

**Protocol for Joint Doctoral Program
Between
Middle East Technical University
And
Université Paul Sabatier**

This protocol is concerned with the conditions and the requirements of how the joint doctoral program between the Middle East Technical University, (hereafter referred as METU) and Université Paul Sabatier (hereafter referred as UPS) will be conducted and the degrees that will be awarded following the completion of this joint doctoral program. It is prepared in accordance with the resolution of 18 January 1994 concerning the joint supervision of doctoral thesis between French and foreign establishments of high education, the decree dated October 6th, 1982 concerning the deposit, advertising and publication of the modalities of Thesis and works presented for the Turkish doctorate; the decree dated October 6th, 1982 concerning doctoral studies in Republic of Turkey; the decree dated 5.10.1996/22778 concerning international joint supervision of doctoral thesis between Republic of Turkey and foreign universities; the decree dated July 23rd, 2002 signed by METU Senate concerning the international joint supervision of doctoral Thesis between METU and other universities.

Administrative Conditions:

1. The doctoral student will be registered in the doctoral programs of both institutions, METU and UPS.
2. The student is already enrolled to the PhD program in Biology Department of METU and UPS, namely "Ecole Doctorale de SEVAB" of UPS. This convention is applicable as long as the candidate is enrolled in both PhD/Doctoral programs.
3. The student files and records will be kept separately at each of the institutions. However, each institution will keep the other institution informed about the academic progress of the doctoral student and will send other institution a progress report and a transcript of the courses taken within that institution.
4. The doctoral student will be considered to be "on leave of absence" from the PhD program of METU for the duration during which he is residing in France and vice versa. The duration during which the doctoral student will be residing in France and Turkey will depend essentially on the progress and developments in research activities and will satisfy the minimum residence requirement of each institution.
5. The total duration of the joint program cannot be longer than three years.

Academic Conditions:

6. The courses that the doctoral student will take and the courses that were already taken in METU will be counted towards the course requirements for the PhD program of UPS, subject to the approval of UPS. The same will apply for METU as well.

7. The doctoral student will be responsible to fulfill all the requirements of the doctoral programs of both of the institutions: UPS and METU.
8. The doctoral thesis will be supervised by the two co-supervisors: one from METU and one from UPS.
9. The co-supervisors will decide jointly on the successful completion of the doctoral thesis before it is submitted to the jury.
10. Upon successful completion of all the requirements for the doctoral programs of both of the institutions, the doctoral student will prepare only one thesis and there will be one thesis defenses before the jury to be held in METU.
11. The thesis will be written and defended in English. Other aspects are according to rules of regulations of the institution where the jury will be held. However, in the thesis both universities will be clearly specified and there will be a written summary of thesis both in French and Turkish.
12. The jury for the defense of the thesis will be subject to approval of both institutions and will be formed according to the rules and regulations of both UPS and METU. In all cases the jury will be composed of appropriate scientific members representing the two institutions. The jury will be composed of at most eight members. Two reporters external to UPS and METU are chosen to review the thesis.
13. If the PhD/Doctoral thesis is found to be successful by the examining jury, and considering the examination report, the two universities will award, either separately or jointly, the respective doctoral degrees of both of the institutions. The diploma and/or thesis has to mention of name of speciality or field of study, the title of the thesis or name of the main research works, the mention of international joint supervision of thesis, the name and title of the members of the examination board, and the date of defence of the thesis.
14. Both UPS and METU are free to discontinue this program at any time, upon written notice to the other institution. However, the students who are already registered to the program will continue their studies until they complete their degrees or until they discontinue their program voluntarily.
15. This agreement will be in effect after the approval of the Higher Education Council of Turkey (YÖK).

Agreed to, effective the day of, 2006.

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For Université Paul Sabatier
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