



Double Degree Master Program¹ 2014/15

The double degree programs enable students to obtain, in addition to the degree from the home university, the full degree of the partner university after completing a given number of semesters and courses/credits abroad. The double degree program is designed so as it typically fits into four semesters. In addition, participating in a double degree program is a great opportunity to gain international and intercultural experience.

As a result of one year of preparatory work a Double Degree Agreement between the **Department of Public Policy and Management**, Faculty of Economics, Corvinus University of Budapest and the **Faculty of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences**, Babes-Bolyai University (Cluj, Romania) was concluded.

ACCORDING TO THE AGREEMENT:

- Students studying at Corvinus (i) either in the Hungarian language "MSc Közgazdálkodás és Közpolitika" or (ii) in the English language "MSc in Public Policy and Management"; and
- Students studying at BBU (i) in the English language "MA in Public Policy and Nonprofit Institutions Management" and (ii) "MA in Public Administration" programs

may take part in the education program of the partner university.

If the prescribed number of credits at the host institutions is acquired (usually requiring at least one semester of studies) then the participating student receives, in addition to the home university's degree, the Master's Degree of the partner institution too.

ACADEMIC RECORD AND ACCREDITATION

The host institution shall evaluate the academic performance of each student according to its rules and shall send the home institution the academic record/transcript of each exchange student. The home university should determine the academic credit to be granted to their students for courses completed after the duration of study at the host university.

¹ Annex to the Double Degree Agreement between Corvinus University of Budapest and Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Students wishing to obtain the degree from the partner institution have to take a minimum of 42 ECTS Credits (excluding thesis work) from the host institution's (that is, other than the home institution's) suggested core courses.

As different courses are offered in each semester, applicants are advised to get informed about the sample course list, and plan their studies accordingly.

The exact list of the courses to be completed in the host institution is always described in the Learning Agreement, which is to be finalized by the Executive Steering Committee of the Program, together with the applicant before the Dual Degree Program commences.

ADMISSION

Admission is open to any student of BBU and CUB pursuing a degree in the fields covered by this Agreement. Please note however, that an admission interview (in English) will be administered by the Selection Committee (delegated by the Steering Committee) at the Sending Institution, that might supersede the official language exam, should the Selection Committee find it appropriate.

The deadline for application is November 15 in each year, for both the upcoming Fall and Spring semesters.

The formal decision of the Selection Committee is announced by May 31 by email.

COMPLETING THE DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAM

The requirements of gaining the MSc diploma in Public Policy and Management programme are as follows.

Every participant must complete 42 ECTS credits at the Partner Institution. Some of the 42 ECTS credits can be gained at off-site courses, offered by CUB lecturers at BBU, and BBU lecturers at CUB.

In addition to this, the completion of catch-up courses may be required from students lagging behind in some basic competence areas (such as Statistics and Economics). However, a sound theoretical basis and good academic performance is needed to gain access to the Program.



SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE EXAM

Students are required to successfully complete the Comprehensive Exam. The Comprehensive Exam for students is compiled of the topics of the professional core courses. The Comprehensive Exam is to be completed in the fourth semester at the home university at the time of the Thesis Defense (Final Exam).

FAILING IN THE DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAM

Should the Participant fail to complete 42 ECTS credits at the Host Institution, he/she should drop out of the Double Degree Program. However, the Participant might continue his/her studies at the Home Institution, which might lead to a Single Degree upon the completion of studies.

THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The actual CUB academic calendar is published annually on the CUB website at <http://economics.uni-corvinus.hu>.

In principle, the CUB academic year begins on the second Monday in September and ends mid- June. The first (autumn/winter) semester starts on the second Monday in September and ends on or around 31 January. The second (spring/summer) semester starts at the beginning of February and ends mid- June. A semester is divided into the following two blocks: The term time and the exam period.

The actual BBU academic calendar is published annually on the BBU website at www.ubbcluj.ro

In principle, the BBU academic year begins on the first Monday of October and ends mid- June. The first (autumn/winter) semester starts on the first Monday of October and ends around 10 February. The second (spring/summer) semester starts at the end of February and ends end of June. A semester is divided into the following two blocks: The term time and the exam period.

COSTS AND GRANTS

The current Agreement provides tuition waivers for the students of BBU and CUB, who wish to participate in the Double Degree Program.

This program does not cover living and other expenses (including international travel, accommodation, books, supplies, meals, health insurance, and other incidental expenses arising out of the program), resulting from lifestyle preferences, therefore participants are well advised to secure their own funding for the semester spent in the Host Institution even before they are granted access to the Double Degree Program.



Visiting students shall have the same rights and obligations as domestic students. They should bear the same costs and receive the same benefits as the ordinary students of the Host Institution.

A limited number of Erasmus Scholarships may be available to fund some of the Program Participants' costs, depending on the decision of the Home Institution.

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