROGRAM

Students are responsible for financing the exchange, whether or not they are eligible for a study allowance from their home establishment.

Students are responsible for all the costs related to their exchange, in particular:

- accommodation, food and travel to the host country;
- health insurance, and medical costs not covered by such insurance;
- the cost of a passport and any necessary visas;
- books, clothes and personal expenditure;
- local travel costs;
- any other debt incurred during the exchange period.

6.2. GENERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Any funds generated by the Program may be used to finance it. In such a case, the Parties will draw up an Annex to the present Agreement in order to organize the distribution, administration and control of the finances.

ARTICLE 7

Quality assurance

The Parties will cooperate with any external evaluations set up by their respective governments, including those for obtaining certification in accordance with the legislation in the two countries.

The Steering Committees are responsible for the quality of the Program, and will take into account the interests of employers and the needs of students, as well as the qualitative evaluation of the students and personnel of the Parties in order that the Program should be constantly improved.

ARTICLE 8

Resolution of conflicts, validity, renewal, termination and amendments

8.1. RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS

Any conflict arising from the present Agreement, concerning its interpretation, its non-validity, its execution or its termination, as well as conflicts concerning the addition of complementary elements or its adaptation to new conditions, will be resolved in accordance with the provisions of the Framework Agreement mentioned in the preamble.

8.2. VALIDITY AND RENEWAL

This Agreement shall enter into force starting in the Academic Year 2025/2026. It shall remain valid until the expiry of the Framework Cooperation Agreement cited in its preamble.

If for any reason, during the term of the agreement, one of the Parties is no longer authorized/accredited to issue the diploma mentioned above, this will lead to the termination of the Program.

The expiry of the present Agreement will not prevent the continuation up to their term of the cooperative actions begun during its period of validity.

After the expiry of the present Agreement and the assessment of the cooperation actions conducted under it, a new Agreement may be drawn up, subject to the validation procedures in force. The expiry of the present Agreement will not prevent the continuation up to their term of cooperative actions begun during its period of validity. Students that have enrolled into the double degree are granted the right to terminate it within the normal time frame even in the case of a termination of the agreement.

8.3. TERMINATION

The present Agreement may be terminated by one of the Parties with six (6) months' notice, such termination not coming into force before the end of the academic year nor before the end of ongoing cooperative actions. Students that have enrolled into the double degree are granted the right to terminate it within the normal time frame even in the case of a termination of the agreement.

8.4. AMENDMENTS

Any modifications to the present Agreement, carried out by mutual agreement and drawn up in the form of an amendment, will be subject to a validation procedure identical to that for the establishment of the present Agreement.

ARTICLE 9
Language and number of copies

The present Agreement is drawn up in two copies in English.

For Bordeaux University

Bordeaux, 18/04/2025


Dean Lewis
President



For Verona University

Verona, 21/05/2025


Prof. Pier Francesco Nocini
Rector



ANNEX 1 – Study Plans

Table of correspondence between exams at UVr and UBx, to be used only by UBx according to its administrative procedures / Table de correspondance à utiliser exclusivement par UBx selon ses procédures administratives

REGISTRATION FORM (FICHE D'INSCRIPTION) TO MASTER 2 EXAM / FICHE D'INSCRIPTION A L'EXAMEN DE MASTER 2

Master 2 in *Economie internationale-Economie, Banque et Finance Internationales* Double Degree Master Program Bordeaux-Verona

Reserved to students from BORDEAUX

Semester 3 completed at the University of Verona for a total of 30 ECTS

MSc – International Economics and Business	
	ECTS
1. Export decisions, FDI, and global value chains	9
2. International trade and development	9
3. Quantitative methods for international markets	3
4. Economics of incentives and motivation	9
Total	30

Semester 4 to be completed at the University of Bordeaux for a total of 30 ECTS

Master 2 Economie, Banque et Finance Internationales	
	ECTS
UE 2.2.1 : Mémoire de recherche ou stage long dans un organisme ou service de recherche	20
UE 2.2.2 : Grand Oral	8
UE 2.2.3 : Séminaire de recherche	2
Total	30

Table of correspondence between exams at University of Verona and UBx, to be used only by UBx according to its administrative procedures / Table de correspondance à utiliser exclusivement par UBx selon ses procédures administratives

REGISTRATION FORM (FICHE D'INSCRIPTION) TO MASTER 2 EXAM / FICHE D'INSCRIPTION A L'EXAMEN DE MASTER 2

Master 2 in *Economie internationale-Economie, Banque et Fiance Internationales* Double Degree Master Program Bordeaux-Verona

Reserved to students from VERONA

Semester 3 completed at the University of Bordeaux for a total of 30 ECTS

Master 2 Economie, Banque et Finance Internationales	ECTS
1.International trade and Foreign direct investment	8
2.Development and growth	7
3.Import-export technique	8
4.Strategic analysis-case studies	7
Total	30

Semester 4 completed at the University of Verona for a total of 30 ECTS

MSc – International Economics and Business	
	ECTS
1. " 1. Reporting and cost accounting OR International business and governance"	6
2. Activities to be chosen by the student	9
3. Final exam	15
Total	30

Annex 2

Master academic and administrative coordination in each participating university

❖ Academic coordination

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