

**Agreement on a double degree between the  
Istanbul Technical University (ITU)  
and the  
Technische Universität Dresden (TUD)  
in the framework of the T.I.M.E. network**

Article 1: Purpose of the program of cooperation

The aim of this formal convention is the definition of a framework for the organisation of a double degree between the departments of civil engineering at the ITU and the TUD. The principal aim of the agreement is to give students a deeper insight into civil engineering, to enable them to carry out interdisciplinary academic work in the field of civil engineering by reaching the qualification aims of the courses of study at the ITU and the TUD.

The agreement will also enable participating students to be integrated into the respective partner establishments and will broaden the range of their studies through the experience of differing methods and course content at the universities involved. It will also equip students for communication and mobility between different cultures.

In order to achieve these aims this agreement sets out general provisions for ITU students to receive both the TUD “Master of Science” degree based on the course of study in Rehabilitation Engineering as well as the ITU “Yüksek Lisans” degree based on the Yapı Mühendisliği Program (Master of Science in Structural Engineering). In addition, it sets out general provisions for TUD students to receive both the TUD “Diplom-Ingenieur” degree based on the course of study in civil engineering as well as the ITU “Yüksek Lisans” degree based on the Yapı Mühendisliği Program (Master of Science in Structural Engineering).

Article 2: Content of the agreement/cooperation

A. Mobility of ITU students to TUD

1. Students of ITU who have successfully completed their bachelor’s degree in civil engineering are eligible to take part in the programme.
2. They must fulfil the admission requirements as set out in the study and examination regulations of the Rehabilitation Engineering course of study at

the TUD. Their admission must be confirmed by the respective committee of the TUD.

3. ITU students must complete the requirements of the first three semesters of the Rehabilitation course of study at the TUD.
4. The master thesis must be jointly supervised by a lecturer from ITU and TUD and the defence of the Master's thesis should preferably be carried out in front of a mixed jury. Nonetheless, the master thesis must be submitted to both universities. The defence can take place at either the ITU or the TUD. The university carrying out the defence delivers to the other university all necessary documents, such that the other university can award its degree.
5. ITU may nominate up to five students each year, the number varying according to demand and need. The TU Dresden reserves the right to the final decision concerning the admission of applicants.
6. The ITU will nominate its students to TUD each year by the end of June for the winter semester. The TUD will inform the students about its decision concerning the admission at the earliest. It will also inform students about the needed documents through its website.
7. ITU students admitted to the course will take part in lectures and seminars in accordance with the course syllabus laid down by the TUD. During their stay at the TUD, students study according to the respective local study and examination regulations.
8. In order to award its degree the necessary requirements of each university must be fulfilled.
9. Students will be awarded a double degree: the "Master of Science" (in Rehabilitation Engineering) of the TUD and the "Yüksek Lisans" degree based on the Yapı Mühendisliği Program (Master of Science in Structural Engineering) of the ITU. The degree certificates will be awarded according to the normal practice and after fulfilment of the requirements of the certifying institutions.

## B. Mobility of TUD students to ITU

1. Students of TUD who have successfully completed their “Vordiplom” in civil engineering are eligible to take part in the programme.
2. They must fulfil the admission requirements as set out in the study and examination regulations of the structural engineering course of study at the ITU. Their admission must be confirmed by the respective committee of the ITU.
3. Framework plans for credit earning activities at both institutions for TUD students in terms of lectures, course work and examinations will be worked out separately and must be confirmed by the departments of civil engineering at both universities. The framework plans will follow the model of the learning agreements as used in the SOCRATES/ERASMUS exchange programme.
4. The Diplom/master thesis must be jointly supervised by a lecturer from ITU and TUD and the defence of the Master’s thesis should preferably be carried out in front of a mixed jury. Nonetheless, the Diplom/master thesis must be submitted to both universities. The defence can take place at either the ITU or the TUD. The university carrying out the defence delivers to the other university all necessary documents, such that the other university can award its degree.
5. The TUD may nominate up to five students each year, the number varying according to demand and need. The ITU reserves the right to the final decision concerning the admission of applicants.
6. The TUD will nominate its students to ITU each year by the end of May for the winter semester. The ITU will inform the students about its decision concerning the admission at the earliest. It will also inform students about the needed documents through its website.
7. TUD students admitted to the course will take part in lectures and seminars in accordance with the course syllabus laid down by the ITU. During their stay at the ITU, students study according to the respective local study and examination regulations.
8. In order to award its degree the necessary requirements of each university must be fulfilled.
9. Students will be awarded a double degree: the “Diplom-Ingenieur” (in Civil Engineering) of the TUD and the “Yüksek Lisans” degree based on the Yapı Mühendisliği Program (Master of Science in Structural Engineering) of the ITU. The degree certificates will be awarded according to the normal practice and after fulfilment of the requirements of the certifying institutions.

### C. General provisions

1. A representative of each university will be responsible for planning and running lectures and seminars in accordance with the course syllabus and for ensuring that academic standards are established and assessed. Assessment will be made according to the normal procedures and regulations of the university at which the lectures and seminars take place. The academic standards required will be fundamentally equivalent at each university.
2. The participating universities will offer and carry out tuition in their particular syllabus, in accordance with their normal procedures. They will support the students of the Master Program in their course of studies and will assist them in finding accommodation. The participating universities will ensure, in particular, that supervision and academic advice are available to students during their period of study at each site.

#### Article 3: Financial Obligations

1. The financial arrangements for project-related activities are to be decided on a case-to-case basis and there are no financial obligations arising from this agreement.
2. Both parties intend to exempt participating students from tuition fees in line with the legal requirements in place. An exemption would not include any student services fees.

#### Article 4: Coming into effect and termination of the formal convention

1. This formal convention takes effect from the academic year 2006/2007 on.
2. The formal convention is initially valid until the academic year 2010/2011. It will be automatically renewed for periods of two years unless it is terminated by giving six months' notice by March 31<sup>st</sup> of any year. Each participating university has the right to terminate the formal convention with the reservation

that students already enrolled in the double degree track can finish their program.

- Alterations and additions to this formal convention and supplementary agreements must be in writing, and approved by both universities.

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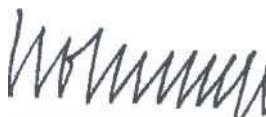
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