

**JOINT AGREEMENT FOR DOUBLE DEGREE
BETWEEN**

IL POLITECNICO DI MILANO
The Schools of Engineering

AND

THE ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI
Faculty of Engineering

Preamble

This Joint Agreement stems from the desire of its signatories, the two above-named Institutions, in the spirit of European co-operation, to set up and develop a system of academic exchanges, in the spirit of the principles set out by the statutes of the TIME (Top Industrial Manager for Europe) network.

This European awareness, present in both Institutions, thus forms the basis for them to co-operate, in their dual sphere of teaching and research, within the framework of existing and future programmes promoted by the Commission of European Community.

Hence the Politecnico di Milano (the Schools of Engineering) with legal domicile in piazza Leonardo da Vinci 32, 20133 Milano (Italy), represented in this deed by its Rector's Deputy for International Relations, Prof. Giancarlo Spinelli, as identified in the Rector Decree of delegation n. 94/AG of January 14th 2003 and the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH) with legal domicile in Administration Building, University Campus and represented by the Rector, Professor Ioannis Mylopoulos and by the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Professor Nikolaos Margaris have decided to embark on an exchange of students that will culminate in the award of the degrees of both Institutions under the conditions specified hereunder.

Article 1: For students of the PM

PM students who have taken the "Laurea" and can be admitted to the "Laurea Magistrale" are entitled to continue their curriculum in the fourth and fifth year at the AUTH.

The latter years shall be fully recognised, and the examinations of the courses taken at AUTH, replaced as equivalent to examinations taken at the PM, shall be specified case by case.

After return to the PM, students who have obtained 120 ECTS credits shall attend the second year of the "Corso di laurea Magistrale".

They shall produce a final thesis in Italian or Greek and English, which shall be presented at both Institutions. In all cases, a written summary will be presented in the other languages. Thereafter they shall be awarded the "Laurea Magistrale in Ingegneria" at the PM and "Diploma in Engineering" at the AUTH.

The general programme of studies must be approved in advance by both Institutions for each student enrolled.

Article 2: For students of the AUTH

Students of the AUTH who have attended the third year of their degree course shall be entitled to continue their curriculum at the PM.

They will continue their curriculum at the PM in the first and second year of the "laurea Magistrale" course.

These years shall be fully recognised, and the examinations of the courses taken at PM, that are replaced as equivalent to examinations taken at the AUTH, shall be specified case by case. After return to the AUTH, the students shall attend the fifth year of their degree course.

They shall produce a final thesis in Italian or Greek and English, which shall be presented at both Institutions. In all cases, a written summary will be presented in the other languages. Thereafter they shall be awarded the "Laurea Magistrale in Ingegneria" at the PM and "Diploma in Engineering" at the AUTH.

The general programme of studies must be approved in advance by both Institutions for each student enrolled.

Article 3

Every year a maximum of 5 exchange students per institution will pay applicable tuition and fees, only to their home University. No fees will be paid to the host institution for the entire period of the exchange.

Students exceeding the above-mentioned number will have the possibility to be enrolled in each institution. Such students will have to follow the selection and admittance procedures determined in this agreement, but they will have to pay tuition fees foreseen for local students at the host institution, unless agreed differently by written communication between the parties.

Article 4

Where possible, the two parties will produce the transcripts of records of the exchange students reporting also the marks according to the ECTS scales.

Where not possible, they will provide information on the distribution curve of marks.

Moreover, where an entrance selection is practiced, the success percentage will be given.

Article 5

The host Institution shall appoint, for each student, a tutor to whom he/she may apply for advice or assistance during his/her stay in the host country.

Article 6

The Authorities responsible at both Institutions shall decide, by 30th April of each year, the number of students to be admitted to the exchange.

The selection shall be based on academic results and knowledge of Italian and Greek.

Article 7

Expenses for travel and accommodation will be to students' account. The host Institution engages to help students in their incoming procedures and in obtaining the same facilities foreseen for their students and/or scholarships.

Before students' departure, the home institution must guarantee that exchange students have purchased the required insurance.

Exchange students will pay applicable tuition and fees only to their respective home Institution. No fees will be paid to the host institution for the entire period of the exchange.

Article 8

The Politecnico di Milano and the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki shall take all necessary joint actions vis-à-vis governments and the Commissions of the European Community to secure financial aid for the Programme.

Article 9

The persons responsible for the Programme at both Institutions shall meet at least once a year in order to:

- review the effectiveness of the teaching programmes;
- examine the academic results achieved by the students in the light of Institutions' joint effort;
- propose further actions.

Article 10

The obligations relevant to information, training and setting-up of the needed prevention and protection measures, are defined within a specific document between the parties, annexed to the present agreement.

Article 11

This Agreement shall come into force immediately after the signature of the responsible University Authorities.

It will last five years, and can be renewed after verification of the activities developed during its duration and provided that the two parties agree on renewal.

This agreement may be amended by the mutual consent of the parties hereto. Any party may withdraw from this agreement at any time, and the agreement will terminate one hundred eighty days after the date of the written communication of the withdrawal to the partner institution. In such an event, all action previously undertaken shall nevertheless be completed.

Article 12

The parties agree to solve in a friendly manner any controversy rising from the interpretation of the present agreement.

In the event that the disagreement cannot be resolved, the issue(s) will be submitted for arbitration; each party will appoint a member of the arbitration panel, and one member will be chosen by mutual consent.

Article 13

In order to promote joint actions in education and research, the PM and AUTH shall encourage:

- exchanges of students, university staff and researchers;
- study sessions, workshop, and seminars on previously agreed subjects;
- exchange of information, documents and scientific publications;
- student exchanges involving work experience or visits to companies.

The exchange of persons shall comply with the regulations and procedures in force at the home Institutions.

Article 14

The signing of this agreement does not entail any financial obligation for the parties.

Article 15

This agreement has been written in Italian, Greek and English with the same content.

For the Politecnico di Milano
The Rector's Deputy
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Prof. Giancarlo Spinelli



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The Rector
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