

**Agreement  
on the Establishment of the Joint Degree Programme  
"International Master of Science in Advanced Mineral Resources Development"**

between

TU Bergakademie Freiberg, Germany

Montanuniversitaet Leoben, Austria

and the

National Mining University Dnipropetrowsk, Ukraine

**Preamble**

Within the framework of the International University of Resources, the three partner institutions TU Bergakademie Freiberg, Montanuniversitaet Leoben, and the National Mining University Dnipropetrowsk, Ukraine (hereinafter referred to as partner institution(s)) have decided to establish a joint study programme with the present agreement.

The purpose of this initiative is to enhance international study options and to develop the international relations among the three partner institutions.

In the following text the term "joint degree programme" will be solely used to refer to "joint study programme" or "joint degree programme".

**Article 1  
Subject of Arrangement**

- (1) The partner institutions will establish the joint degree programme "International Master of Science in Advanced Mineral Resources Development".
- (2) The joint degree programme shall be implemented and carried out in compliance with the national law applicable in the respective states.
- (3) By receiving a diploma certificate from each of the partner institutions, this joint degree programme enables students, upon the successful fulfilment of the conditions indicated in this agreement, to obtain an academic degree that has the legal effects of the corresponding academic degrees of all the three partner institutions.

**Article 2**  
**International Committee**

- (1) An international committee will be formed for the execution of this agreement.
- (2) The committee shall consist of two representatives from each partner institution and shall hold meetings at regular intervals.
- (3) The international committee makes key decisions in all matters that concern the collaboration among the partner institutions. Furthermore, the committee is in charge of the activities as indicated in Article 6 of the present agreement.
- (4) The activities of the committee however will not involve legal competences as they are regulated in the respective countries of the partner institutions.
- (5) The decisions of the committee are to be approved, if necessary, by the competent body responsible for study law before obtaining legal force.
- (6) The committee shall have quorum with four members, provided that every university is represented at the meeting. The decisions are made by a majority vote.

**Article 3**  
**Structure of the joint degree programme**

- (1) The degree programme "International Master of Science in Advanced Mineral Resources Development" comprises 120 ECTS credits. This corresponds to four semesters (two academic years) of completed university studies. Approx. 30 ECTS credits can be earned per semester.
- (2) All participating students complete their first semester of the joint degree programme at the Montanuniversitaet Leoben, the second semester at the TU Bergakademie Freiberg, and the third semester at the National Mining University Dnipropetrowsk. The fourth semester, which is set aside for the master's thesis, can be completed at any of the three partner universities. This sequence is compulsory for all students.
- (3) The joint degree programme starts in the winter semester.

**Article 4**  
**Admission Requirements**

- (1) For every academic year, the partner institutions will decide jointly on the maximum number of available study places. The decision is based on a proposal from the international committee.
- (2) Participating students are required to meet the following general conditions:
  - a. All students must have earned an academic degree (with a required study duration of at least seven semesters) from a recognized domestic or foreign post-secondary educational institution in the field mining or relevant fields.
  - b. Besides the technical expertise, participating students must provide proof of English proficiency by means of a recognized language test, e.g. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a test score of at least 78/79 points (internet-based test) or 213 points (computer-based test) or 550 points (paper-based test). The International English Language Test System (IELTS) with a score of at least 6.0 as well as equivalent tests with proper results may also be acknowledged. Applicants who are English native-speakers or graduated from

a degree programme with English as the language of instruction are exempt from this regulation.

- c. Meeting of the criteria as agreed (Article 6) on the basis of assessments by the international committee
- (3) According to Article 4, Paragraph 2, letter a, relevant fields refer in particular to
- a. Mining
  - b. Tunnelling
  - c. Geotechnical engineering
  - d. Processing of mineral resources
  - e. Applied geosciences
  - f. Mine-surveying
  - g. Industrial engineering
- (4) The admission to one partner institution shall be deemed as fulfilling the admission requirements of the other partner institutions.

#### **Article 5 Application**

- (1) Applications for admission are to be made to either one of the following institutions:
- International University Centre of the TU Freiberg or
  - National Mining University Dnipropetrowsk or
  - the programme director of the degree programme Mineral Resources at the Montanuniversitaet Leoben
- (2) Students must submit the following documents:
- application for admission to the joint degree programme
  - proof of academic degree (copy)
  - in case the academic degree was not earned at one of the three partner institutions, diplomas are to be certified in compliance with the national legislation where the application is submitted
  - proof of English language proficiency according to Article 4, Paragraph 2, Letter b.
  - letter of recommendation from one of the international committee members

#### **Article 6 Selection of the Candidates**

- (1) Students will be screened for eligibility for admission by the international committee. In the course of a meeting, the committee will award the maximum number of programme places available for the respective academic year to the applicants who meet the admission requirements as stated in Article 4.
- a. record of previous academic achievements
  - b. type of previous studies: students with a focus in the field of mining are given priority
  - c. language proficiency

- (2) Subsequent to the selection process, a list of applicants will be sent to all partner institutions to complete the admission process in accordance with the admission requirements of the respective partner institution.

#### **Article 7**

#### **Enrolment, Tuition, Living Arrangements**

- (1) Participating students will be enrolled at all partner institutions in compliance with general admission requirements, for the duration of the entire degree programme. Participants will be governed by the same regulations that pertain to other students at the partner institution.
- (2) Tuition fees for participating students will be waived by the partner institutions. Students however are not exempt from fees (e.g. Association for Student Affairs, Austrian Student Union, semester fee) and costs for additional services that result from their sojourn. Travel costs, living expenses, accommodation, health insurance and other study related costs will be borne by the students.
- (3) The partner institutions will assist the students, to the fullest extent possible, in arranging suitable housing in dormitories, and will assist them in applying for student grants.
- (4) Students are required to produce evidence of health insurance for each country of the partner institutions.

#### **Article 8**

#### **Curriculum, Exams, Grades**

- (1) The mandatory courses of each partner institution are listed in Attachment 1 (curriculum). The partner institutions shall fully recognize exams and academic achievements accomplished at the other partner institutions.
- (2) Detailed regulations that concern the number, content, type, and scope of the courses are established in the study documents of each partner institution where the respective courses are taken.
- (3) Detailed regulations that concern the number, content, type, scope and prerequisites of the exams are established in the statute on study law of each partner institution where the respective exams are taken.
- (4) The study documents for the joint degree programme "International Master of Science in Advanced Mineral Resources Development" shall be provided in English to the partner institutions and the participating students.
- (5) The language of instruction and examination, except for the language courses, is English.
- (6) After a hearing before the international committee, students shall submit the subject of their master's thesis at the partner institution where the thesis work will be supervised, and present it to the respective institute or competent body legitimized for approval or disapproval. Generally, the master's thesis shall be written in English. Individual exceptions may be made.
- (7) The partner institution, where the course achievement was made, shall transfer the course and exam grades into the grading systems of the other two partner institutions. Grades are transferred in accordance with a system set out in Enclosure 2 of this agreement.

**Article 9**  
**Certificate, Transcript, Diploma Supplement**

- (1) Upon successful completion of the programme as prescribed by the joint curriculum, the three partner institutions will award their respective academic degrees to the participating students (Attachment 3).
- (2) The TU Bergakademie Freiberg confers the academic degree "Master of Science" (M.Sc.).
- (3) The National Mining University Dnipropetrowsk confers the academic degree "Magister".
- (4) Montanuniversitaet Leoben confers the academic degree "Diplomingenieur" (Dipl.-Ing.)
- (5) But students earn one academic degree only with three diploma certificates that differ in wording. Depending on the country, graduates may hold the respective title.
- (6) The so-called "Bridging Document", which shall be signed by all of the three partner institutions, gives definitions for the academic titles from the individual partner institutions, and further indicates that the three diploma certificates refer to one academic degree only.
- (7) Furthermore, students shall receive a transcript from each partner institution that is issued in English as well as in the respective national language, which shall include all grades achieved in the course of their studies. All grades are based on the grading system of the respective partner institution (Enclosure 5). The transcript must indicate that the degree programme completed is a joint degree provided that it does not infringe national provisions.
- (8) In addition, students will receive a "Diploma Supplement" set out in Enclosure 6. The Diploma Supplement will be issued by the partner institution where the master's thesis was completed and successfully defended.

**Article 10**  
**Implementing Procedures**

- (1) Each partner institution appoints a programme director as a member of the international committee in order to ensure that the joint degree is carried out in a sound manner and that the conditions of the present agreement are respected.
- (2) The master's thesis and the utilisation of its results are subject to the legal provisions of the respective state (in particular concerning copyright and industrial property rights).
- (3) In consideration of Article 4, Paragraph 1, each partner institution agrees to accept (to enrol) a minimum of five students per academic year.
- (4) All terms of this agreement that entail financial obligations for the partner institutions are only considered effective, if and insofar the respective partner institution responsible gives its consent.

**Article 11**  
**Closing Provisions**


- (1) This agreement will come into effect from the date of the signature by all rectors and is issued in English (in triplicate). Each partner institution receives one copy.

- (2) This agreement is in effect for an initial period of three study years, and may be extended if jointly agreed.
- (3) This agreement can be terminated by each partner institution giving six months prior notice in writing to the end of the academic year. Students who have not completed the degree programme at the date of termination or the expiration of the agreement, shall have the possibility to complete their studies at the partner institutions.



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**Anlagen:**

1. Curriculum
2. Tabelle zur Notenumrechnung und Festlegung der Vergabe von Auszeichnungen
3. Muster der Einzelurkunden (englisch, deutsch, ukrainisch/russisch)
4. Muster gemeinsames Zertifikat (englisch)
5. Muster Zeugnisse (englisch, deutsch, ukrainisch/russisch)
6. Muster Diploma Supplement

**Annex / Enclosures:**

1. Curriculum
2. Chart for the transfer of grades and system for the determination of distinction
3. Template of the individual certificates (English, German, Ukrainian/Russian)
4. Template of the joint diploma certificate (English)
5. Template of the certificates (English, German, Ukrainian/Russian)
6. Template of the Diploma Supplements