

## **Austria – City University of New York: Statement of Cooperation in Science and Research**

### **QUOTATION**

**Statement of Cooperation between the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Culture of the Republic of Austria and the City University of New York, United States of America, concerning cooperation in science and research<sup>2</sup>**

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### **TEXT**

In recognition of the excellent and long-standing cooperation based on mutual trust and benefit between the City University of New York, United States of America, and the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Culture, hereinafter referred to as “sides”, hereby announce their intention to engage in future cooperation as follows:

#### **Article 1**

Both sides welcome and encourage the manifold cooperation activities between the City University of New York and Austrian Universities and Universities of Applied Sciences in Teaching and Research.

#### **Article 2**

Both sides welcome and endorse the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement between the City University of New York and the Austrian Universities (Graz University of Technology, University of Graz, University of Innsbruck, University of Leoben, University of

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<sup>2</sup> This text is not an agreement in the sense of international law, but a memorandum of faith of the respective competent authorities, on the American side only for the State of New York (thus, however, with the prospective effect of precedent). Therefore a publication in the Austrian Federal Gazette was not necessary.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. note 2.

Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, University of Salzburg, University of Vienna, Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration, Vienna University of Technology) on Mutual Recognition of University Degrees and of the Memorandum of Agreement between the City University of New York and the Austrian Universities of Applied Sciences represented by the Association of Universities of Applied Sciences, Austria (FHK) on Mutual Recognition of University Degrees aimed at facilitating trans-atlantic mobility.

### **Article 3**

Both sides welcome and endorse the cooperation between the City University of New York and the University of Graz in the framework of the “Joint Degree in English and American Studies in the Alps Adriatic Region” aimed at the development of a joint study program recognized by all participating Universities.

### **Article 4**

Both sides take note of the positive development of the rotating Austrian Junior Visiting Professorship funded by the Austrian Ministry for Education, Science and Culture established in 2003 for three years at the City College of the City University of New York and the successful bilateral cooperation between the City University of New York and Austrian Universities supported by special travel grants of the Austrian Ministry for Education, Science and Culture.

### **Article 5**

Both sides welcome the extension of the cooperation in 2005 through the successful participation of Austrian students and graduates in the first Junior scientists’ conference at the City University of New York and welcome the idea of a follow up Junior scientists’ conference to take place at the Vienna University of Technology in 2006.

### **Article 6**

Both sides encourage the Austrian scientific community and the scientific community in the New York City area to cooperate in the framework of European Union Programs in higher education and research such as ERASMUS MUNDUS and the European Union Framework Program for research, technological development and demonstration and to fully make use of existing instruments of funding for bilateral and international cooperation on both sides.

### **Article 7**

The present statement of cooperation shall take effect upon the date of signing.

The present statement of cooperation does not result in the creation of any new obligations regarding international law nor shall it have any effect on existing legislation.

## Annexe 1

### Memorandum of Agreement between the City University of New York and the undersigned Austrian Universities<sup>1</sup> topic Mutual Recognition of University Degrees

#### Preamble

To facilitate the admission process to graduate level programs of instruction, and to establish appropriate levels of post-secondary educational attainment, the City University of New York and the undersigned Austrian universities hereby agree to recognize in principle the equivalency of baccalaureate, master's and doctoral level degrees awarded by their respective institutions in the liberal arts, business studies, the sciences, and engineering.

#### Article 1

The CUNY bachelors degree, currently covering eight semesters of study with a minimum of 120 credits, will be considered the equivalent of a baccalaureate degree (*Bakkalaureat*) from the Austrian university, which entails three years of study and a student workload of 180 ECTS credits<sup>2</sup> and is predicated on the successful completion of an Austrian high school diploma (*Reifezeugnis/Matura*) or equivalent.

#### Article 2

Graduates of a CUNY bachelors degree program will have met the requisite degree requirements for application to a masters degree program of study (*Magisterstudium*) in the appropriate subject area at the Austrian university, inversely graduates of an Austrian baccalaureate degree program (*Bakkalaureatsstudium*) in an appropriate area of study will have met the requisite degree requirements for application to a CUNY masters degree program. In addition to the aforementioned degree aspects, candidates will need to meet specific requirements as prerequisites for admission to particular programs of study.

#### Article 3

Graduates of a CUNY masters degree program will have met the requisite degree requirements for application to a doctorate degree program of study (*Doktoratsstudium*) in the appropriate subject area at the Austrian university, inversely graduates of an Austrian masters degree program (*Magister- or Diplomstudium*) in an appropriate area of

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<sup>1</sup> The following Austrian universities have signed the Memorandum: University of Vienna; University of Graz; University of Innsbruck; University of Salzburg; Vienna University of Technology; Graz University of Technology; University of Leoben; University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna; Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration.

<sup>2</sup> In accordance with European agreements (Bologna Process), Austrian federal law defines the extent of university study programs in terms of student workload according to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). Semester hours are no longer used as a valid descriptor in this context.

study will have met the requisite degree requirements for application to a CUNY doctorate degree program. In addition to the aforementioned degree aspects, candidates will need to meet specific requirements as prerequisites for admission to particular programs of study.

#### **Article 4**

Transfer of credit for courses, taken at one of the partner institutions, to the other will depend on their content appropriateness to the selected course of study at the receiving school.

#### **Article 5**

This agreement will remain in force for a period of 5 years, at which time it can be reviewed by all parties. Furthermore, in the unforeseeable event that there are law changes relevant to either of the partner institutions, such changes should be integrated into this agreement in the form of a mutually agreed upon revision.

## **Annexe 2**

### **Memorandum of Agreement between the City University of New York and the Austrian Universities of Applied Sciences represented by the Association of Universities of Applied Sciences, Austria (FHK) topic Mutual Recognition of University Degrees**

#### **Preamble**

To facilitate the admission process to graduate level programs of instruction, and to establish appropriate levels of post-secondary educational attainment, the City University of New York and the undersigned Austrian Universities of Applied Sciences represented by the Association of Universities of Applied Sciences (FHK) hereby agree to recognize in principle the equivalency of baccalaureate and master's degrees awarded by their respective institutions in the liberal arts, business studies, the sciences, and engineering.

#### **Article 1**

The CUNY bachelors degree, currently covering eight semesters of study with a minimum of 120 credits, will be considered the equivalent of a baccalaureate degree from an Austrian University of Applied Sciences, which entails three years of study and a student

workload of 180 ECTS<sup>3</sup> and is predicated on the successful completion of an Austrian high school diploma (Matura) or equivalent.

## **Article 2**

Graduates of a CUNY bachelors degree program will have met the requisite degree requirements for application to a masters degree program of study in the appropriate subject area at an Austrian University of Applied Sciences, inversely graduates of an Austrian baccalaureate degree program in an appropriate area of study will have met the requisite degree requirements for application to a CUNY masters degree program. In addition to the aforementioned degree aspects, candidates will need to meet specific requirements as prerequisites for admission to particular programs of study.

## **Article 3**

Transfer of credit for courses, taken at one of the partner institutions, to the other will depend on their content appropriateness to the selected course of study at the receiving school.

## **Article 4**

This agreement will remain in force for a period of 5 years, at which time it can be extended by the agreement of both parties. Furthermore, in the unforeseeable event that there are law changes relevant to either of the partner institutions, such changes should be integrated into this agreement in the form of a mutually agreed upon revision.

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