

STUDY AND EXAMINATION REGULATIONS
OF THE JOINTLY AWARDED DOUBLE MASTER DEGREE IN
“VITICULTURE AND ENOLOGY – VITIS-VINUM” (VIVM)
DELIVERED BY THE TVG CONSORTIUM

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Purpose of the Study Regulations

The purpose of these Study and Examination Regulations is to regulate the administrative and pedagogical management of the double Master Degree in “Viticulture and Enology – VITIS-VINUM” (VITIS-VINUM) and the study process as well as the delivery of final documents.

PART I
BASIC INFORMATION

1. Provider of the VITIS-VINUM Program

1.1. Organization

The VITIS-VINUM Master’s program is offered and managed by the TVG Consortium. This Consortium is an association of the universities of Torino (UniTo), Verona (UniVr) and Geisenheim (HGU) of Master’s level education in Viticulture and Enology, Wine Economics and related activities.

The members of the TVG Consortium:

- Università degli Studi di Torino; Via Verdi, 8; I-10124 TORINO, on behalf of the “Convenzione tra le Università degli studi di Torino, Milano, Palermo, Sassari, Foggia per il funzionamento del Corso di Laurea Magistrale Interateneo Internazionale in Scienze Viticole ed Enologiche (classe LM 70)”
- Università degli Studi di Verona; Via dell'Artigliere, 8, I- 37129, VERONA, on behalf of the "Convenzione tra le Università degli studi di Udine, Padova e Verona per la gestione del Corso di Laurea Magistrale in Viticoltura, Enologia e Mercati Vitivinicoli (classe LM 69)”
- Hochschule Geisenheim University; Von-Lade Str. 1; D-65366 GEISENHEIM

1.2. General principles for decision making and management responsibilities

The Management of the VITIS-VINUM double degree program is organized on two levels:

For the general coordination of the project all major decisions are taken by the TVG Consortium Committee. For the pedagogic and administrative running of the project the Italian TVG partners are in charge for the first year, the German partner for the second year.

The program and the management of the modules are decided locally according to the general orientations jointly defined at Consortium’s level.

2. Aim of the VITIS-VINUM Master's Program

2.1. Aim

The aim of the Italian-German double degree program Master of Science (M.Sc.) "Viticulture and Enology - VITIS-VINUM", is to strengthen and formalize the already existing links and collaborations between partners, e.g. double degree Bachelor's program between Udine and Geisenheim and Doctorate agreement between Torino and Geisenheim and hence to train motivated people at a high scientific master level for higher positions in Wine Estates and Wineries or for a scientific career in Viticulture, Enology and Wine Economics.

2.2. Target Group

The VITIS-VINUM double degree program is open to students with a completed Bachelor's Degree in Viticulture, Enology, Food Science, Plant Production or closely related subjects and a sound knowledge of Italian or English (B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages CEFR). For the second year at Geisenheim an English language proficiency level of B2 is required.

3. Structure of the VITIS-VINUM Master's Program

The Master's program VITIS-VINUM is a consecutive program and consists of two study years. The first year of VITIS-VINUM corresponds to first year of the "Corso di Laurea Magistrale in Scienze viticole ed enologiche – SVE" (curricula "Fondamentale" and "International") at the University of Torino or the "Master's degree in Viticulture, enology and wine marketing (interuniversity)" at the University of Verona.

The first academic year which starts in autumn is delivered by one of the Italian partners Torino or Verona (60 ECTS credit points) in English or Italian (curriculum "Fondamentale" of UniTo only). The Italian partner is responsible for the management of the VITIS-VINUM program of the first year at the own university.

All students have to follow the second academic year at Hochschule Geisenheim University (60 ECTS credit points). The teaching language for the second academic year is English. Hochschule Geisenheim University is responsible for the management of the second academic year.

An overview of the program of the first and second year is given in appendix 1.

The organization and administrative management of the study program follows the national regulations of the respective university in which the student is enrolled except for the regulations concerning the Master's Thesis and the defense (see sections 14.1 and 14.2) which are determined in these study regulations.

4. Enrollment and Registration Fees

In the first year the students are enrolled at the respective university at Torino or Verona and in the second year at Geisenheim and at the Italian universities of Torino or Verona. At Hochschule Geisenheim University currently no tuition fees but a registration fee has to be paid. This fee covers a liability insurance, the participation for the student association, a public transport ticket and an administration part. At the Universities of Torino and Verona the rules are approved each year by the Academic Senate and published in a specific fee regulation.

5. Accreditation and Quality Management

The accreditation certificates can be displayed on the partners' website.

Part of the internal quality management are regular module and program evaluations.

PART II

ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT OF THE PROGRAM

6. Management of the VITIS-VINUM Master's Program

6.1. General Coordination and Management

The TVG Consortium Managing Board is responsible for the overall development of drafts for the degree program and its improvement.

On behalf of the TVG Consortium the first academic year is managed by:

- a) the head of the Master's degree program of the first year of the dedicated university;
- b) the module coordinators of the dedicated University of Torino/Verona.

On behalf of the TVG Consortium the second academic year is managed by:

- a) the head of the VITIS-VINUM degree program of Hochschule Geisenheim University;
- b) the module coordinators of Hochschule Geisenheim University.

6.2. Responsibilities and Functions

Each partner is responsible for the program at his site regarding the

- administrative management of the admission process,
- administration of the student records,
- issuance of Transcript of Records of the dedicated year and delivery of copies to the partners (for year one: at the latest before the beginning of the second academic year/for year two: at the latest 8 weeks after the date of graduation),
- issuance of the Diploma of the Double Master's Degree with reference to the partner university,
- issuance of the Final Transcript of Records,
- issuance of the Diploma Supplement,
- information for the students on the programs of the first and second academic years,
- coordination of the interaction between the first and second academic year.

6.3. Responsibilities of the heads of the degree program

The heads of the degree program of the University of Torino and respectively the University of Verona for year one and the head of the degree program of Hochschule Geisenheim University for year two are responsible for the general management of the VITIS-VINUM program. This includes:

- developing the schedule (timetable) for each academic year,
- information of module coordinators and lecturers each year well in advance of the timetable,

- welcoming the students,
- information for the students regarding details of the degree program,
- organization of the examinations and retakes,
- being the contact person for students and module coordinators and lecturers,
- quality assurance of the program.

6.4. Responsibilities of the Module Coordinators

The responsibilities of module coordinators are:

- designing and updating the contents of the modules together with the lecturers involved,
- proposing appropriate lecturers,
- allocating the different topics and contents to lecturers and lessons,
- preparing the module description for the module catalogue,
- preparing course documents together with the lecturers and providing them to the students.

PART III

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION PROCEDURES

7. Application

Applicants should apply to the secretary of the university in Italy where the first year will be done on the dates published on the website of the dedicated partner.

8. Admission

The secretariat of the first year informs the second year's partner of the admission.

Admission will be given to applicants

- with a Bachelor's degree in Viticulture, Enology, Food Science, Plant Production or closely related subjects,
- with proven language skills in Italian (curriculum "Fondamentale" of UniTo only) or English (B2 according to the "Common European Framework of Reference for Languages", CEFR),
- who have submitted the necessary documents for the admission.

Applicants who are admitted will be informed immediately by the secretariat.

The admission for the second year is validated when

- at least all but one module of the first academic year are successfully completed and
- the student has submitted all relevant documents for the enrolment to the student office of Hochschule Geisenheim University;
- proof of sufficient language skills in English (not older than two years at the time of application) is provided. The following certificates at the levels indicated, or above, are recognized:

- IELTS (minimum 6),
- TOEFL (minimum 80 points; internet-based test),
- Cambridge English certificate “B2 First” with a minimum score of 160 points equivalent to B2 level,
- Certification by the University Language Centers of the Universities in the TVG Consortium of Level B2 in English of the CEFR.

The admission to the Master’s Thesis requires proof of an 8 weeks internship in the field of viticulture or enology has to be submitted prior to the thesis application. The examination board of Hochschule Geisenheim University decides on the approval of the internship.

The University of Torino and the University of Verona individually nominate the candidates for the second year at Hochschule Geisenheim University. The partner of the first year is responsible for the management of the completion of the missing module.

PART IV

MODULES & PRACTICAL ATTACHMENT & MASTER’S THESIS WITH DEFENSE

9. Modularization

9.1. Modularization of the Program

The VITIS-VINUM program is built up of modules according to the Bologna process. Modules can include several study units.

The credit point system follows the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). The whole Master’s program covers 120 ECTS credit points. The ECTS credit points allocated to a module are shown in appendix 1 and in the respective module description of the module catalogue.

9.2. Types of Modules

Compulsory modules

Core modules:

In the core modules central elements of the study field are taught at Master’s level and in collaboration with other existing Master programs at each partner.

Related/integrative modules:

In the related/integrative modules other relevant elements relating to the field of study are taught at Master’s level.

Additional modules

Additional modules can be offered. The ECTS credit points allocated to these modules are not counted for the necessary 120 ECTS credit points of the degree program. The student can decide, if additional modules should be listed on the final transcript of records.

10. Attendance in the Courses

For the attendance of the courses the national regulations of the partner of the respective year apply.

11. Recognition of prior learning

Students who can document a previous qualification as meeting the learning outcomes for a course or module, can apply at the respective university to have this qualification recognized, substituting the respective course or module.

In general students must make a formal request to have a previous qualification recognized prior to taking up their studies, i.e. when submitting their application for admission to the program.

12. Master's Thesis and Defense

12.1. Master's Thesis

12.1.1. Aim of the Master's Thesis

Through the Master's Thesis the student shows that she/he is able to solve a problem in the field of Viticulture, Enology or Wine Economics through his/her own work within a given time frame and by application of scientific methods. The Master's Thesis can be written in connection with a tutored practical internship.

The ECTS credit points allocated to the Master's Thesis are specified in the description of the Master's Thesis module.

12.1.2. Administrative Responsibility

The Master's Thesis has to be prepared under the responsibility of the second-year partner and under consideration of its regulations except for the assessment and grading (see section 14.).

One copy of the written report has to be sent to the partner institution where the student spent the first year of study.

12.1.3. Supervision of the Master's Thesis

The supervision of the Master's Thesis follows the regulations of Hochschule Geisenheim University with the exception that one of the supervisors has to be a member of the academic staff of the TVG Consortium member where the first year of study took place.

Both supervisors take part in the assessment of the written report (see section 14.1) and are members of the jury for the final assessment of the Master's Thesis with defense (attendance via video).

12.1.4. Intellectual Property Rights concerning the Master's Thesis

The Master's Thesis is the intellectual property of the student. If the Master's Thesis is written by a group of students or the research is part of research done in a group the Thesis remains the intellectual property of the group.

A summary of the Master's Thesis can be published within the libraries of the TVG Partners.

12.2. Defense of the Master's Thesis

12.2.1. Aim of the Defense

In the defense, which is part of the Master's Thesis, the student shows that she/he is able to present scientific results and answer questions in the field of the Master's Thesis in a given time.

12.2.2. Admission to the Defense of the Master's Thesis

Students are admitted to the Defense of the Master's Thesis when

- the written report of the Master's Thesis is assessed by the two referees (see section 14.1) and the Master's Thesis is graded at least "pass" according to the grading system described under appendix 3;
- all other modules of the first and second year needed for a final completion of the Master's program are successfully completed.

12.2.3. The Defense of the Master's Thesis

The defense will be carried out under the responsibility of the second-year partner and according to its regulations except for admission, evaluation, grading and composition of the jury.

The admission to the defense follows the regulation under section 12.2.2; the assessment and grading is based on the regulation under section 14.2.

The defense is open to the public except if concerns of the student or supervisors exist.

PART V

EXAMINATIONS & EVALUATIONS

13. Module Examinations and Retakes

The module exams and the retakes follow the national regulations of the respective partner University of Torino/University of Verona for the first year and Hochschule Geisenheim University for second year.

14. Assessment of the Master's Thesis and Defense

14.1. Assessment of the Master's Thesis

The Master's Thesis will be assessed by two referees. One referee must be the main supervisor of the thesis; the other must be an academic staff member of the TVG partner where the first year of study was done.

Both referees examine the written report of the thesis and decide, if it fulfils the quality standards of minimum grade "pass" according to the grading system (see appendix 3).

The referees document their assessment in a written report.

14.2. Final Grading of Master's Thesis including the Defense

The Master's Thesis including the defense is finally graded by a jury. The jury of the defense consists of a minimum of 3 members who have to be physically present. Additional members can participate via video conference. At least one of the members of the jury must belong to the academic staff of the TVG partner where the student spent her/his first year.

After the defense in Geisenheim the student has to present her/his thesis work to the local jury of the Turin/Verona Consortium, according to the regulations of the University of Torino/University of Verona.

The grading will take place immediately after the defense according to the assessment of the thesis

and the assessment of the defense. The final grading will be fixed along the grading system (see section 15) by the jury of the defense.

In case the student does not take part in the defense and this is on her/his own responsibility or in case the result of the defense does not fulfil the minimum requirements (grade “pass”) the student has the right to do one retake.

PART VI

GRADING SYSTEM

15. Grading System

For the first academic year the Italian grading system and for the second year the German grading system applies. The final transcript of records shows the modules with German and Italian marks. The conversion of the marks (appendix 3) takes place in accordance with the recommendations of the German Conference of the Education Ministers (KMK).

15.1 ECTS Grading Table

In addition to national grading systems, the grades according to the ECTS are documented in the final transcript of records. To this end, the ECTS Grading Table for the program is updated by the participating universities on a yearly basis.

PART VII

FINAL DEGREE AND CERTIFICATES

16. Completion of Degree

16.1. Conditions for Successful Completion

The Master’s program is successfully completed when:

- the student has collected the required amount of 120 ECTS credit points of the degree program by successfully completing all modules and the Master’s Thesis with the defense and
- an internship according the national study regulations is verified.

17. Academic Title and Documents

17.1. Academic Title

Students who have successfully completed the VITIS-VINUM double degree program are awarded with the academic titles:

- Laurea Magistrale in Scienze Viticole ed Enologiche, awarded by the University of Torino on behalf of the consortium Torino, Milan, Foggia, Palermo, Sassari, if the first year has been followed in the Torino consortium program;
- Laurea Magistrale in Viticulture, Enology and Wine Marketing (VEM), awarded by the University of Verona on behalf of the consortium Padova, Udine, Verona, if the first year has

been followed in the Verona consortium program;

- Master of Science (M.Sc.) in “Viticulture and Enology - VITIS-VINUM” awarded by Hochschule Geisenheim University.

17.2. Documentation of the Study Progress

17.2.1. Interim Listing of Records for the first academic year

At the end of the first academic year the Italian university in which the student is enrolled issues an Interim Listing of Records. This Interim Listing of Records shows all modules with the number of ECTS credit points and the grades gained. It shows also the modules which are still incomplete.

This Interim Listing of Records is signed by the local Pedagogic Coordinator of the first academic year on behalf of the TVG Consortium.

17.2.2. Interim Listing of Records for the second academic year

At the end of the second academic year Hochschule Geisenheim University issues an Interim Listing of Records to the student.

This Interim Listing of Records shows all modules (including the Master’s Thesis with defense) with the number of ECTS credit points and the grades obtained. It also shows the modules which are still incomplete.

In case a student does not complete her/his study successfully within the official period of the second academic year the Interim Listing of Records will be issued when the student has completed the degree program of the second academic year successfully.

The Interim Listing of Records of the second academic year is signed by the decision-making unit of the second-year partner on behalf of the TVG Consortium.

Copies are sent to the other partner institution where the student did her/his first year of study.

The grades from the two systems (German and Italian) will be documented in the Interim Listing of Records. The conversion is done according to the appendix 3.

17.3. Documentation of the Successful Completion of the Master’s Program

17.3.1. Final Documents

Upon successful completion of the Master’s program:

Hochschule Geisenheim University delivers on behalf of the TVG Consortium

- the Master’s Degree Certificate (Master’s Diploma),
- the Transcript of Records and
- the Diploma Supplement

under consideration of the formalities of Hochschule Geisenheim University.

University of Torino delivers on behalf of the associated university partners, for the students enrolled in Turin:

- the Laurea Magistrale Certificate (Diploma di Laurea),
- the Transcript of Records and
- the Diploma Supplement

under consideration of the formalities of the University of Torino.

University of Verona delivers on behalf of the associated university partners, for the students enrolled in Verona:

- the Laurea Magistrale Certificate (Diploma di Laurea),
- the Transcript of Records and
- the Diploma Supplement

under consideration of the formalities of the University of Verona.

17.3.2. Master's Degree Certificate (Master's Diploma)

Graduates of the VITIS-VINUM program are awarded the Master's Degree Certificate for the "Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Viticulture and Enology" by the Hochschule Geisenheim University. In addition, they are awarded a Master's Degree Certificate by their University of origin, either for the "Laurea Magistrale in Scienze Viticole ed Enologiche" by the University of Torino or the "Laurea Magistrale in Viticulture, Enology and Wine Marketing (VEM)" by the University of Verona.

The date of issue of the certificate is the date of the successfully passed Master's Thesis defense.

The Master's Diplomas of the partner universities refer to each other.

The student offices of the respective universities can deliver a provisional certificate immediately after a successful completion of the degree program.

The Master's Degree Certificate is signed by the legal representative of Hochschule Geisenheim University; the Laurea Magistrale Diploma is signed by the Rector of the University of Torino or by the Rector of the University of Verona, depending on the university of origin of the student.

A copy of the individual student's Master's Degree and Laurea Magistrale Certificate is sent to all partner institutions.

17.3.3. Final Transcript of Records (TOR)

The final Transcript of Records certifies:

- all modules with the associated ECTS credit points and grades gained according to the grading system (see section 15),
- the subject of the Master's Thesis and the grade gained for the Master's Thesis including the Master's Thesis defense,
- the global grade according the grading system (see section 15) in Italian and in German marks and the ECTS grade.

Upon application by the student, additional modules will be listed on the Transcript of Records.

Both universities where the student fulfilled the first and the second year successfully issue a Final Transcript of Records. The Final Transcript of Records is signed by the legal representative of the respective university. The Final Transcript of Records is sealed with the official seal of the signing institution.

Copies are sent to all partner institutions.

17.3.4. Diploma Supplement

The Diploma Supplement gives additional information concerning

- the TVG Consortium and the institutions it comprises,
- the academic level of the program,
- the title of the degree issued,
- the title of the degree program,
- the grading system

and refers to the other final documents issued.

The Diploma Supplement is signed by the legal representative of the respective university and is sealed with the official seal of the signing institution.

17.4. Leaving without Graduation

17.4.1. Documentation

For students leaving without graduation, a listing of the successfully completed modules with the respective ECTS credit points and grades obtained will be delivered and signed by the representative of the respective university of the first or second year of student enrolment on behalf of the TVG Consortium.

Copies are sent to all partner institutions.

18. Signatures

Università degli Studi di Torino

Prof.ssa Cristina Prandi
Rector

Date

Università degli Studi di Verona

Rector

Date

Hochschule Geisenheim University

Prof. Dr. Hans Reiner Schultz
President

Date

Appendix 1	Modules of the Master’s Degree Program “Viticulture and Enology – VITIS-VINUM”
Appendix 2	National Regulations
Appendix 3	Conversion of German and Italian grading

Appendix 1 Modules of the Master's Degree Program "Viticulture and Enology – VITIS-VINUM"

Università degli Studi di Torino

Corso di Laurea Magistrale in "Scienze Viticole ed Enologiche"

1° anno CV FONDAMENTALE

Code	Module Title	ECTS Credit Points
SAF0039	Chimica delle Vinificazioni	9
SAF0040	Biologia e Genetica della Vite:	
	Biologia della Vite	5
	Genetica della Vite	5
INT0612	Germoplasma e Risorse ambientali in Viticoltura	6
SAF0041	Innovazioni in Enologia:	
	Innovazioni tecnologiche in Enologia	6
	Analisi enologiche avanzate	5
INT0608	Difesa della Vite:	
	Approfondimenti di Patologia viticola	5
	Approfondimenti di Entomologia	5
INT0610	Innovazioni nei Sistemi viticoli	6
INT0496	Metodi statistici per la Ricerca	8
ECTS Credit Points (total)		60

1st year CV INTERNATIONAL

Code	Module Title	ECTS Credit Points
SAF0188	Viticulture and vineyard management	8
SAF0190	Grapevine protection - Mod. Entomology	5
SAF0190	Grapevine protection - Mod. Pathology	5
SAF0191	Enology and wine chemistry - Mod. Wine chemistry	5
SAF0191	Enology and wine chemistry - Mod. Enology	7
SAF0192	Wine microbiology	8
SAF0193	Wine marketing and European and Comparative Wine Law - mod. Wine marketing	5
SAF0193	Wine marketing and European and Comparative Wine Law - mod. European and Comparative wine law	5
SAF0189	Grapevine physiology	6
SAF0194	Experimental methodology	6
ECTS Credit Points (total)		60

Università degli Studi di Verona

Corso di Laurea Magistrale in “Viticulture, Enology and Wine Marketing (VEM)”

1st year

Code	Module Title	ECTS Credit Points
AGR/15	Advancements in enological chemistry	10
AGR/03, AGR/07	Grapevine physiology I	10
AGR/11, AGR/12	Management of grapevine pests and pathogens in the territory	10
AGR/01	Markets and strategies in the wine Industry	7
AGR/01	Wine-growing policy and economics	10
AGR/09, AGR/16	Advancement in enological processes Management	8
SECS-S/02	Statistical methods and experimental design	5
ECTS Credit Points (total)		60

Hochschule Geisenheim University

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2nd year

Code	Module Title	ECTS Credit Points
1021	Advanced Enology (Technology and Microbiology in Enology)	6
1011	Advanced Viticulture	6
1031	Advanced Wine Business (Product- and Project Management in Wine Business)	6
1041	Research Project	12
9050	Master's Thesis	30
ECTS Credit Points (total)		60

Appendix 2 National Regulations

National Regulations for the first year (Italy)

University of Torino:

Regolamento didattico del corso di laurea magistrale interateneo internazionale in Scienze viticole ed enologiche (classe LM70)

University of Verona:

Regolamento didattico del corso di laurea magistrale in Viticulture, Enology and Wine Marketing (VEM)

National Regulations for the second year (Germany)

Hochschule Geisenheim University:

Allgemeine Bestimmungen für Prüfungsordnungen aller Studiengänge der Hochschule Geisenheim (ABPO) vom 28.01.2022

Besondere Bestimmungen der Hochschule Geisenheim für den Studiengang „Viticulture and Enology – VITIS-VINUM“ (PO 2025)

Appendix 3 Conversion of German and Italian grading

Conversion table of national grading systems

Italian grading system	Plus 30L; 30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	<18
German grading system	1,0	1,3	1,3	1,7	2,0	2,3	2,3	2,7	3,0	3,3	3,3	3,7	4,0	5,0
	excellent	very good	good				satisfactory				pass		fail	

Germany (Hochschule Geisenheim University):
Italy:

Range 1,0 - 5,0
Range 00/30 - 30/30

Successfully completed modules as well as a successfully completed Master's Thesis have to fulfil at least the requirements of grade "pass" (18/30; 4,0).