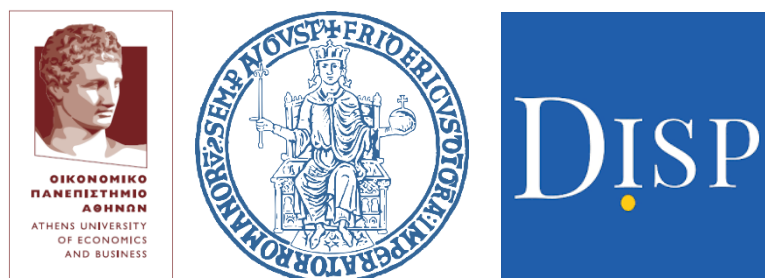




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Double Master's Degree Agreement between the Department of Statistics, Athens University of Economics and Business, and the Department of Political Science, University of Naples

In line with its strategic internationalization plans and ongoing international cooperation, Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB) has proceeded with a new dual degree program agreement, this time with the University of Naples, Italy.

The University of Naples, established in 1224, stands as one of the world's most ancient institutions of higher education. The University of Naples has fostered extensive international collaborations through its Department of Economics, Statistics, and Finance, as well as the Department of Political Science, leading to the establishment of over 15 dual degree programs with universities across Europe and around the world.

More specifically, full-time students enrolled in the M.Sc. in Statistics program at the Department of Statistics, AUEB, will have the opportunity to also complete the postgraduate program (*Laurea Magistrale*) in *Statistical Science for Decisions (Scienze Statistiche per le Decisioni)*, at the Department of Political Science, University of Naples. The mobility of students will also be funded by the ERASMUS + program. In a reciprocal arrangement, postgraduate students of the University of Naples will also be able to attend the full-time M.Sc. in Statistics program at AUEB.

Double degree programs are pioneering, comprehensive study programs jointly organized by two university institutions in different countries. These programs require a mandatory mobility period, typically lasting one year, during which participating students spend a year attending courses at each of the collaborating universities.

In specific, the double degree program agreement between AUEB and the University of Naples includes:

- **Transfer of full-time postgraduate students from the M.Sc. in Statistics program of the Athens University of Economics and Business**, to the postgraduate program offered by the University of Naples.
- **Transfer of students and graduates of the postgraduate program of the University of Naples**, to the postgraduate program offered by the Athens University of Economics and Business.
- **Potential funding of student travel** via ERASMUS +.
- **Waiving of tuition for AUEB students** at the University of Naples.
- Joint dissertations between the two Departments. This action will promote cooperation between instructors and researchers at a fundamental research level.

The agreement was signed by the Rector of the Athens University of Economics and Business, **Professor Dimitris Bourantonis**.

The **Head of the Department of Statistics, AUEB, Professor Ioannis Ntzoufras**, referring to the event mentioned, among others: *"This groundbreaking agreement not only opens doors for further collaborations but also marks a significant step in the internationalization of the Department of Statistics, AUEB, while simultaneously, underscoring the Department's commitment to excellence in teaching and research."*

The **Vice Rector of International Cooperation and Development of AUEB, Professor Vassilis Papadakis**, commenting on the agreement, stated: "This agreement marks the beginning of a new era in which AUEB's strategic objective is to strengthen its international presence and recognition. It represents a significant step towards the fundamental internationalization of our study programs through strategic partnerships with internationally renowned universities abroad.

More details on AUEB's full-time M.Sc. in Statistics program may be found here:

<https://aueb-analytics.wixsite.com/msc-stats>