COOPERATION AGREEMENT
ON THE DUAL DEGREE MASTERS PROGRAM
between
the School of Humanities and Social Sciences
of the Friedrich-Alexander-University of Erlangen-Nuremberg
and
the College of Administration and Economics
of the University of Baghdad

1. Rationale:
In view of the rapid globalization of the world's economies, it is imperative that leaders of the next generation are educated in the broadest possible manner and that the product of their education is internationally understood and readily applicable across national borders. In order to assist students in this preparation, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg and the College of Administration and Economics of the University of Baghdad agree to offer students the opportunity to complete a significant portion of the studies of their home institution at the partner institution, and, in cases where the curricular requirements of both institutions are met, to receive both the Master of Science (MSc) degree in Economics from the University of Baghdad and the Master of Arts (MA) Degree in Development Economics and International Studies from the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg.
Both institutions agree, to the extent possible, to accept eligible students annually from the partner university, the number of whom will be determined on a yearly basis.
2. Eligibility:

2.1. Minimum Prior Study and Minimum Residency: To be eligible to participate in this Dual Degree Masters Program, students must hold the bachelors degree, must have successfully completed at least one year of full-time graduate study at their home university and will be expected to complete a minimum of one year of full-time study at the partner university. In the case of each student, the remaining program is to be established by the faculty of both institutions. The equivalency of the courses completed at the partner university with those at the home university is determined by the faculty and the dean at the College of Administration and Economics of the University of Baghdad and by the faculty and the dean at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg.

2.2. Mutual Faculty Supervision: Participation in this program will furthermore depend upon the availability and willingness of faculty in the respective departments of both universities to support, coordinate, evaluate, and approve the studies of the student in concert with each other and the requirements of each university. Master theses (Erlangen-Nuremberg) and dissertations (Baghdad) will be jointly supervised and evaluated by faculty from both universities. Joint supervision of the master theses and the final exams may require the visit of the supervisor from a partner university to the other of up to one month for each student provided that the costs of which can be covered by third party funding without financial responsibility for the College or School concerned.

3. Language Fluency:

Baghdad students planning to complete the Masters Degree at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg will be exempted from the German language university entrance exam otherwise obligatory for foreign degree-seeking students, if the fol-
lowing conditions are met: (1) They hold a certificate issued by their home university or an equivalent institution stating that the candidate knows enough German respectively English to start course work in his/her subject. (2) Students will take the German placement tests administered each semester at the Language Center of the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg and, if so determined by this test, will regularly attend the "prescribed" German language course(s) along with their other studies.

Erlangen-Nuremberg students planning to complete the Master Degree at the Baghdad University must hold a certificate issued by the Language Center of the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg stating that the candidate knows enough Arabic to start course work in his/her subject.

4. **Thesis language:** The master thesis (Erlangen-Nuremberg) and dissertation (Baghdad) will be written in English.

5. **Program Requirements:**
In order to fulfil the exam regulations at both institutions, Dual Degree Masters Program students must complete the full coursework requirements for the first year of study at their home university. During their study at the partner university, they are expected to complete any remaining coursework requirements of their home university by attending equivalent courses and taking corresponding exams at the partner university. They also have to attend any classes and take any exams which are required by the exam regulations of the partner university but not by those of the home university. After completing the requirements of exam regulations of both universities, students will begin with the work on their master theses (Erlangen-Nuremberg) or dissertations (Baghdad).

At the beginning of the exchange period, all students must submit the details of proposed study (Learning Agreement) which shall list the academic activities
planned to be conducted at the partner university. This document must be jointly approved by the program coordinators at both partner universities and shall serve as a guide to make sure all requirements are met.

6. Tuition fees:
Insofar as they are required tuition fees will be paid by the students only to the home institution and not to the host institution. Exemption from fees at the host institution does not apply, however, to health insurance and social fees. Students must have adequate health insurance during their stay abroad.

7. Application procedures:
Students planning to complete the Dual Degree Masters Program at the Partner University will formally apply for admission to the College or School concerned according to all current procedures through the Program Coordinator. The standard application package includes: application form, transcript of records, statement of purpose, two letters of recommendation, language proficiency report and learning agreement. The learning agreement must be approved by the program coordinator at both partner universities.

8. Administration:
Administrative matters associated with the exchange will be handled by Program Coordinators and the commissions or offices in charge of these matters at the partner universities.

9. Program Coordinators:
University of Erlangen-Nuremberg and University of Baghdad shall each designate a program coordinator authorised to endorse the organization of the Dual Degree Masters Program.
10. Effective Date and Length of the Cooperation Agreement
This Cooperation Agreement shall take effect when signed by each contracting institution and remain in force for a period of three (3) years, and any amendment and/or modification of the agreement will require written approval of the Chief Administrative Office of each contracting institution and shall be appended hereto. After the initial three-year period, this agreement may be renewed by mutual consent. It may be terminated by either party at any time provided that the terminating party gives a minimum of six months notice in writing.

As witness to their consent to this agreement, the appropriate authorities hereto provide their signatures.

On behalf of the
Friedrich-Alexander-University
of Erlangen-Nuremberg

Erlangen, 16th July 2010

Prof. Dr. Karl-Dieter Grüske
President

On behalf of the
University of Baghdad

Baghdad, 25/8/2010

Prof. Dr. Mosa J. A. Al-Mosawe
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