

THE ATLANTIS PROGRAM

GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A DOUBLE/DUAL TRANSATLANTIC DEGREE PROGRAM WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EU-US ATLANTIS PROGRAM

regarding the collaboration in the project entitled
“Transatlantic dual/double undergraduate degree program in Psychology”
(project no 2006-4564/001)

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United in the aim of promoting education cooperation and understanding between the peoples of the European Union and the United States of America and improving the quality of their human resource development, Marshall University, Huntington, WV, USA, The University of Debrecen, Centre of Arts, Humanities and Sciences, Debrecen, Hungary, and the Warsaw School of Social Psychology, Warsaw, Poland, hereby agree upon the following terms and conditions for the development and implementation of a double/dual transatlantic undergraduate degree program in psychology.

1. The purpose of this program is to develop and implement a model international and integrated curriculum and an undergraduate transatlantic degree program in psychology, which will lead to awarding a double/dual degree, which will contribute to educational excellence and innovation in the field, and will better prepare the graduates for the competence level required by the modern global job market.
2. The three partner institutions will work cooperatively to develop and agree upon a common curriculum and program of study, which will lead to the awarding of a transatlantic double/dual degree in psychology awarded by Marshall University, US and the University of Debrecen, Centre of Arts, Humanities and Sciences, Hungary.
3. The partner institutions guarantee that if the students enrolled in the program successfully complete all of the courses and course requirements agreed upon in the joint curriculum, pass the required exams, and meet all institutional graduation requirements, they will be awarded an undergraduate degree in psychology by Marshall University, US and the University of Debrecen, Centre of Arts, Humanities and Sciences, Hungary.



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4. Each institution will develop its own student selection process. Before participating in the exchange component of the program, students at all three institutions are required to have successfully completed requirements as specified by the home institution.
5. The home institution will be responsible for recruiting students for the program following a jointly developed process and requirements, and will, along with the host institution, assist with obtaining the required visa.
6. The partner institutions agree on credit recognition and transfer and the recognition of exams taken in the partner institutions. Coursework completed successfully while visiting will be credited at the student's home institution. The Institutions shall provide to each other a statement/transcript of study undertaken and credit achievements of each student participating in the program.
7. Students enrolled in the program will spend the required time of study abroad in each of the partner institutions as stipulated in the exchange agreement in order to meet the requirements for graduation.
8. Students enrolled in the transatlantic double/dual degree program will receive a stipend, which is to be used in partial payment of their overseas expenses in the host country such as their room, board, and travel. The tuition and other mandatory academic fees will be paid to the home institution. The host institution will not charge additional tuition and academic fees.
9. The stipend that students receive from the Atlantis grant shall be used to defray differences in room and board between the home school and the school being visited, but is not intended to cover the full amount of room and board at the visited school. Funding for the stipend is contingent on the continuation of the Atlantis grant sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, FIPSE, and the European Commission.
10. The host institution will provide help with orientation, student services, language and cultural training.
11. Participating students will enjoy the same rights and privileges and be subject to the same regulations and discipline as students of the host institution.
12. Faculty mobility for curriculum development, annual meetings attendance, teaching and research assignments will be an important part of the project. Administration travel will be required to carry out the activities of the project.
13. Independent evaluation of the process and outcomes will take place throughout the project.
14. The products, outcomes and results of the project will be broadly disseminated.

15. This agreement will operate and will be in force for a period of 4 years and will be supplemented by detailed arrangements negotiated between the partnering Institutions. During this period a minimum of 24 students from each side of the Atlantic will participate in the program, to include 24 from Marshall University and 12 each from the University of Debrecen, Centre of Arts, Humanities and Sciences and the Warsaw School of Social Psychology.

For:

Marshall University

University of Debrecen,
Centre of Arts, Humanities
and Sciences

Warsaw School of Social
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