



DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAMME

University of Siena: LM Medical Biotechnologies

Universidad de Sevilla: Master in *Investigación Médica: clínica y experimental*

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1 - Subject

The present annex contains the specifications relating to a collaboration programme with the Universidad de Sevilla (Spain), which allows students of the Master's Degree programme in Medical Biotechnologies to obtain a double degree.

Students who successfully complete the programme will be awarded both the Master in *Medical Biotechnologies* of the University of Siena and the Master in *Investigación Médica: clínica y experimental* of the Universidad de Sevilla.

2 - Applicants and admission requirements

The selection procedure is open to those enrolled in their first year of the Master in Medical Biotechnologies of the University of Siena with weighted average equal to or greater than 28/30.

Candidates must have knowledge of Spanish at level B1 and an adequate knowledge of English.

During the period abroad that forms part of the exchange programme, participants must remain fully enrolled at the University of Siena.

3 - Programme description and available positions

The programme provides 2 available spots.

To obtain the double degree students will be required to spend the second semester of the second year of their Master's programme at the Universidad de Sevilla and complete all required activities.

Students participating in the double degree programme must have completed all university credits (CFU) as provided in their respective 1st year study plan before the start of courses at Universidad de Sevilla. In the case of failure in meeting this requirement, the case will be submitted to the Didactic Committee, which will evaluate whether the student may participate in the programme.

The programme provides:

- The attainment at the Universidad de Sevilla of 30 CFU;
- Preparation of Master's degree thesis, which will be valid in both universities, according to the respective educational regulations, as foreseen by the agreement;
- Defence of the degree thesis, which will be held at one of the two universities.

Double degree students follow a set study plan, and do not therefore need to prepare a Learning Agreement (LA), except in cases where variations in the academic offer of the two universities has to be managed or a choice has to be made within a group of modules, or when requested by the host university. When a LA is required, the programme coordinator shall sign it in the section dedicated to his/her University.



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At the end of the study period at the at the host university, students who have not succeeded in obtaining all of the 60 university credits (CFU) as provided in their 2nd year study plan but who have gained at least 40 university credits:

- A- will spend an additional semester at the Universidad de Sevilla in order to complete the programme and gain the double degree;
- B- gain only the home university degree.

Subject to the approval of the Host University, students who have not met all the requirements they need to gain the double degree may apply to the host university for recognition of Exchange student status and the Transcript of Records.

4 - Selection of candidates and merit ranking

The Programme coordinator will consider the applications and select candidates on the basis of the documentation submitted. Applications will be ranked by the sum of their points from the following:

1. Academic Merit (max 30 points)
 $0.15 \times \text{average grades of the student} + 0.15 \times (30 \times \text{credits received by the deadline}) + 0.7 \times \text{mark on the degree (marks out of thirty)}$
2. Language skills, academic fit of the proposed exchange and candidate's motivation (max 30 points) will be evaluated by the Programme coordinator during an interview which will be conducted in English.

Regarding point 1, the deadline to be considered is 31/03/2025.

Candidates will receive more details on the interview from the Programme coordinator soon after the application deadline. Those who cannot attend will be considered not assessable for the purposes of the selection procedure.

For more details regarding the ranking formation, please refer to point 3 of the Selection Notice.

5 - Applications

Candidates must upload the following documents with the application form:

- Self-certification of enrolment at the University of Siena and exams taken;
- Self-certification regarding attainment of the Bachelor's Degree, the final grade awarded and all exams taken, with respective grades;
- Motivational letter in Spanish;
- Curriculum Vitae in Spanish;
- Certificate of Spanish language competence and any other document deemed useful.

If any mandatory document is missing the candidate will be informed of his/her exclusion from the selection process.