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## **Framework Ordinance for the Double Degree Master's Programs of the Faculty of Law, University of Zurich and the Foreign Partner Faculties (RVO DD RWF)**

(dated 1 March 2021)<sup>1,2</sup>

*The Board of the University has resolved:*

### **I. General Provisions**

Object and scope      § 1 <sup>1</sup> This framework ordinance (RVO DD RWF) governs the terms of the double degree Master's programs at the Faculty of Law of the University of Zurich (RWF UZH) and the foreign partner faculties (partner faculties) to the extent that they affect the implementation of the respective double degree Master's programs at RWF UZH.

<sup>2</sup> The implementation of the double degree Master's programs at the respective partner faculties is governed by the legal bases that apply there.

Applicable law      § 2 <sup>1</sup> The double degree Master's programs are governed by this framework ordinance and the program regulation for the double degree Master's programs.

<sup>2</sup> Unless this framework ordinance contains provisions to the contrary, the Framework Ordinance on the Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programs at the Faculty of Law of the University of Zurich (RVO RWF)<sup>5</sup>, dated 21 September 2020, the corresponding program regulation, and the provisions of UZH's general enactments that are applicable to exchange students shall apply.

<sup>3</sup> The cooperation agreements with the partner faculties are also applicable.

### **II. Organization**

Implementation and supervision      § 3 The faculties involved decide on the implementation of and oversee the degree program independently.

§ 4<sup>1</sup> A Steering Committee is formed for every double degree Master's program. Steering Committees

<sup>2</sup> The Steering Committee performs the following tasks in particular:

- Assistance with the supervision of the double degree Master's program
- Provision of regular information to the Faculty Assembly about the activities conducted
- Regulation of quality assurance and evaluation of the double degree Master's program for submission to the Faculty Assembly
- Decisions on admission to the double degree Master's program
- Negotiations with the partner faculties

### III. Studies

§ 5 The double degree Master's programs that are run jointly with partner faculties offer students the opportunity to extend and consolidate their knowledge of the Swiss legal system, the legal system of the country in which the partner faculty is located, and international law. Program outcomes

§ 6<sup>1</sup> The double degree Master's programs are specialized Master's degree programs. Study programs

<sup>2</sup> A degree program is made up of the study program of RWF UZH and the study program of the partner faculty.

<sup>3</sup> The program regulation defines a standard curriculum for every double degree program.

<sup>4</sup> The standard period of study for the double degree programs is four semesters. Two of these semesters are spent at RWF UZH and two at the partner university.

§ 7<sup>1</sup> RWF UZH confers the degree of "Master of Law UZH" for a successfully completed double degree program. Academic degree

<sup>2</sup> The conferral of the degree is deemed complete upon issue of the signed diploma.

<sup>3</sup> The degree is abbreviated to "MLaw UZH."

<sup>4</sup> The partner faculties confer their equivalent academic degree.

Admission and matriculation	<p>§ 8. <sup>1</sup> Admission is subject to the proviso of admission by the partner university.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> While completing the study program at the partner university, students are matriculated at both universities.</p>
Selection procedure at the Faculty of Law	<p>§ 9 <sup>1</sup> To take part in a double degree Master's program, students at RWF UZH must undergo a selection procedure at the beginning of the Fall Semester.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> Special admission requirements of the partner faculties are taken into account in the selection procedure.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> There is no general entitlement to a place.</p> <p><sup>4</sup> Repeat applications are possible.</p> <p><sup>5</sup> Details are defined in the program regulation.</p>
Fees	<p>§ 10 <sup>1</sup> Students matriculated at RWF UZH pay fees in accordance with the Ordinance Governing Tuition and Fees at the University of Zurich of 5 March 2012<sup>3</sup> and the fees defined in accordance with the applicable agreement with the partner faculty. Details are defined in the program regulation.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> Upon matriculation at the University of Zurich, students from the partner faculties pay the fees set by the University of Zurich in accordance with the Ordinance Governing Tuition and Fees at the University of Zurich of 5 March 2012<sup>3</sup> and the Ordinance Governing Additional Fees for Foreign Students at the University of Zurich of 1 February 2012<sup>4</sup>. Exceptions are defined in the program regulation.</p>
Commencement of studies	<p>§ 11. <sup>1</sup> Study programs begin in the Fall Semester.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> Students who are matriculated at RWF UZH begin their study program in the Fall Semester at RWF UZH and generally switch to the partner faculty in the following Fall Semester.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> Students who are matriculated at a partner faculty generally switch to RWF UZH in the Fall Semester.</p> <p><sup>4</sup> Exceptions are defined in the program regulation.</p>
Recognition and transfer of ECTS credits from partner faculties	<p>§ 12. <sup>1</sup> Coursework completed at UZH is taken into account in accordance with the program regulation.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> By way of derogation from § 46 RVO RWF, coursework completed at the partner faculties is taken into account in the degree by means of a general transfer of 30 ECTS credits.</p>

<sup>3</sup> Coursework from universities other than that of the partner faculty is not recognized and will not be credited toward the degree.

§ 13 In addition to the reasons specified in § 33 RVO RWF, the Faculty Assembly shall impose a definitive exclusion from studies if the double degree Master's program is not completed within five years after matriculation.

Definitive exclusion from studies

#### **IV. Degree**

§ 14 The Master's degree will be conferred by the Faculty if the student has earned 60 ECTS credits at UZH in accordance with the program regulation and has successfully completed the study program at the partner faculty, for which a general transfer of 30 ECTS credits will be awarded as defined in § 12.

Conferral of the Master's degree

§ 15 <sup>1</sup> Graduates will receive the following final records: the diploma, the Diploma Supplement, and the Academic Record (final transcript of records).

Final records

<sup>2</sup> The diploma will be issued in conjunction with the academic degree earned at the partner faculty.

#### **V. Legal Protection**

§ 16 <sup>1</sup> Legal protection shall be based on the law of the university issuing the ruling.

Legal protection

<sup>2</sup> Coursework newly entered in the transcript of records in the last semester is subject to appeal to the Faculty Council. The appeal, in writing and specifying the grounds, must be lodged with the Faculty Council within 30 days of receiving the transcript of records. This decision is subject to further appeal.

<sup>3</sup> All other legal orders issued on the basis of this framework ordinance are subject to appeal.

<sup>4</sup> The Appeals Commission of the Higher Education Institutions of the Canton of Zurich is responsible for decisions on appeals.

## VI. Transitional Provisions

### Transitional Provisions

§ 17 The following transitional provisions apply to students who began studying at the Faculty of Law before this framework ordinance came into force:

1. The students will be subject to this framework ordinance from the start of the 2021 Fall Semester. They will switch to the corresponding degree program/study program under the new ordinance with effect from the 2021 Fall Semester.
2. From Fall Semester 2021, modules will no longer be offered and no repeat assessments will be conducted under the old ordinance.
3. Credit for coursework that was transferable under the old ordinance will be transferred to the corresponding new degree/study program. The framework ordinance defines the transfer options and regulates both the extent to which students have freedom to choose the modules still to be completed for their degree and which coursework must still be completed. If they have the freedom to choose, this shall apply up to and including Spring Semester 2024.
4. Failed attempts from before Fall Semester 2021 will no longer be taken into account. Definitive exclusions and bans will remain in force.

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<sup>1</sup> [OS 76, 183](#); for reasoning see [ABI 2021-03-12](#).

<sup>2</sup> Legal force and entry into force: August 1, 2021.

<sup>3</sup> [LS 415.321](#).

<sup>4</sup> [LS 415.322](#).

<sup>5</sup> [LS 415.415.1](#).

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