

## **Master Program “Business in Emerging Markets”**

### **Study Abroad**

#### **Conditions and Procedures for Cohort 2017**

##### **Number of exchange semesters**

Basically, students in the Master degree program “Business in Emerging Markets” can study for the duration of one semester at one of our partner universities. The exchange semester is supposed to take place during the 3<sup>rd</sup> semester of the Master program.

##### **Workload**

Students abroad are supposed to accumulate 30 ECTS. 1 ECTS corresponds to 25 hours of student’s overall workload. If the ECTS is not in use at a partner university, either the equivalent of 30 ECTS (750 hours of student’s overall workload) or the equivalent of 18 credit hours (202,5 hours of class hours) has to be obtained as acknowledged by the partner university. Please note that recognition of courses taken abroad can only be granted upon receiving the original transcripts of records via postal letter.

##### **Tuition Waiver and ERASMUS+**

Due to the partnership agreements with our strategic partners, FH JOANNEUM students can study at our partner universities free of tuition. This semester, around seven student mobility activities to partner universities can be funded through Erasmus+ credit mobility. (Chile DD, Mexico, Georgia, Russia, Thailand, Uganda).

##### **Double Degree Programs**

Students of our Master degree program have the possibility of obtaining a double degree at three partner universities: USACH (Chile), NKUST (Taiwan), Voronezh State University (Russia).

The thesis will be jointly supervised and evaluated by one professor of the faculty of the respective partner university and one professor of the “Institute of International Management” at the FH JOANNEUM.

Based on the completed double degree programme, one academic degree is awarded in two variants, according to the legal bases of the participating universities. In each of the participating states, the variant corresponding to the legal system of that state may be used.

### **Condition of “GOOD STANDING” for outgoing exchange students**

The selection of the Master students depends on their “GOOD STANDING” in the Master program.

“GOOD STANDING” of the student implies that

- a) The student has been attending all classes regularly (absence of not more than 20 per cent of total course units)
- b) The student has acted responsibly and respectfully during his/her study/studies at FH JOANNEUM
- c) The student has acted according to academic standards (especially no plagiarism)
- d) The student has met all deadlines in administrative and academic matters
- e) The student has successfully passed all courses of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester. No grade shall be below “3” (“Befriedigend”/“Average”/“C”) in case double degree applicants.

Students who meet these criteria will be deemed to be in “GOOD STANDING”. These students will, in principle, be eligible for an exchange semester.

### **Selection of partner universities**

Selection of the student will be done according to their preferences of countries and partner universities.

In case of a number of applicants exceeding the number of available places, selection will be done on the basis of the weighted grade point average of the students’ academic performance after the first semester.

### **Procedures**

In the first semester of the Master degree program there will be two information sessions about study-abroad possibilities and the application process. The selection process should be finished by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Students are then nominated to the partner universities by e-mail and – if the nomination is confirmed – they will start their application.

**Applications to study abroad in the 3rd semester are considered BINDING!**

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regarding: application process, academic coordination and recognition process