



COTUTELLE – JOINT PhDs

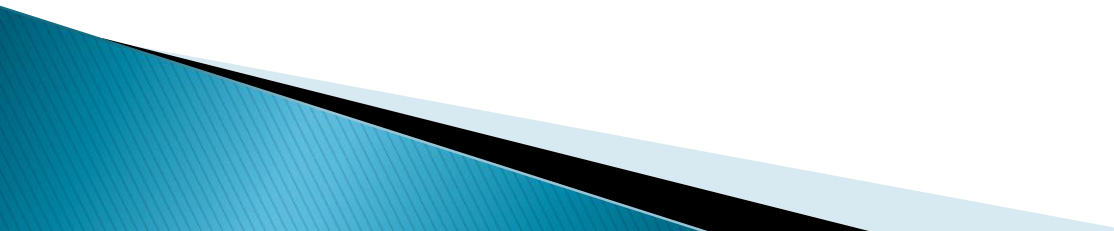
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PROCEDURE

- ▶ NTUA along with any corresponding Institution can consent to the preparation of a Doctoral Dissertation (PhD), the execution and oral defence of which will be the **joint responsibility** of both Institutions according to the terms described in the below obligatory documents
 - **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** between the two Institutions, in which all the general guidelines for the preparation, execution and oral defense of a Joint PhD are described in full.
 - **Special Agreement for each PhD**, in which every aspect of each PhD's particular procedures and needs are being thoroughly analyzed.

LEGISLATION

- ▶ The preparation of the PhD will be performed in compliance with the **legislation of both countries** and the **regulations of both Institutions**
 - ▶ Given any conditions for which provisions do not exist in the MoU or the Agreement, the legislation provisions of the higher education institutions that conduct the Joint PhD program shall govern.
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PHD ELABORATION

▶ Commencement – Duration

- The Joint PhD enters into force on the day following the publication of the MoU and the Special Agreement, unless mentioned otherwise within the documents. The duration has to be at least three years.

▶ Enrollment (in both Institutions)

- Following the approval of the two documents, the Doctoral Student (PhD candidate) will be enrolled in both Institutions for the duration of the preparation of the Joint PhD, as specified in the Agreement.

▶ Conduct of Research

- Likewise, the research will be conducted at both Institutions, for alternating academic periods as specifically designated in the Agreement.

COMMITTEES

▶ Advisory Committee (3 members)

- In Greece, in accordance to the national legislative framework for PhD theses and the Doctoral Regulation of NTUA, a tripartite advisory committee is appointed following the approval of the PhD student and his or her research proposal.

▶ Examination Committee (7 members)

- For the oral (and public) defense, an examination committee is appointed, consisting of the three members of the advisory committee and four more members, more specifically Professors or Researchers (with PhD diplomas) from any University or Research Institution in the world, given that it's officially recognized as such by the National Academic Recognition and Information Center of Greece (DOATAP).
- In the case of a Joint PhD, the examination committee is appointed by mutual agreement of both partner institutions and the jury (**up to eight members**) is made on the basis of a balanced proportion of members from each institution and scientific representatives outside of those institutions.

LANGUAGE – DEFENCE

▶ Thesis language

- The thesis is written in one of the two national languages of the countries concerned and should be supplemented by a summary in the other language (approximately 10% of the total pages).

▶ Defence

- After deliberation, the examination committee sets the minutes recording its decision and a report on the unfolding of the defence, in both official languages of the supervisory institutions.

DIPLOMAS – INTELLECTUAL RIGHTS

▶ Diploma (both institutions)

- Both institutions recognize the validity of the Joint PhD, thus set up and that of the diploma, according to the legislations of both countries. Each diploma shall bear the name of the specialty or the discipline, the title of the thesis or work presented for examination, a mention of the international joint supervision and the date of the oral defense.

▶ Intellectual rights (co-ownership)

- The protection of the topic of the thesis and the publication, exploitation and protection of research results common to both host Institutions, Schools or laboratories of the PhD candidate will be provided according to the procedures in both countries.
- The common results jointly made by the two institutions within the framework of the thesis will be the co-ownership of all parties which have contributed to the achievement of the aforementioned results and will be the subject of specific covenants.