



UiO : University of Oslo

Joint Degrees at the University of Oslo - Strategic approach and implementation

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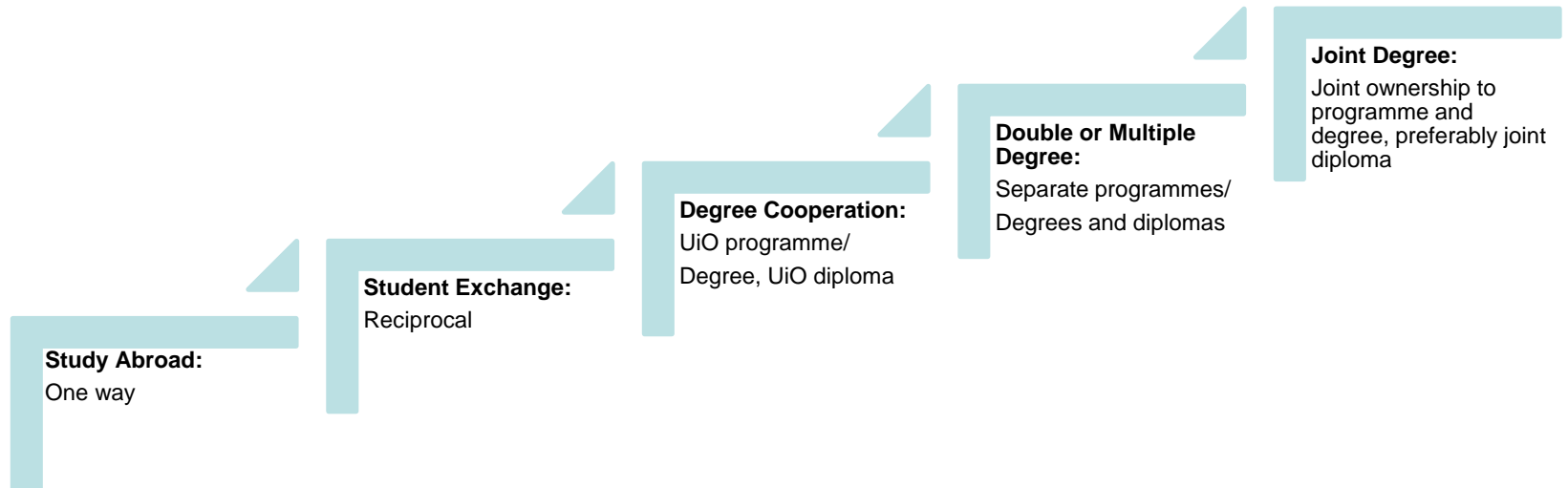
Tutor's Round Table

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Internationalisation of studies



Joint Degrees at the UiO

- Higher Education (EM) 2004-13
- Religious Roots of Europe (NMP) 2009
- Special and Inclusive Education (EM) 2011
- Health Management, Law and Economics 2012
- Medieval Norse Studies (NMP) 2012
- Chinese Society and Politics 2012

Joint Degree Projects in progress

- Biodiversity and Systematics (NMP)
- Simula Graduate School of Computing (Ph.D)
- Linguistics and its Application for a Multilingual Society
- European Youth Studies
- Sociolinguistics
- North Sea Energy Law

Strategic Framework

- ***Strategy 2020***

- *A university transcending borders*
- *A university for research-based education*

- ***Action Plan for Internationalisation***

- international profile
- Increased cooperation with foreign institutions

=> UiO shall develop a clear, common policy for the creation of joint degrees at master's and doctoral levels, based upon current research collaborations

- ***Annual Plans 2012-14 and 2013-15***

- At least 20 Joint Degrees by the end of 2016

The UiO Policy for the development of Joint Degrees

- UiO regards Joint Degrees as an important tool in achieving the aim of increased internationalisation stated in Strategy 2020 and stressed in the Action Plan
- The Policy contains three major principles which shall be paramount in creating Joint Degrees at the UiO

1. Quality:

- **Joint Degrees shall be established in strong areas and in areas with high potential together with leading universities**
 - Academic quality
 - Good partners
 - Added Value
 - Strong research areas -> internationally competitive programmes
 - Ensure stable and attractive study programmes in smaller academic areas

2. Sustainability

- **Joint Degrees shall aim at providing strong and sustainable study programmes through collaboration encompassing both education and research**
 - Based on existing research cooperation
 - Part of the regular UiO programme portfolio
 - UiO shall seek external financing to develop and/or run Joint Degrees when possible

3. Approval and authorization

- **All Joint Degree initiatives are to be formally approved at all levels in the organization**
 - The same regulations and deadlines as for other UiO study programmes apply
 - Initiatives must have support in the department and be formally approved by the faculty before being presented to the Rector or University Board

The initial process at the UiO

1. Joint Degree initiative
2. Departmental support
3. Faculty approval
 - International Coordinator
 - Faculty Leadership
4. Central Administration
 - Joint Degrees Team: Advice throughout the process and quality assurance
5. Approval by the University Board or Rector

Implementation - Challenges

- Legal aspects
- Accreditation
- Agreements
 - Declaration of Intent
 - Cooperation Agreement
 - Exchange Agreements
 - Student Contract
- Division of tasks and responsibilities
- Time
- Finance
- Logistics
- Student support

Implementation – Success Factors

- Motivation
- Cooperation and communication
- Institutional approval and support at all levels
- Administrative support