

Double Degree Master's Programme

VU University Amsterdam and Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest

1. General

- 1.1. The Department of Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences of VU University Amsterdam – called hereafter VU and the Institute of Chemistry of Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest - called hereafter ELTE, establish the Double Degree Master's Programme, called hereafter DDMP.
- 1.2. VU will offer to ELTE students DDMP in the following fields:
 - 1.2.1. Chemistry
- 1.3. ELTE will offer to VU students DDMP in the following fields:
 - 1.3.1. Chemistry
- 1.4. The students who successfully completed the first year (60 ECTS, corresponding to a workload of a minimum of 28 hours per credit) of the master program at their home university will be eligible for participation in DDMP.
- 1.5. A student who has successfully completed DDMP i.e. received all required credits of 60 ECTS, will receive the Master's degree from both partner universities, in one of the fields listed at point 1.2 and at point 1.3. The host university shall co-operate with the home university in order to ensure the graduation of the student from his/her home university in compliance with regulations.
- 1.6. The academic year lasts at VU from September 1 till August 31; and at ELTE from September 1 till August 31. All dates in this document, unless specified otherwise, refer to the calendar year in which DDMP begins.

2 Admission

- 2.1. A decision to accept a student for the Master's year will be made by the host university and it will be based on a transcript of records and a letter of recommendation from the home university. This material must be submitted to a coordinator at the home university before April 1.
- 2.2. After April 1, the respective committees for international affairs and examinations will consider the applications. The student will be informed of the outcome before May 20.
- 2.3. The host university will determine the credit value of courses taken at the home university in order to grant exemption from specific courses required by the host university.
- 2.4. Applicants who do not meet the criteria as mentioned under 1.4. will be refused automatically. However, the required 60 ECTS at the home university do not need to be completed at the moment of application, but should be completed at the start of the programme (September 1st) at the host university.

- 2.5. VU and ELTE will rank the selected students. Ranking will be based on academic merit. The ranking of selected students is a non-mandatory recommendation for admission and awarding fellowships.
- 2.6. A proof of proficiency in English, preferably an English proficiency test (TOEFL or IELTS) or the Hungarian English language certificate (medium level C), is required. VU students with a VWO-diploma meet this requirement.

3. Curriculum

- 3.1. The courses which a student will take at the host university and other requirements for receiving the Master's degree from the host university will be specified in an individual learning agreement signed by both universities. Possible additional requirements for receiving the Master's degree from the home university will also be specified in the learning agreement (see appendices).
- 3.2. The DDMP consists of taking several advanced courses in Chemistry and in the preparation of one Master's thesis as well as one literature thesis under a supervisor from the host university. The theses should meet the formal requirements of the host university and be written in English. .
- 3.3. Both universities shall approve the subject of the Master thesis. The host university shall appoint a reviewer/supervisor of the Master's thesis. A second reviewer/supervisor will be appointed at the students' home university.
- 3.4. The names of both universities shall appear on the cover page of the thesis.

4. Financial arrangement

- 4.1. VU/ELTE tuition fees must either be paid by students themselves or by individuals who have written permission to do so, from the student in question.
- 4.2. The tuition fees VU students pay at ELTE is approximately the same as the tuition fee at they pay at VU.
- 4.3. Students who participate in the DDMP pay only tuition fees to the host university in the year that of registration at the host university.
- 4.4. VU will provide a limited number of grants for best students from ELTE admitted to DDMP. The selection will be based on academic merit, i.e. upon the grades obtained at ELTE. A grant will only be awarded if the student satisfies all requirements imposed by the Dutch government related to guest students from Hungary.

5. Communication and exchange of information

- 5.1. Both universities shall appoint contact persons. The contact persons shall exchange information about the contents of the regular programme in Chemistry in the curriculum of his/her university. Also, the contact persons should bring the programme

to the attention of potentially interested students and faculty and monitor the process of mutual recognition of credits

- 5.2. VU maintains a website with the courses offered in English and a selection of possible projects for theses: <http://www.few.vu.nl/onderwijs/masters/chem/>
- 5.3. ELTE maintains a website (<http://www.chem.elte.hu>) containing a description (in English) of study programmes and a course catalogue.

6. Final remarks

- 6.1. VU and ELTE will encourage their students to apply for the DDMP.
- 6.2. The agreement is valid from 1 September 2010 until 31 August 2011, and will be automatically renewed each year without any further notice. For termination of the contract, one of the parties must inform the other in writing at least 3 months before application deadline of the upcoming academic year.
- 6.3. The details of the general learning agreement are listed in the appendices.

7. Agreement

The Department of Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences of VU University Amsterdam and the Institute of Chemistry of Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, agree to be partners in the aforementioned Short Track Master's Programme. The partners declare their intention of making all necessary arrangements as indicated above and to abide by the rules set forth above.

Signatures of the authorised representatives of both institutions

EÖTVÖS LORAND UNIVERSITY
Name and status of faculty representative
Prof. dr. G. Michaletzky
Dean of the Faculty of Sciences

VU UNIVERSITY AMSTERDAM
Name and status of representative:
Prof. dr. J. van Mill
Dean of the Faculty of Sciences

Signature

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Date

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