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CERTIFICATE of EQUIVALENCE
of German degrees to the Master degree (M.A.)

Comparability is demonstrated through:

1. Structural Framework

According to the *Structural Framework for the Introduction of Bachelor and Master Programs* stipulated by the Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of all "Länder" (states) in the Federal Republic of Germany on March 5 1999, "Diplom and Magister degrees at (German) universities [...] correspond to the Master degree".

2. Admission Requirement

The admission requirements for the *Magister* and *Diplom* degree programs as well as programs leading to a *Staatsexamen* (state examination), such as in the fields of law, education, medicine and pharmacy, is the German "Abitur", which is the secondary school leaving certificate awarded after twelve or thirteen years of schooling and entitles the student to undertake university studies.

3. Duration

The *Magister* and *Diplom* degree programs as well as programs leading to a *Staatsexamen* (state examination) all take five years on average to be completed.

4. Admission to Doctoral Programs

A *Diplom* or *Magister* degree or the *Approbation* (license to practice) in the case of programs leading to a *Staatsexamen* (state examination) is the basic admission requirement for a doctoral program, provided that the final overall grade is above average.

For these reasons, *Diplom*, *Magister* and *Staatsexamen* degrees are considered **equivalent** to the "**Master-Degree (M.A.)**".

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