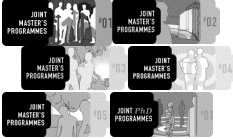


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Background of the Project

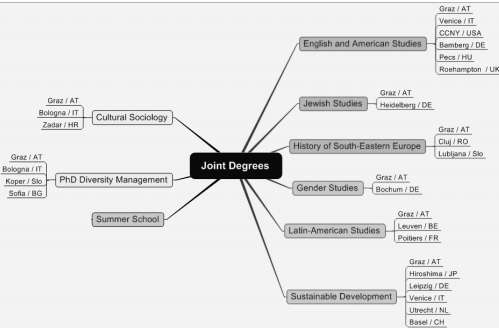
- Introduction of interdisciplinary programs
- Internationalization@Home
- Mobility of students and teachers
- Joint Quality Assurance
- Strengthening the strategic areas South Eastern Europe and Bologna Process
- Positioning Graz University in the region
- Increasing employability of students

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JD Programs Coordinated by Graz



Joint Degrees

- English and American Studies: Graz / AT, Venice / IT, CCNY / USA, Bamberg / DE, Essex / UK, Roehampton / UK
- Jewish Studies: Graz / AT, Erwitte / DE
- History of South-Eastern Europe: Graz / AT, Cluj / RO, Lugoj / SRB
- Gender Studies: Graz / AT, Bochum / DE
- Latin-American Studies: Graz / AT, Leuven / BE, Poitiers / FR
- Sustainable Development: Graz / AT, Hiroshima / JP, Leipzig / DE, Venice / IT, Utrecht / NL, Basel / CH
- Cultural Sociology: Graz / AT, Bologna / IT, Zadar / HR
- PHD Diversity Management: Graz / AT, Koper / SRB, Sofia / BG
- Summer School

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Principles of Joint Degree Programs

- The study programs are jointly developed and recognized by all partner institutions.
- Students have to spend at least 30 ECTS credits at a partner institution.
- Upon completion of the study program, students receive a degree which is jointly conferred and recognized by all partner institutions.

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Issues in Transatlantic Joint Degrees


- Coordination
- Curriculum design/ Length of programs
- Language
- Tuition fees
- Application/ Selection/ Admission
- Mobility
- Diploma
- Public Relations

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Example: JD English and American Studies



European Joint Master in English and American Studies

Partners:

- University of Graz, Austria (coordinating University)
- University of Pécs, Hungary
- University Ca' Foscari Venice, Italy
- University of Bamberg, Germany
- **City College of the City University of New York**
- University of Paris 7 – Denis Diderot, France
- University of Roehampton, Great Britain

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Example: JD English and American Studies Facts & Figures

- **Duration:** 120 ECTS / min. 60 ECTS at home institution
- **Obligatory Mobility:** 30 ECTS / Summer school
- **Language:** English
- **Coordinating institution:** University Graz
- **Tuition fees:** charged by home university – waived for mobility semester
- **Application/Admission:** “home” institution
- **Selection Committee meeting**
- **Coordination:** Administration / Academic advisors

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Example: JD English and American Studies Structure of the Program

- Based on existing programs

Compulsory subjects:

- Module English Linguistics
- Module English Literary Studies
- Module English Cultural Studies
- Module English Language Proficiency

Restricted electives
Students choose additional courses from one of the core areas (literature, linguistics and cultural studies) as their specialisation.

Free electives
Students choose classes that complement the compulsory classes and the restricted electives at any accredited university.

Master's thesis and defence

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Example: JD English and American Studies Diploma

⇒ Issued by „home institution“
 Next step: „diploma workshop“

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Public Relations

- Corporate Design
- Folder
- Poster
- Website (www.jointdegree.eu)

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Lessons learned and we are still learning ...

- „10 Golden Rules“ (EUA)
- Clear tasks for everyone involved
- Coordinators at all partner institutions need VERY clear understanding
- Agree on clear terminology and rules
- Ensure information dissemination
- Top down AND bottom up
- Cooperation within Europe different than US
- Sustainability difficult in the US
- Coordination of academic and administrative levels
- Time consuming legal procedures

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