

**PROTOCOL FOR JOINT DOCTORAL PROGRAMME
BETWEEN
METU-AEROSPACE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
AND
UNIVERSITY OF POITIERS, ENSMA (ECOLE NATIONALE SUPERIEURE DE
MECANIQUE ET D'AEROTECHNIQUE)**

1. This protocol is concerned with the conditions and the requirements of how the joint doctoral programme between the Middle East Technical University, Aerospace Engineering Department, (hereafter referred to as METU) and the University of Poitiers, Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Mécanique et d'Aérotechnique (hereafter referred to as ENSMA) will be conducted and the degrees that will be awarded following the completion of this joint doctoral programme.

Admission and Registration to the Programme:

2. The doctorate student will apply separately to the PhD programmes of both institutions. The admission of the doctorate student to the PhD programmes of each school will be handled separately by the respective schools according to their admission requirements. Each institution is free to admit or to reject the application of the doctorate student independent of the other institution. The admission of the PhD candidate to one of the institution's PhD programme does not guarantee his/her admission to the PhD/doctorate programme of the other institution. However, this protocol is applicable if and only if the candidate is accepted to the PhD programmes of both of the institutions.
3. The doctorate student will be registered to the doctorate programmes of both institutions, METU and ENSMA and will pay the registration fees to both of the institutions.
4. 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 doctorate student and will send to the other institution the progress report and the transcript of the courses taken within that institution.
5. The doctorate student will be responsible to fulfill all the requirements of the doctorate programmes of both of the institutions: University of Poitiers, ENSMA and METU, Aerospace Engineering Department.
6. The doctorate student will be considered to be "on leave of absence" from PhD programme of METU, Aerospace Engineering Department for the duration during which he/she is residing in France and vice versa. *The duration during which the doctorate student will be residing in France will be determined in accordance with the financial support provided by the French Government to the doctorate student.*
7. The duration during which the doctorate student is on leave of absence from one institution, will not be counted towards his/her allowable time for the doctorate programme in that institution.

8. The courses that the doctorate student will take from University of Poitiers, ENSMA while he/she is in ENSMA will be counted towards the course requirements for the PhD programme in METU, Aerospace Engineering Department subject to the approval of the METU, Aerospace Engineering Department. The same will apply for ENSMA as well. In case, if there is any such course requirement in ENSMA, the courses taken in METU by the doctorate student will count towards his/her course requirements in ENSMA.
9. The doctorate thesis will be supervised by two co-supervisors, one from METU, and the other from ENSMA.
10. The two co-supervisors will decide jointly on the successful completion of the doctorate thesis.

Conditions for PhD Thesis Preparation, its Defense and Degrees Awarded

11. Upon successful completion of all the requirements for the doctorate programmes of both of the institutions, the doctorate student will prepare only one (unique) thesis and there will be only one (unique) thesis defense in front of a jury in which both of the co-supervisors are present.
12. If the PhD/Doctorate thesis is found to be successful by the examining jury of the PhD/Doctorate, the doctorate student will be awarded by the respective doctorate degrees of both of the institutions; "Philosophical Degree in Aerospace Engineering" from METU and "Doctorat de l'Université de Poitiers" from the University of Poitiers, ENSMA. There will be two separate diplomas delivered to the doctorate student. At the back side of each diploma it will be clearly indicated that these diplomas are delivered jointly through this joint PhD/Doctorate programme.
13. The PhD/Doctorate thesis will be written in English language. There will be a resume of the thesis prepared in French. The thesis defense will be in English.
14. There will be only one public defense of the thesis (thesis defense will be joint and public) and it will take place in ENSMA, Poitiers/France. Both of the co-supervisors will be present in the thesis defense and at the same time will be members of the thesis defense jury.
15. Both ENSMA and METU are free to discontinue this program at any time, upon notice to the other. This will mean that no new admissions can occur into the program starting in the next semester. However, students who are still fulfilling degree obligations must continue to receive advising and appropriate support until they have completed their degrees or discontinued the program.

In agreement this month May and day 21 of this year 2002.

FOR UNIVERSITY OF POITIERS
President of the University of Poitiers

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