

FIRENZE - UCLA AGREEMENT FOR SETTING UP A PROGRAM OF COOPERATION WITH THE GOAL OF INSTITUTING AN INTERNATIONAL DOCTORAL COURSE

REGULATIONS AND GENERAL CRITERIA OF THE PROGRAM

SECTION 1: Basic plan for participants from Firenze

Phase 0: Enrollment. Students enroll in Firenze. Spend between 0 and 1 year in Firenze.

Phase 1: Exchange program. Students visit UCLA for one year, beginning in Fall. Funding is provided through the exchange program.

Students should pass qualifying exams by end of January. The rest of the time, they try to build contact with UCLA faculty through courses, seminars, reading courses etc, to prepare Step 2.

After this phase, assuming sufficient progress, students may be eligible for UCLA Master's degree, if they so desire. Details of possible credit for courses in Firenze are to be determined.

Phase 2: Proposal for research. Students submit proposal for research. It includes a proposal for a doctoral committee at UCLA. Proposal is to be approved by chairman of doctoral committee and by GVC of UCLA, as well as representatives from Firenze.

If no proposal is submitted and approved, students return to Firenze after Phase 2.

Phase 3: Thesis work. Students do research and write thesis under main responsibility of proposed UCLA doctoral committee chairman, with possible interaction with faculty at Firenze. UCLA guarantees support through TA-ship for 3 additional years. If available, funding may be replaced by other sources, such as RA-ships. Leaves of absence (e.g. for stays at Firenze) may be granted under UCLA rules.

A total of 2 years, including Phase 1, at UCLA is required.

After completion of Phase 3, students receive doctorate from UCLA.

Phase 4: Defense for Firenze. Students do a formal defense of their thesis for Firenze and obtain a degree in Firenze.

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