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DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAMME

**University of Siena - Master in *Public and Cultural Diplomacy*
Jagiellonian University Krakow - Master in *International Relations and Public Diplomacy***

ANNEX 8 - A.Y. 2026/2027

1 - Subject

This annex sets out the specifications relating to the cooperation programme with the Jagiellonian University in Kraków (Poland), which enables students enrolled in the Master's Degree programme in Public and Cultural Diplomacy to obtain a double degree.

Students who successfully complete the programme will be awarded both the Master's Degree in Public and Cultural Diplomacy from the University of Siena and the Master's Degree in International Relations and Public Diplomacy from the Jagiellonian University in Kraków.

2 - Applicants and admission requirements

The selection procedure is open to students enrolled in their first year of the Master's Degree (Laurea Magistrale) in Public and Cultural Diplomacy at the University of Siena who have obtained a weighted average grade of 27/30 or higher.

Candidates must provide certification of English language at the B2 level or higher in accordance with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Throughout the period spent abroad as part of the exchange programme, participants must remain duly enrolled at the University of Siena.

3 - Programme description and available positions

The programme provides 12 available places. In order to obtain the double degree, students are required to spend the second year of their Master's programme at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków.

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 Jagiellonian University in Kraków. Failure to meet this requirement will result in the matter being referred to the Didactic Committee, which will assess the student's eligibility to remain in the programme.

The programme provides for:

- The attainment at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków of the university credits provided for the 2nd year of the Master's Degree in Public and Cultural Diplomacy;
- The preparation of a Master's degree thesis, valid at both universities, in accordance with the respective educational regulations, as foreseen by the agreement;
- The defence of the Master's degree thesis, to be held at the home University with the participation of the host University supervisor, or at both Institutions, in accordance with the agreement.



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Double degree students follow a predefined study plan, and are therefore not required to prepare a Learning Agreement (LA), except in cases where differences in the academic offer of the two universities must be managed, where a choice must be made within a group of modules, or where this is requested by the host university. In such cases, the programme coordinator shall sign the Learning Agreement in the section reserved for his/her University.

At the end of the study period at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków, students who have not obtained all 60 university credits (ECTS) as provided in their 2nd year study plan but who have earned at least 40 ECTS:

- A- shall spend an additional semester at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków in order to complete the programme and obtain the double degree; or
- B- shall be awarded only the degree from their home University.

Subject to the approval of the host University, students who have not fulfilled all the requirements necessary to obtain the double degree may apply to the host university for recognition of exchange student status and for the issuance of a Transcript of Records.

4 - Selection of candidates and formation of list in order of merit

An evaluation committee composed of three faculty members, chaired by the Programme coordinator, will review the applications and select candidates on the basis of the documentation submitted. Applications will be ranked according to the total score obtained from the following criteria:

1. Academic Merit (max 30 points)
 $(0.15 \times \text{GPA}) + [0.15 \times (30 \times \text{credits earned by the deadline/expected credits})] + (0.7 \times \text{entry qualification grade} - \text{converted to a 30-point scale}).$
2. Language skills, academic fit of the proposed exchange and candidate's motivation (max 30 points) will be evaluated by the evaluation committee during an interview which will be conducted in English.

For Academic merit (point 1), the deadline for consideration is February 28th, 2026.

Regarding the allocation of the scores based on the bachelor's degree grade, students with foreign qualifications enrolled in the 1st year of master's programme must ensure that their bachelor's degree grade, converted to a scale of 110, is entered into the online secretariat by the deadline specified in this notice. For insertion, it is necessary to send to the Admission Office - admissionoffice@unisi.it - a certification issued by the University where the bachelor's degree was obtained, stating, according to the respective evaluation scale, the achieved grade as well as the minimum and maximum grades required for obtaining the degree (e.g., Achieved Grade: 4; Evaluation scale: minimum grade 3, maximum grade 10).

Failure to submit the converted degree grade will result in the inability to assign the percentage score related to the degree grade, as per the calculation formula outlined in this article.

The interview can be conducted online. Candidates will receive further details from the evaluation committee shortly after the application deadline. Candidates who are unable to attend the interview will be deemed ineligible for the selection process.

For additional information on the ranking formation, please refer to the Selection Notice.

5 - Applications



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Candidates must upload the following documents with the application form:

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

Candidates with missing documents will be notified of their exclusion from the selection process.