

Joint Degrees: The KFU-Graz Experience



Diversifying
university studies
by creating a joint vision

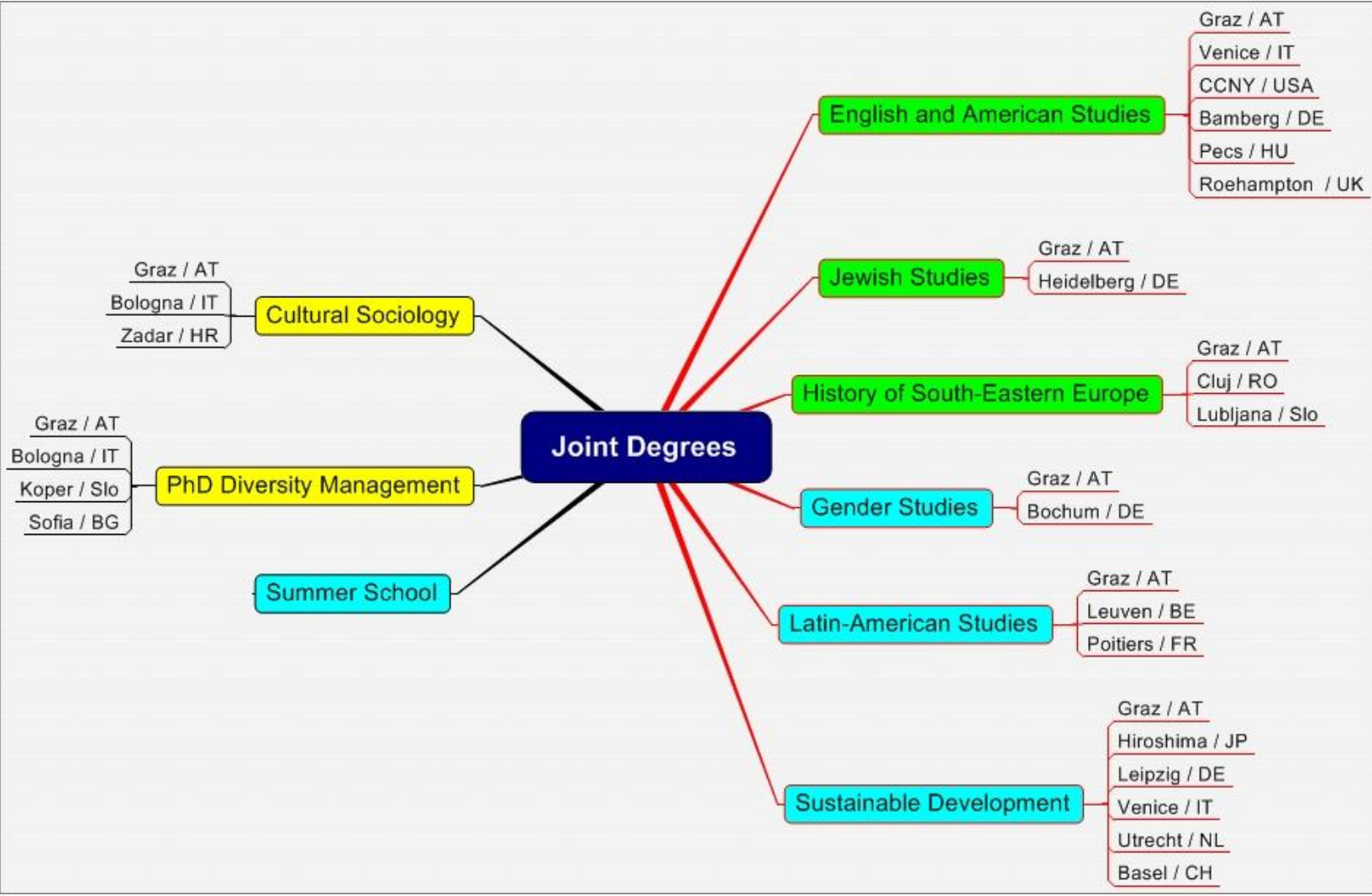
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Background of the Project



- Introduction of interdisciplinary programs
- Internationalization@Home
- Mobility of students and teachers
- Joint Quality Assurance
- Strengthening the strategic areas South Eastern Europe and Bologna Process
- Positioning Graz University in the region
- Increasing employability of students

JD Programs Coordinated by Graz



Principles of Joint Degree Programs



- The study programs are jointly developed and recognized by all partner institutions.
- Students have to spend at least 30 ECTS credits at a partner institution.
- Upon completion of the study program, students receive a degree which is jointly conferred and recognized by all partner institutions.

Issues in International Joint Degrees



- Coordination
- Curriculum design/ Length of programs
- Language
- Tuition fees
- Application/ Selection/ Admission
- Mobility
- Diploma
- Public Relations

Example 1: JD English and American Studies



European Joint Master in English and American Studies

Partners:

- University of Graz, Austria (coordinating University)
- University of Pécs, Hungary
- University Ca' Foscari Venice, Italy
- University of Bamberg, Germany
- City College of the City University of New York
- University of Paris 7 – Denis Diderot, France
- *Associated partner*: University of Roehampton, Great Britain

Example 1: JD English and American Studies Facts & Figures



- **Duration:** 120 ECTS / min. 60 ECTS at home institution
- **Obligatory Mobility:** 30 ECTS / Summer school
- **Language:** English
- **Coordinating institution:** University Graz
- **Tuition fees:** charged by home university – waived for mobility semester
- **Application/Admission:** “home” institution
- **Selection Committee meeting**
- **Coordination:** Administration / Academic advisors

Example 1: JD English and American Studies

Structure of the Program

- Based on existing programs

Compulsory subjects:

Module English Linguistics

Module English Literary Studies

Module English Cultural Studies

Module English Language Proficiency

Restricted electives

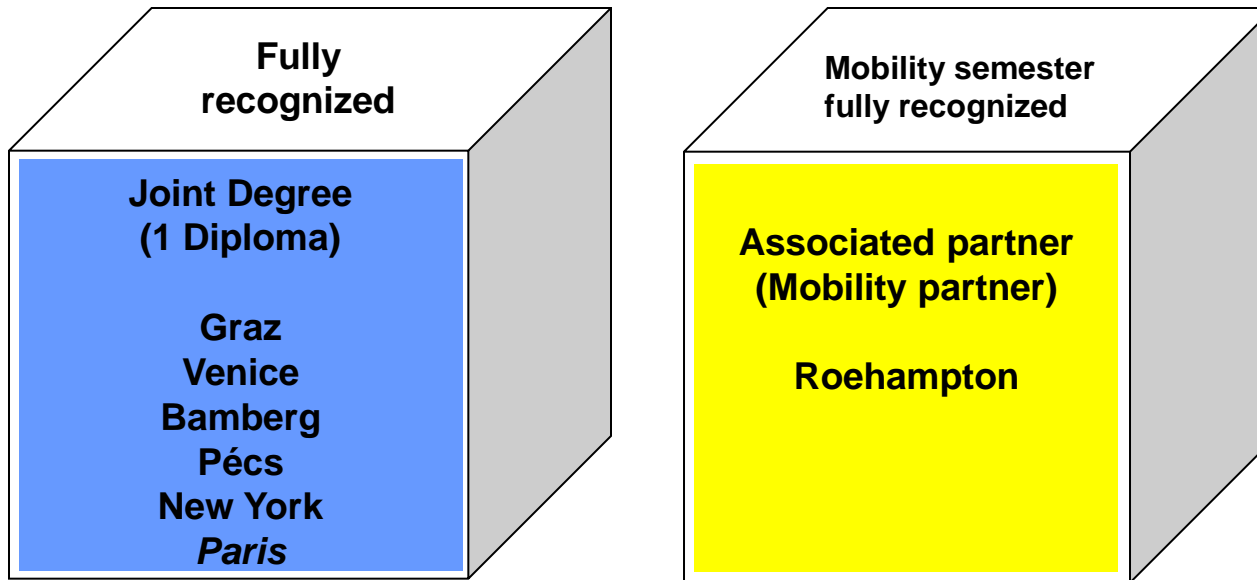
Students choose additional courses from one of the core areas (literature, linguistics and cultural studies) as their specialisation.

Free electives

Students choose classes that complement the compulsory classes and the restricted electives at any accredited university.

Master's thesis and defence

Example 1: JD English and American Studies Diploma



➔ Issued by „home institution“
Next step: „diploma workshop“

Example 2: JD Sustainable Development



European Joint Master in Sustainable Development

Partners:

- University of Graz, Austria (coordinating University)
- Ca' Foscari University Venice, Italy
- Leipzig University, Germany
- Utrecht University, The Netherlands
- *Associated partner*: Basel University, Switzerland
- *Associated partner*: Hiroshima University, Japan

Example 2: JD Sustainable Development Facts & Figures



- **Duration:** 120 ECTS / min. 60 ECTS at home institution
- **Obligatory Mobility:** 30 ECTS / Summer school
- **Languages:** English/German/Italian
- **Coordinating institution:** University Graz
- **Tuition fees:** charged by home university – waived for mobility semester
- **Application/Admission:** “home” institution
- **Selection Committee meeting**
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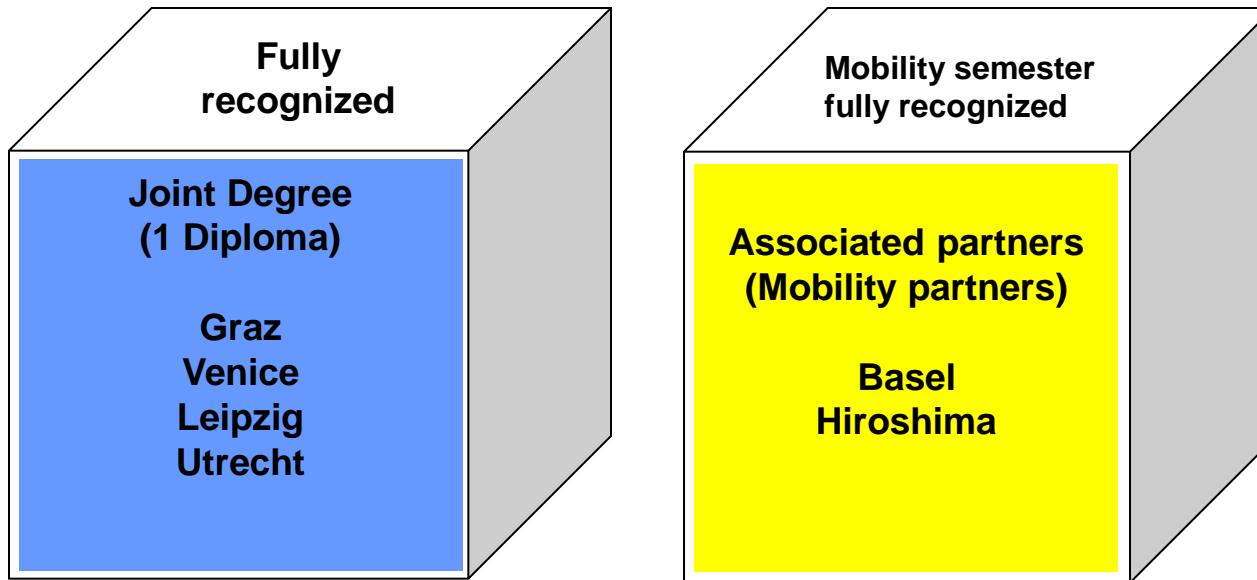
Example 2: JD Sustainable Development Structure of the Program



- Based on existing programs

Compulsory subjects (1st semester)
Basics in Sustainable Development
Restricted electives (2nd semester) One track to be chosen from the following options:
Climate & Environmental Change (<i>Graz</i>)
Energy & Resources (<i>Utrecht</i>)
Environmental Evaluation and Management (<i>Venice, Italian only</i>)
Environmental Policy and Management (<i>Utrecht</i>)
Environmental Technology (<i>Leipzig</i>)
Integrated Coastal Zone Management (<i>Venice</i>)
International and European Environmental Law (<i>Utrecht</i>)
Land use & Biodiversity (<i>Utrecht</i>)
Marine Environment (<i>Venice, Italian only</i>)
Renewable Resources (<i>Graz</i>)
Resources Management (<i>Leipzig</i>)
Sustainability: The Social Dimension (<i>Basel</i>)
Sustainable Business Management (<i>Graz</i>)
Sustainable Development Science & Technology (<i>Hiroshima</i>)
Sustainable Urban & Regional Development (<i>Graz</i>)
Technologies and Control of the Environment (<i>Venice, Italian only</i>)
Terrestrial Environment (<i>Venice, Italian only</i>)
Compulsory subjects and electives (3rd semester)
Integration Module and further specialisation
Master's thesis and defence (4th semester)

Example 2: JD Sustainable Development Diploma



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Public Relations

- Corporate Design
- Folder
- Poster
- Website (www.jointdegree.eu)



Lessons learned and we are still learning ...

- „10 Golden Rules“ (EUA)
- Clear tasks for everyone involved
- Coordinators at all partner institutions need VERY clear understanding
- Agree on clear terminology and rules
- Ensure information dissemination
- Top down AND bottom up
- Coordination of academic and administrative levels
- Time consuming legal procedures

Thank you for your attention!



Further information:

<http://www.jointdegree.eu>