

B. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION

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OBJECTIVE

The program of postgraduate studies is an integral part of the strategic planning of Democritus University of Thrace, is characterized by scientific cohesion and aims at the post-graduate specialization in environmental education and communication. It aims at the provision of high level education to postgraduate students so that they will be able to combine knowledge at the theoretical and applied level with experience and academic research in order to improve their professional qualifications and enrich their professional work with new, interdisciplinary approaches in environmental education and communication. More specifically, the specific objectives of this postgraduate program are as follows:

- To provide students with specialized knowledge, to promote critical and analytical thought and develop the scientific approach of key issues in the area of environmental education and communication.
- To offer the maximum possible students' familiarization with contemporary research methodology and new technologies.
- To empower students theoretically so that they will be able to comprehend the diverse research techniques and the different processing and analysis methodologies that are used in the area of environmental education and communication.
- To encourage students to critically process scientific research, studies and data and to develop the scientific methodology in their own research.
- To create executives in the Public and Private Sector who actively participate in sustainable development and the improvement of the quality of life for the citizens of this country.
- To give students the opportunity to practically apply the knowledge they have received throughout their undergraduate studies and reinforce them aiming at their later utilization at a PhD level.

POST-GRADUATE CANDIDATE NUMBER

The number of candidates is determined to maximum ten (10) postgraduate students annually. In addition, the maximum number of postgraduate students per instructor in the program amounts to 10/10, the maximum number of which in relation to the number of undergraduate students is 10/563 and in relation to the number of instructors in the Department is 10/18 (article 45 par. 1 of law 4485/2017).

CATEGORIES OF POST-GRADUATE CANDIDATES

Post-graduate candidates should be holders of a Bachelor's Degree from a Greek higher educational (A.E.I.) and/or higher technological educational institute (A.T.E.I.) or from equivalent foreign educational institutes. The number of candidates is determined to maximum ten (10) postgraduate students annually.

The Diploma of Post-graduate Studies cannot be awarded to any students whose Bachelor Degree that has been received from a foreign University has not been recognized from the Hellenic National Academic Recognition Information Center (DOATAP), according to law 3328/2005 (A' 80).

Scholars from the Foundation of National Scholarships (I.K.Y.) or from other agency are accepted as supernumerary.

DURATION OF STUDIES

The regular duration for the completion of postgraduate studies that lead to the Diploma of Postgraduate Studies has been determined to three (3) semesters at minimum, a period that also includes the time required for the undertaking and submission of the postgraduate dissertation. The final dissertation cannot be completed in less than three (3) months.

Participation in the program ends when the writing-up process of the dissertation is completed and its viva examination (public oral defense) has taken place.

The postgraduate student is required to complete his postgraduate studies within a time span of 2 years maximum upon registration in the postgraduate program.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

The total number of Credit Units (ECTS) that is required for the acquisition of the Diploma of Postgraduate Studies amounts to ninety (90). In addition, regular and compulsory course attendance and successful participation in all course examinations that are delivered in the first two semesters of the program (1st and 2nd) are also required. Of these, four (4) courses are compulsory and four (4) courses are optional. Every postgraduate course is completed after 40 teaching hours.

Throughout the 3rd semester, the postgraduate dissertation is only undertaken whose credit units (ECTS) amounts to thirty (30).

The course outline of the postgraduate program (3 semesters) is as follows:

1ST SEMESTER			
CODE	COURSE TITLE	COURSE TYPE	ECTS
1.	Didactics of Environmental Science	Compulsory	7,5
2.	Environmental Communication, Mass Media and Public Opinion	Compulsory	7,5
3.	Environment, Society and Volunteerism	Elective	7,5
4.	Principles and Methods of Environmental Management	Elective	7,5
5.	Ecosystem Services	Elective	7,5
TOTAL OF CREDIT UNITS FOR 1ST SEMESTER			30
2ND SEMESTER			
CODE	ΤΙΤΛΟΣ ΜΑΘΗΜΑΤΟΣ	ΤΥΠΟΣ ΜΑΘΗΜΑΤΟΣ	ECTS
1.	Environmental Policy	Compulsory	7,5
2.	Methodology of Social and Environmental Research	Compulsory	7,5
3.	Sustainable Development	Elective	7,5
4.	Public Relations Strategies and Environment	Elective	7,5
5.	Education for Sustainable Development	Elective	7,5
TOTAL OF CREDIT UNITS FOR 2ND SEMESTER			30
3RD SEMESTER			
CODE	COURSE TITLE	ECTS	
1.	POSTGRADUATE DISSERTATION	30	
TOTAL OF CREDIT UNITS FOR 3RD SEMESTER			30