

## Dual Degree Agreement

between the Radboud University  
Faculty of Law

and the Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster  
Faculty of Law

This Agreement is entered into between:

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**Stichting Radboud Universiteit, doing business as Radboud University, with its offices at Houtlaan 4, 6525 XZ Nijmegen (postal address: Postbus 9102, 6500 HC Nijmegen, the Netherlands), Chamber of Commerce number: 41055629, represented by its legal representative Prof. dr. D.H.J. Wigboldus, President Executive Board,**

hereinafter referred to as “Radboud University”

On behalf of the Faculty of Law also represented by its Dean prof. mr. P.H.P.H.M.C. van Kempen,  
Dean of the Faculty of Law

and

**2. Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster , Umsatzsteuer-ID-Nummer: DE 126118759 , with its offices at Schlossplatz 2, 48149 Münster, represented by its legal representative Prof. Dr. Johannes Wessels, Rector, hereinafter referred to as “WWU”**

On behalf of the Faculty of Law also represented by its Dean Prof. Dr. Michael Casper, Dean of the Faculty of Law]

Hereby enter into the following Agreement:

### § 1 General regulations

- (1) The parties agree to establish an integrated dual degree programme of both Faculties of Law, which allows their students to obtain a Master degree awarded by the partner university besides the degree awarded by their home university.
- (2) Students of the WWU’s Faculty of Law need to study at the RU for a minimum of two semesters enrolled as Master students and complete the courses mentioned in Annex A. They can either start the programme in winter or summer semesters. After completion of all necessary courses, they are allowed to register for and hand in the Master’s thesis at RU

in accordance with § 2 (6). Afterwards, the Faculty of Law of the RU awards them the degree Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International and European Law.

- (3) Students of the RU's Faculty of Law need to study at the WWU for a minimum of three semesters enrolled as Master students and complete the modules mentioned in Annex B. They can either start the programme in winter or summer semesters. After completion of the Basismodul, they are allowed to register for and hand in the Master's thesis at WWU in accordance with § 3 (6). After the completion of all courses, the Faculty of Law of the WWU awards them the degree Master of Laws (LL.M.) in German Law.
- (4) It is the responsibility of the students, participating in this programme, to supply both faculties with all the necessary information and personal details, such as transcripts of grades, diplomas etc, needed for the process of admission, study and graduation. The faculties will not exchange student details, unless explicitly requested for by the student him/herself.
- (5) Each party may send under this agreement not more than five students each academic year.

## **§ 2 Regulations for Students of the Faculty of Law of the WWU for obtaining the LL.M. in International and European Law at the RU**

- (1) For starting the integrated study programme, students must:
  - a. Have completed their study of law at the WWU's Faculty of Law with their First State Examination;
  - b. Have sufficient English language skills (C1-level), proven by an official certificate accepted by the RU. The Faculties of Law inform each other regarding changes in the their list of acceptable language certificates.<sup>1</sup>
- (2) The students choose one of four specialisations: (1) International and European Law Advanced, (2) Business Law (3) Human Rights and Migration or (4) European Law and Global Affairs . During their studies at the RU, the students obtain a total of 60 EC credits (see Annex A).
- (3) A maximum of 14 EC credits, which have successfully been completed at the Faculty of Law of the WWU can be transferred as optional courses in the specialisations International and European Law Advanced, Human Rights and Migration and Business Law. EC credits from the following courses are guaranteed as transferrable:

<b>Course title</b>	<b>Business Law</b>	<b>Int. and European Law Adv.</b>	<b>Human Rights and Migration</b>
Current Developments in Global Human Rights Law			✓
European and International Labour and Social Law	✓	✓	
European Company Law	✓	✓	
European Contract Law and the UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods	✓	✓	
European Criminal Law		✓	

<sup>1</sup> No specification of the lists in this agreement; faculties use their official list as stipulated by their university/faculty.

European Customs Law	✓	✓	
European Private Law	✓	✓	
History of Human Rights			✓
Human Rights in a Digital Age			✓
International and European Tax Law	✓	✓	
International Commercial Arbitration	✓	✓	
International Competition Law	✓	✓	
International Criminal Law		✓	
International Human Rights Protection		✓	✓
International Intellectual Property Law	✓	✓	
International Law of Civil Proceedings	✓	✓	
International Media Business Law	✓	✓	
Introduction to International Contract law	✓	✓	
Specialization European Law		✓	
WTO-Law/International Trade and Investment Law	✓	✓	

EC credits from courses other than stated above can be transferred with permission of the examination's board of the Faculty of Law of the RU. For the transfer, the following conversion table will be used:

German grade	German definition	Dutch Grade	Dutch definition
18	Sehr gut	10	Uitmuntend
17		9,5	
16		9	
15	Gut	8,5	Goed
14			
13			
12	Voll-befriedigend	8	Bevredigend / Ruim voldoende
11			
10			
9	Befriedigend	7,5	Voldoende
8		7	
7			
6	Ausreichend	6,5	Onvoldoende / Niet voldaan
5			
4			
3	Mangelhaft	5-1	
2			
1			
0	Ungenügend		

The transfer of EC credits from courses, which have successfully been completed at the Faculty of Law of the RU, is decided on a case-by-case basis and the conversion table above is not applicable in this case.

- (4) The language of instruction is English.
- (5) The students obtain EC credits for courses only by meeting the requirements for this course, such as attendance, assignments, exam etc. There is one resit exam opportunity each year for each course.
- (6) After completion of all necessary courses (worth 42 EC credits), and the official and final approval for the Master's thesis from the supervisor, students are allowed to apply for their graduation. The Master's thesis needs to contain 18,000-25,000 words and needs to be defended in an individual oral examination at the RU. The subject needs to correspond to one of the completed courses.
- (7) The final grade is composed of all grades obtained weighted corresponding to their EC credits.
- (8) Students will need to pay the Dutch legal tuition fee (EER students) or the institutional tuition fee (non EER students), as determined by the Dutch government and Radboud University during the period in which they are registered as a Radboud University student.

**Study plan:**

1. - 10. semester	State Examination programme
11. - 12. semester	Dual degree programme in Nijmegen

**§ 3 Regulations for Students of the Faculty of Law of the RU for obtaining the LL.M. in German Law at the WWU**

- (1) For starting the integrated study programme, students must:
  - a. Have completed studies in the field of law with a regular period of study of at least three and a half years corresponding to 210 EC credits obtaining a degree in law (a Bachelor of Laws (180 EC) and 1<sup>st</sup> semester of Master of Dutch Laws or Master of International and European Law programme (30 EC)) (or Bachelor of Laws 182 or more EC and 1<sup>st</sup> semester Master of Dutch Laws or Master of International and European Law 28 EC);
  - b. Have sufficient German language skills (C1 level), proven by an official certificate accepted by the WWU. The Faculties of Law inform each other regarding changes in the list of acceptable language certificates. (In exceptional cases, RU Law students, who have not yet obtained a C1 level but do have a B2 level in German, can be accepted as Erasmus students during the first semester of the Dual Degree Programme in German Law at the WWU, provided they have obtained an official C1 level certificate at the start of the second semester in which they continue as master students in German Law at the WWU. For this, a separate application to the LL.M. programme before the second semester is needed.)

- (2) During their studies at the WWU's Faculty of Law, every student is supervised by a supervisor of the WWU-faculty. Supervisor can be any professor or assistant with a postdoctoral qualification. At the same time a supervisor from the RU is assigned as well.
- (3) After having completed the *Basismodul*, the students choose one of three fields of law for the *Erweiterungsmodule I, II and III*: (1) Zivilrecht, (2) Öffentliches Recht or (3) Strafrecht; and one of eight profiles for the *Profilmodul*: (1) Wirtschaft und Unternehmen, (2) Arbeit und Soziales, (3) Informations- Telekommunikations- und Medienrecht, (4) Internationales Recht, Europäisches Recht und Internationales Privatrecht, (5) Rechtsgestaltung und Streitbeilegung, (6) Öffentliches Recht, (7) Kriminalwissenschaft or (8) Steuerrecht. During their studies at the WWU, the students obtain a total of 90 EC credits (see Annex B). The regulations for the WWU's LL.M. degree programme include detailed module descriptions, which are part of this agreement.
- (4) The language of instruction is mainly German (occasionally English, French or Spanish).
- (5) The students obtain EC credits for courses only by passing the corresponding exams. Every exam can be repeated twice if not yet passed.
- (6) After completion of the *Basismodul* (worth 16 EC credits), students are allowed to register for and hand in their Master's thesis. The subject of the thesis (research outline) must be approved by the supervisor of the WWU as well as the supervisor of the RU. It needs to be comparative in nature and must correspond to the completed courses at the WWU. It is normally written in German, or in English if so agreed. It shall contain 23,000-25,000 words. The Master's thesis will be supervised and marked separately by each supervisor of the two Faculties of Law.  
The Master's thesis needs to be defended in an oral examination at the WWU. The student's WWU supervisor mentioned in § 3 (2) supervises the thesis. The RU can offer support and advise when requested by either the student or his/her supervisor. The student has a preparation time of five months.
- (7) The WWU final grade is composed of all grades obtained weighted corresponding to the regulations for the WWU's LL.M. degree programme, which are part of this agreement.
- (8) The courses (14 EC), passed in Münster, will be integrated as optional courses in the Dutch Master's programme or in the Master of International and European Law.
- (9) The Master's thesis, written in Münster, will be integrated in the Dutch Master's programme or in the Master of International and European Law. The Dutch supervisor will give his/her official and final approval of the thesis, under responsibility of the board of examiners ('*examencommissie*'). Students will be allowed to apply for their graduation and have an individual oral defence meeting at Radboud Faculty of Law.
- (10) The RU final grade is composed of all grades obtained weighted corresponding to the regulations for the Radboud LL.M. degree programme, which are part of this agreement.
- (11) Students will need to pay the WWU's social contribution fee ('*Semesterbeitrag*').
- (12)

#### Study plan:

1. - 6. semester	Bachelor degree programme
7. semester	Master degree programme in Nijmegen

8. - 10. semester	Double degree programme in Münster; Graduation in Münster and in Nijmegen
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#### **§ 4 Insurance and liability**

- (1) In no circumstances shall either party be liable for any loss, damage, costs or expenses of any nature in relation to (i) indirect, special or consequential losses; or (ii) any loss of profits (whether direct or indirect) or goodwill which arises directly or indirectly from that party's breach or non-performance of this agreement, or negligence in the performance of this agreement or from any liability arising in any other way out of this agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this agreement excludes any liability for death or personal injury, liability for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation or any other liability, which cannot by law be excluded.
- (2) The students will be required to have full medical insurance coverage and third party liability insurance for the duration of their stay in the host country. The insurance must include medical evacuation and repatriation.

#### **§ 5 Final provisions**

- (1) The respective regulations for the WWU's and the RU's LL.M. programmes are part of this agreement. If it was not agreed upon a matter in this agreement, the parties will fall back upon these regulations. In the event of any disputes arising out of this agreement, both parties will try to settle their differences amicably through good faith negotiations between authorized representatives of each party.
- (2) This agreement shall come into effect in the academic year 2021-2022. It may be modified by mutual discussion and written consent of both parties and may be terminated by either party. The agreement will terminate six months after the written notice of such intent. In case of termination, the parties agree to honour the terms of this agreement for students, whose participation in the dual degree programme has been approved by both faculties prior to the termination, as if the agreement remained in force for the period of their integrated programme.
- (3) This agreement is written in the English language. If this agreement is translated into any other language, the English language version shall prevail. Any notice given under or in connection with this agreement will only be effective if it's in the English language.

## ANNEX A

**Radboud Faculty of Law**  
**Master International and European Law**  
**List of courses per specialisation**

<b>International and European Law Advanced</b>	
Advanced Notions of International and European Law	6 EC credits
Workshop Writing Legal Papers	1 EC credit
Public International Law Advanced	7 EC credits
EU External Relations Law	7 EC credits
Semi-optional course	7 EC credits
Semi-optional course or optional course	7 EC credits
Semi-optional course or optional course	7 EC credits
Master's thesis	18 EC credits
<b>Total</b>	<b>60 EC credits</b>

<b>Business Law</b>	
Advanced Notions of International and European Law	6 EC credits
Workshop Writing Legal Papers	1 EC credit
Optional course	7 EC credits
Optional course	7 EC credits
Optional course	7 EC credits
Optional course	7 EC credits
Optional course	7 EC credits
Master's thesis	18 EC credits
<b>Total</b>	<b>60 EC credits</b>

<b>Human Rights and Migration</b>	
Advanced Notions of International and European Law	6 EC credits
Workshop Writing Legal Papers	1 EC credit
Protection of Human Rights in International Law	7 EC credits
European Immigration Law	7 EC credits
Semi-optional course	7 EC credits
Semi-optional course or optional course	7 EC credits
Semi-optional course or optional course	7 EC credits
Master's thesis	18 EC credits
<b>Total</b>	<b>60 EC credits</b>

<b>European Law and Global Affairs</b>	
Advanced Notions of International and European Law	6 EC credits
Workshop Writing Legal Papers	1 EC credits
EU External Relations Law	7 EC credits
Public International Law Advanced	7 EC credits
Cooperation and Conflict in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	7 EC credits
Comparative Constitutional Law	7 EC credits
Changes in World Politics: The Rise of the BRIC Countries	7 EC credits
Master's thesis	18 EC-credits
<b>Total</b>	<b>60 EC credits</b>

## ANNEX B

**Faculty of Law of the WWU**

**Master Deutsches Recht**

**List of modules**

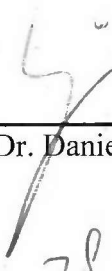
Basismodul	16 EC credits
Erweiterungsmodul I	14 EC credits
Erweiterungsmodul II	10 or 12 EC credits
Erweiterungsmodul III	6 or 8 EC credits
Profilmodul	12 EC credits
Abschlussmodul (i.e. Master's thesis and oral defence)	30 EC credits
<b>Total</b>	<b>90 EC credits</b>

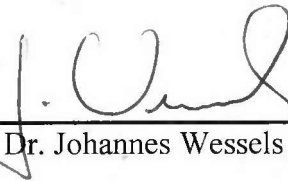
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