



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR
DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAMME
BETWEEN
VILNIUS GEDIMINAS TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY
AND
DNIPRO UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**

Vilnius Gediminas Technical University (VGTU), hereinafter referred to as *VGTU*, with its legal domicile in Vilnius, Lithuania, represented by the Vice-Rector for Strategic Partnership, Dr Asta Radzevičienė, authorised to sign the cooperation agreements following the Rector's order No. 583 As of 19 June 2017

and

Dnipro University of Technology (DniproTech) hereinafter referred to as *DniproTech*, with a legal domicile in Dnipro, Ukraine, represented by the Vice-Rector on International Relations, Prof. Oleksandr Shashenko

hereinafter referred to as *partner institutions*,

agree to implement the objectives of a double degree programme based on the following provisions below

Part 1. Exchange Principles and Mobility Period

1. The double degree programme will allow students of the partner institutions to obtain VGTU and DniproTech degrees, and the double degree option will only be available for students enrolled in the selected degree programmes at the partner institutions.
2. The *home institution* is the university where the students start their degree-seeking studies and apply to participate in the double degree programme. *The host institution* is the university where the students participating in the double degree programme spend their mobility period.
3. The duration of the mobility period is one academic year, representing at least 25% of the degree credits required by the host institution.
4. The mobility period for partner institution students participating in the double degree programme will start at the beginning of the Autumn or Spring semester, after the first 4-5 semesters at the *home institution*. Students participating in the double degree programme will maintain their enrolment at their home university during the mobility period at the *host institution*.
6. The study programme for each double degree student will consist of regular courses available at the *host institution* and will be determined in consultation with academic advisors from both the *home* and *host institutions*. The academic performance during the mobility period will be evaluated according to the rules of the *home* or *host institution*, as appropriate.
7. Each institution may receive 3-4 double degree students per year, however this number is based on understanding that both institutions will strive to keep a reciprocal balance for the duration of the MoU.

Part 2. Tuition Fees

8. Double degree students will be exempt from paying tuition fee to the *host institution* on parity basis. However, double degree students will not be exempt in the case of penalty fees, as defined by the regulations of the *host institution*.
9. Double degree students from DniproTech beyond the parity will pay the *host institution* standard/regular tuition fee for non-EU/ EEA residents during the mobility period at the host institution.
10. The tuition fee for non-EU/ EEA residents each year is revised and approved by the VGTU Council. The tuition fee for 2018- 2019 academic year is provided in ANNEX 3 and will be complemented each year. The tuition fee should be paid before the 1st September for Autumn semester and 1st February for Spring semester.



Part 3. Student Eligibility

10. The double degree option will only be available for students enrolled in the VGTU BSc Economics Engineering programme and at DniproTech in BSc Economics programme.
11. To be eligible for the double degree programme, students must be full-time, degree-seeking students at their *home institution*, have completed their first four semesters of study with a GPA (Grade Point Average) no less than 74 points for DniproTech students and no less than 7 points for VGTU students, and meet any specific admission requirements of the *host institution*, including English language requirements. The ECTS transfer scale is enclosed in ANNEX 2.
12. Additional eligibility requirements, such as a higher minimal GPA, amount of earned credits, and enrolment into a specific degree programme, may be specified separately in the regulations of the partner institutions.

Part 4. Credit Transfer and Double Degree Awards

13. Credits obtained at the *home institution* will be officially recognized and transferred to the *host institution* when determining the individual study programme for each student. Credits obtained at the *host institution* will be officially recognized and transferred to the *home institution* at the end of the mobility period. Each *partner institution* will use their standard procedures for credit transfer.
14. VGTU will award the Bachelor's degree of Social Sciences in Economics (BSc) to DniproTech students who successfully participate in the double degree programme mobility period and complete all the VGTU degree requirements, including a BSc thesis defence in front of a committee chaired by VGTU and academic representation from DniproTech. VGTU degree, if awarded, will also be accompanied by a "Europass" degree supplement document (<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/>).
15. DniproTech will award the Bachelor's degree of Economics (BSc) to VGTU students who successfully participate in the double degree programme mobility period and complete all the DniproTech degree requirements.
16. The *host institution* will individually provide official transcripts (in English) for all double degree students participating in the double degree programme, regardless of their eligibility to obtain the degree mentioned in provision 15 or 16. The transcripts will include the list of courses and credits taken at the *host institution* during the mobility period.

Part 5. Student Selection and Admission

17. The *partner institutions* will actively promote the opportunities provided by the double degree programme among their students, and the respective international student offices will also provide assistance to prospective applicants.
18. The student selection will be conducted on a transparent and competitive basis at the *home institution*.
19. The *host institution* will make the final decision on the acceptance of each student.

Part 6. Provisions Related to Mobility Period

20. Students participating in the double degree programme must have valid healthcare insurance for the country of the *host institution* for the whole duration of the mobility period. Proof of such healthcare insurance must be provided in English.
21. The *host institution* will issue all necessary documents free of charge related to the legal (immigration) procedures to enter and stay in the country of the *host institution*. The visa and residency permit charges (if any) will have to be paid by the individual student.

Part 7. Exclusions and Disciplinary Measures

22. Students participating in the double degree programme must respect all written and applicable regulations and ethical norms of the *host institution* during the mobility period.
23. In case students fail to attend classes and/or laboratory sessions or fails to participate in the midterm and final exams at the *host institution*, they may be requested to return to their *home institution* and their double degree programme suspended or terminated based on the unanimous decision of the *partner institutions*.



Part 8. Other Provisions

24. Double degree students will be responsible for their personal expenses, including accommodation, travel, food, general living costs, and healthcare fees.
25. *Unexpected cancellation of student mobility*: the *partner institutions* reserve the right to cancel with an immediate notice or compensation any student mobility. Specifically, in the event of force majeure (for example, but not limited to acts of nature, such as fire, earthquake, hurricane, flood, or terrorist attacks), the *partner institutions* are free from the responsibility.
26. *Limitation of liability of partner institutions*: if it becomes impossible for a student to participate in the double degree programme due to force majeure, visa or health problems, or any other reason not attributed to the *partner institutions*, the latter ones are free of any responsibility. In such cases, the students will be allowed to continue their studies at their *home institution* and will be provided with an academic transcript from the *host institution*.
27. Each *partner institution* has the right to discontinue the double degree programme for new students enrollment based on 3 months advance written notice. Yet the existing arrangement for all students who have been enrolled in the double degree programme shall be completed.
28. In case of any discrepancies in interpretation of the Cooperation Agreement, its English version shall have the priority.
29. Each *partner institution* designates the following academic staff members to serve as the liaison to coordinate and facilitate the activities under this agreement:

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Part 9. Confidentiality

30. During the term of this Memorandum the Parties guarantee the information are absolutely confidential between the Parties and shall not be disclosed to anyone else.

Part 10. Term of Validity

31. This MoU will come into force upon the signatures of the designated signatories of both partners and will be automatically renewed every five years unless official notice to terminate is received from either party.



Signed in Vilnius, Lithuania
on 30 May, 2018

Dr Asta Radzevičienė
Vice-Rector for Strategic Partnerships
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Signed in Dnipro, Ukraine

on 25 June, 2018

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