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## DOUBLE-DEGREE AGREEMENT

between

the UNIVERSITAT POLITÈCNICA DE CATALUNYA, Barcelona, Spain

and

the INSTITUT POLYTECHNIQUE DE GRENOBLE, Grenoble, France

### THE PARTIES

Of the one part, the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya ·BarcelonaTech (UPC), whose address is Carrer Jordi Girona, 31, 08034 Barcelona, Spain, and whose tax identification number (NIF) is Q0818003F, represented herein by its rector, Prof. Daniel Crespo Artiaga, appointed by Decree Decree 115/2021 (published on June 3, 2021 in DOGC no. 8424), who acts by virtue of the powers granted to him in Article 20 of Organic Law 6/2001, of 21 December, on Universities and articles 67, 68, and 169 of the UPC Statutes, which were approved in Government Decision GOV/43/2012, of 29 May (*Official Gazette of the Catalan Government* no. 6140, of 1 June 2012).

And of the other part, Institut Polytechnique de Grenoble – Grenoble INP - UGA, a public institution for scientific, cultural and professional cooperation, governed by French laws, whose legal address is 46 avenue Félix Viallet, 38031 Grenoble Cedex 1, France represented by its President, Prof. Pierre Benech.

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hereinafter referred to as the parties, who act in the exercise of their respective posts, declare that they have the sufficient legal capacity and powers to enter into this agreement, and hereby

### AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

The UPC and the Grenoble INP - UGA, express their intent to enter into an agreement that establishes and develops the conditions and academic pathways that allow students participating in the programme to be awarded an official degree or degrees and another degree or degrees at Grenoble INP UGA simultaneously.



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## CLAUSES

### **Article 1. Object of the agreement**

The object of this agreement is to establish the requirements and conditions for collaboration between the UPC and the Grenoble INP - UGA for the award of the degree or degrees Master degree in Advanced Mathematic and Mathematical Engineering (MAMME) and Bachelor's degree in Mathematics (BM), taken at the Facultat de Matemàtiques i Estadística (FME) at the UPC and the Master degree in Industrial and Applied Mathematics (MSIAM) and the Engineering degree at the Grenoble INP Ensimag - UGA, these degrees being of comparable academic levels in both institutions.

This agreement outlines the rights and responsibilities of both parties and the terms under which UPC students and students at Grenoble INP - UGA will be awarded the academic degrees and/or diplomas that are the object of this agreement, once they have successfully completed the programme and met the requirements for graduation at each institution.

For the purposes of this agreement, all students must have a home university and a host university.

Both parties agree to the following general cooperation principles and general requirements for all participating students under this agreement.

### **Article 2. Academic aspects**

Students who participate in the academic double-degree pathways regulated by this agreement may be awarded a degree or degrees at the home university and a second degree or degrees at the host university if they fulfil the conditions detailed below.

#### **2.1 Curriculum**

Each university is responsible for the subjects in the curriculum that it teaches in each of the academic double-degree pathways.

Information on the curricula of master's degrees that make up each of the academic double-degree programmes, within the framework of this agreement, is provided in the appendices.

This information includes the academic content and pathways of each degree, the credits corresponding to each course or subject, the prerequisites and admission requirements, the number of places per year, the language of instruction and the planned sequence of semesters and academic years that takes place at each institution.



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These academic pathways will also be outlined in the individual agreements with students or learning agreements signed by the representatives of the respective schools or departments at each institution and each student.

### **2.2 Learning agreements**

Each student will propose an individual study plan that accords with the agreed curriculum (detailed in the appendix) for the entire duration of the programme. The study plan will be reviewed and, if necessary, modified prior to students' definitive admission. Before students start their stay at the host institution, the institutions must agree on the terms of the aforementioned learning agreement and sign it. This agreement may be reviewed at any time in writing and may include the seal of approval of the academic representatives of both institutions.

A template of the learning agreement is included in the appendices to this agreement.

### **2.3 Duration of the programme and language of instruction**

The double master's degree has a duration of three semesters, 90 ECTS  
The proposed paths are specified in Annex 3

Teaching on the academic double-degree pathway will take place in accordance with the academic calendar at each university for the curriculum it teaches. The courses will be taught in the language in which each degree determines.

The parties will review the programme's curriculum every year and make any necessary changes.

### **2.4 Offer and number of places**

The number of places offered every year during the term of the agreement is 4. The number of places may be reviewed every year if necessary and will be established before the end of the preceding academic year.

The parties will ensure that the set places are filled and that the balance is maintained throughout the term of the agreement when the conditions of reciprocity require it, and will adjust the number places every year if necessary.

### **2.5 Student selection and admission**

The admission of students to the programme will be conducted in accordance with the following principles:

- The parties will agree on the application procedure, including application deadlines, selection criteria and number of students, which will be stated in the appendices.
- Students must meet the admission requirements at both institutions.



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- Students will be selected and admitted to the programme on the basis of their academic results, the prerequisites and their motivation and language skills. The selection is carried out in collaboration between the two institutions.
- Students must have completed a sufficient number of credits at the home institution as a prerequisite for mobility. UPC students must have passed the initial stage of their degree to be admitted to the double bachelor's degree pathway.
- The host institution is entitled to make the final decision on the admission of each candidate nominated for the exchange or stay.
- Students must be able to demonstrate that they have complied with the minimum academic progress and/or academic performance requirements during the programme. The universities may, in view of the academic results and by mutual agreement, remove students who have been admitted to the programme but cannot demonstrate that they have met the academic performance requirements.

#### **2.6 Regulations governing the stay**

Students participating in this agreement must enrol in the host university as double-degree students and will have the same rights and obligations as its own students. They will also be subject to the academic regulations of the university that teaches the corresponding subject and to its internal quality assurance system.

Students will have a tutor assigned to them at both participating universities who will ensure that they progress adequately on the double degree. In the event that the tutor for the degrees taught by each university is not always the same person, the institutions will ensure that the same criteria are applied by the tutor or tutors.

The tutor or supervisor at the host university will inform students of the hazards to which they may be exposed and how they can prevent them or protect themselves from them, as well as what to do in an emergency. Students are obliged to keep in mind and follow the instructions they receive.

After completing an academic period at the host institution, all the students participating in the double degree must return to their home institution, according to their respective learning agreements. Any extension of the stay or of the content must be approved by both universities and will imply the amendment or extension of the learning agreement.

#### **2.7 Final master's theses and Final Bachelor's Thesis**

UPC students will realize a unique graduation thesis, with a total workload corresponding to the sum of the credits of the bachelor's or master's thesis at UPC (15 ECTS) and the master's thesis or graduation project at Grenoble INP Ensimag - UGA (30 ECTS).



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Joint supervision with a member of the home institution's teaching staff will be promoted and collaboration between the institutions facilitated whenever possible. Generally, the master's and the bachelor's thesis will be carried out in the country of the host institution, but exceptions may be negotiated on a case-by-case basis. If possible, the graduation thesis will be evaluated by a committee with members of both institutions.

The master's and bachelor's thesis must comply with the rules and regulations of both institutions. The language of the master's and bachelor's thesis will be English. In accordance with prevailing legislation, students must register, deposit and enrol their master's and bachelor's thesis at the UPC, prior to its defence in the corresponding place, to be awarded the degree by the UPC.

Grenoble INP Ensimag - UGA need to perform a one-semester (at least 5 months) end of studies project /Master's thesis (30 ECTS credit points) that fulfils the requirements of both institutions. This project is performed under the joint supervision of a Faculty advisor at both institutions. It may be performed in a company or in a research group in Spain or abroad.

#### **2.8 Management and custody of academic records**

Each university will be responsible for managing, keeping and filing the academic records of students on the academic double-degree pathway. Therefore, on the double-degree pathways two academic records will be open simultaneously.

Each university will be responsible for confirming the academic information and attainment of the content stated in the academic records it manages and maintains.

#### **2.9 Credit recognition**

Each institution will recognise the credits taken and passed at the other university on the academic double-degree pathway. Credits taken and passed will be transferred and recognised in accordance with the grade conversion table and credit recognition system found in the appendices to this agreement.

To this end, the universities will agree on the manner in which they will periodically communicate the academic results.

#### **2.10 Issuing of degree certificates**

Each university will be responsible for processing, physically issuing, registering and delivering the official university degree that it awards to the interested party.

Students who successfully complete the master's degree will be awarded two degrees, one by the home institution and another by the host institution.



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### **2.11 Quality assurance systems**

Both parties will implement their local evaluation systems for courses and programmes. Any comments and future improvements will be discussed at the annual meetings by the programme's academic coordinators.

## **3. Fee system**

### **3.1. Enrolment**

Students admitted to the programme will enrol for and pay the corresponding fees at their home university. The host university will not charge these students any fees for enrolling credits. From the moment they are admitted, students enrolled in an international double degree must pay the fees for the provision of non-academic services in each academic period.

At Grenoble INP – UGA, the students will have to pay a compulsory student service fee called "Contribution vie étudiante et de campus (CVEC)" (student life and campus contribution) (currently EUR92). It provides a certificate required for enrolment in an Institution of Higher Education.

### **3.2. Other economic aspects**

Students participating in the programme will be solely responsible for covering the expenses of their stay at the host university.

During the mobility period, students will be responsible for the cost of travelling to the destination country and living expenses during their stay, including accommodation, food, transport, books, computer equipment, consumables and other material expenses, language learning prior to the start of the coursework, when necessary, student association fees, if any, and other personal expenses stemming from the exchange.

## **4. Insurance**

Students must prove that they have taken out an insurance policy that covers, at least, chance events during the mobility (travel assistance, civil liability, accidents and repatriation) and that must be valid for its entire duration. The policy must include health coverage for students who do not hold the European health card.

## **5. Responsibility**

The parties expressly state that this agreement does not lead to any relationship of representation, dependency or subordination between them, such that the parties may not



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represent each other in fulfilling their legal and contractual obligations or their commitments and responsibilities.

Signing this agreement does not entail any type of financial obligation of the parties.

The relationship between the parties to this agreement is a relationship between independent contractors. The parties acknowledge that this agreement does not lead to any kind of employment, corporate, agency or franchise relationship between them and that none of the parties may act or present themselves to third parties as if they had this relationship with the other party.

Each party must fulfil its commitments under its sole responsibility, with its own means and in accordance with the law.

#### **6. Use of the corporate image**

The parties consent to their institutional logos being used in both electronic and printed formats for commercial and promotional purposes related to this double-degree agreement.

In the event that a party deems it necessary to use the logo of the other party for other purposes, the prior authorisation of the university, through its communication service, must be requested, including the format (printed, electronic or any other medium) and type of use requested.

The authorisation, which must be granted in writing, must specify the use or uses for which it is granted, as well as the period covered, which must in no case exceed the term of this agreement.

#### **7. Personal data protection**

The collaboration of which these double-degree pathways are the object may entail the communication of personal data, as well as their subsequent processing. In this regard, the signatory parties undertake not to make use of the data obtained as a result of managing the programme for a purpose other than that which motivates the signing of this agreement, not to communicate these data to third parties without the consent of the interested parties and to comply with the security measures and other obligations resulting from legislation on personal data protection.

The processing of personal data is protected by the legislation on protection of personal data of each country. In the event that, for the UPC, communicating data involves transferring the data internationally, and no decision to adapt to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) or other appropriate guarantee is in place, the data may only be transferred if the interested party has explicitly given their consent or the transfer is necessary for the execution of a contract



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between the interested party and the person responsible for the processing or for the execution of pre-contractual measures adopted at the request of the interested party in relation to this agreement.

The confidentiality agreement will continue to be in force even after the termination of this agreement, regardless of the cause of termination.

#### **8. Intellectual and industrial property**

The parties undertake to respect the ownership of the intellectual and industrial property rights that already exist over the knowledge of the other party at all times, as well as the intellectual and industrial property rights that correspond to students over the master's thesis.

The intellectual and industrial property rights over the thesis correspond to students.

If results requiring protection have been generated in writing the thesis, the parties will inform the other party. If the results have been generated by the students in conjunction with the staff of any of the parties or of both parties, the ownership and the use rights of the results will correspond to the students and that party or parties, in the due proportion. Previously to the application of the corresponding registration of the results, the parties will agree the distribution, ownership, exploitation of the rights and the economic conditions on a separate document.

In any case, the parties will respect the authorship of the students as inventors or authors, as the case may be, in proportion to their participation.

In the framework of the courses of study, the parties will guarantee the right of students to defend their thesis, to have it assessed and to have it archived in the institutional repository.

However, in the event of confidentiality obligations to one of the parties, the other party will put procedures in place to guarantee the confidentiality without harming students' academic interests.

#### **9. Entry into force and duration**

This agreement will enter into force at the time of its signature by both institutions or of the last signature (in the case of an electronic signature) and will be in force for 4 years. This agreement may be extended for the periods established by the parties up to a maximum of four more years, by a prior written agreement signed by the parties before the end of its term.

Any addition or amendment to the agreement must be made in writing and signed by authorised persons from the two institutions.





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#### **10. Amendment and termination**

Amendments or changes to this agreement must be made in writing and signed by the duly authorised representatives of the institutions.

The following may be grounds for terminating this agreement:

- The term of the agreement ending without any extensions thereof having been agreed.
- The parties' mutual agreement in writing.
- One of the parties wishing to terminate the agreement, for which a written statement must be made six months in advance, without the termination affecting the completion of actions already under way or leading to the cancellation of the commitments made by each of the parties up to the moment of termination.
- Failure by one of the parties to fulfil its obligations in the thirty days following notification in writing by the other party, which can in this case unilaterally terminate the agreement.
- A judicial decision that declares the agreement null and void.
- The general causes established in current legislation.

If the term of the agreement ends, the universities undertake to guarantee the academic rights of students taking the programme that is the object of this agreement at the moment of termination or cancellation, and to allow students who have been admitted and have performed as expected to complete the programme.

#### **11. Monitoring of the agreement**

Each institution will appoint an academic representative and an administrative representative for the programme. Their names and contact details are listed in the appendix to this agreement. They are responsible for monitoring the agreement. Their main functions, without prejudice to any other functions that may be assigned to them, are the following:

- To solve any problems that may arise regarding the interpretation or application of the agreement.
- To supervise the implementation of the agreement and ensure that measures are taken accordingly.
- In the event of the agreement's termination, to propose its continuation or the manner and deadline for completing the activities already under way.
- To establish and organise the activities that are the object of the agreement.
- To promote, draft and propose the content of the various specific agreements that are necessary for the implementation of this agreement.



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- To provide advisory and other academic and administrative services to students participating in the programme that is the object of this agreement.

## 12. Jurisdiction

Both parties express their commitment to comply with their respective obligations in good faith and to carry out each and every one of the negotiations that are necessary to fulfil this agreement to the satisfaction of both institutions.

The parties agree that any controversy arising from the interpretation, fulfilment or execution of the agreement will be resolved by mutual agreement.

If any disagreements are not resolved by mutual agreement, the parties agree that the objection will be submitted to arbitration; each party will appoint a member of the arbitration tribunal and another member will be chosen by mutual agreement.

## 13. Transparency

In accordance with current legislation on transparency, access to public information and good governance, the UPC, in relation to this agreement, will publicly disclose information concerning the signatory parties, including financial information, and any amendments thereof.

In witness whereof and for the due record of everything agreed, both parties sign this document in Grenoble and Barcelona.

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