

Guidelines for Double doctorate and Joint doctorates agreements

Definition

The double doctorate agreement offers to the candidates the opportunity to extend the PhD curriculum with a period at an host partner institution

Joint titles

Two kind of joint doctorates are foreseen, to be set forth in the area of specific agreements between the two entities.

- Joint degrees
- Joint doctoral thesis

In both cases the training path is one, the minimum duration is 3 years in accordance with the law. The length of the period at the host university will be of at least 12 months. The universities agree about the training programme which the candidate has to follow.

In the Joint doctorate all the rules, established by the PhD School, have to be followed in order to obtain the title and in particular it will be mandatory to have at least 30 ECTS credits of doctoral level teaching.

In the joint doctoral thesis the PhD candidate will follow the lead of two supervisors, one for each institution, who will follow jointly the PhD candidate's research programme.

In both cases a single diploma will be issued jointly, in the case of joint doctoral thesis, the diction "Doctorate from institution X in co-tutelle with institution Y" will be mentioned.

The logo of both institutions, where the PhD candidate carried out his/her activities, will be reproduced.

Double doctorate

The double doctorate degrees are issued after an additional working load equivalent to one year (or 60 ECTS credits), for a total equivalent to a workload of 4 years (or 240 ECTS credits) carried out totally at the both institutions (4 years) and that the period spent in the host institution is at least 18 months.

In view of the attainment of the two titles, the candidate is required an extra work compared to that expected from the normal curriculum at his/her institution of origin. Credits earned at the host institution and transferred to the institution of origin count only once in the calculation of total credits.

Each institution issues the title independently, in compliance with the requirements arranged in the agreement.

In special cases the additional working load can be reduced to one semester (or 30 credits) for a total working load equivalent to 7 semesters (or 210 ECTS credits) carried out totally at both institutions in second-level courses.

This option can only be applied with very prestigious institutions, and only in compliance with the approval of the Academic Senate, following the opinion of the PhD School Council.

European programmes

In the area of European Commission programmes, where the constraint, explicitly mentioned, that the second level double title does not provide more than 180 credits, it is possible to draw up agreements in that way, in the case of prestigious institutions and in compliance with the approval of the Academic Senate, following the opinion of the PhD School.

The agreements will have to indicate that this opportunity is applied only where the project results winning in the area of the connected programme of European Commission.

In the case of joint programmes the title arranged by the consortium will be issued, with the indication "equivalent to" Title nationally accredited and included in the ministerial registry office.

In general, the diploma will reproduce the logo of institutions where the PhD candidate carried out his/her activities, but in the case that the agreement requires that, the Academic Senate will assess the opportunity to insert all the logo of the consortium's institutions