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Appendix M4.2. Regulation of Studies, Internships, Mobility, Assignments

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1. Regulation of Studies

1.1 Registration - Duration of Studies

Announcement and Conditions of Participation of Candidates

Graduates of Agronomists, Foresters, Sciences, Polytechnic Schools, Informatics or related Departments of Greek Universities or recognized equivalent Departments abroad of related specialties are admitted to the Postgraduate Program, provided that they have been recognized by DOATAP. Graduates of relevant Departments of Higher Technological Educational Institutes (ATEI) are also admitted.

The Assembly, following a proposal by the Coordinating Committee, reserves the right, after examining the curriculum of the department of origin of the candidate Postgraduate Students (M.Sc.), to oblige them to successfully attend, as supernumerary, undergraduate courses of the Department of NRD and AE, in order to complete their knowledge in subjects that have not been taught.

Selection criteria for Postgraduate Students

The selection of M.F. candidates is made by the C.E. based on the provisions of article 34 of Law 4485/2017 where the following criteria shall be taken into account:

1. The degree grade.
2. Knowledge of the English language at a level that, at the discretion of the selection committee, will allow the student to adequately meet all academic obligations (weight factor 10%). The level of language proficiency required is at least "good knowledge (B2)". In case of non-presentation of a recognized language certificate, the candidates who will be accepted will undergo written examinations by the English Language School of the University.
3. The personal interview by the Special Committee.
4. The content of two letters of recommendation.
5. The relevance of the subject of the dissertation and its grade. The existence of a relevant dissertation strengthens the candidacy, but is not compulsory.
6. Previous research activity, as evidenced by publications or announcements in scientific conferences.
7. Other relevant scientific or professional qualifications.

The scoring limits and the weight of the selection criteria are defined in the following table, while the implementation details can be modified by the Assembly of the Department.

A/A	CRITERION	SCORE LIMITS	WEIGHT
C1.	DEGREE GRADE	5-10	20%
C2.	PERSONAL INTERVIEW	3-10	20%
C3.	RELEVANCE OF THESIS STUDY	5-10	5%
C4.	LEVEL OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE	0-5	10%
	LOWER, TOEFL, ADVANCED PROFICIENCY	(In case of examination)	5% 8% 10%

C5.	REFERENCE LETTERS	0-10	5%
C6.	OTHER POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM	10	10%
C7.	DOCTORATE	10	15%
C8.	PUBLICATIONS	10	5%
C9.	OTHER PREVIOUS RESEARCH ACTIVITY, OR RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Based on years Based on years	5% 5%

For foreign students in the criterion for selecting the degree grade, A will correspond to 20%, B to 15% and B- to 10%. For foreign students, English language proficiency will be certified based on a specific threshold in TOEFL (80) or IELTS (6.0) or C2 level qualifications.

Procedure for evaluating candidates' applications

1. The evaluation of candidates, who have submitted all the required supporting documents within the prescribed deadlines, is carried out by the special evaluation committee of the Department, which is established by decision of the Assembly.
2. The Assembly of the Department determines by decision the number of admitted postgraduate students who will attend the offered Postgraduate Program as well as the details of the application of their selection criteria, the definition of additional criteria or the conduct of examinations and interviews, the results of which are taken into account during the selection.
3. In case it is decided by the Assembly of the Department to conduct entrance examinations, the selection of the students admitted to the Postgraduate Program is the responsibility of the S.E., which proposes to the Assembly committees for examinations, interviews and the nomination of M.P. candidates.
4. In the event of a tie between candidates, all candidates who have tied with the latter shall be entered as supernumeraries.
5. The reserve list shall be made public no later than fifteen calendar days following receipt of candidates' supporting documents. Once the results have been published, successful candidates must be aware of possible non-acceptance of their selection. The registrations of successful candidates take place within the dates set by the Assembly.

Selection Procedure - Oral Interview of Candidates

For the selection of candidates in the Postgraduate Specialization Program, a relevant oral interview is conducted. The performance of the candidates during the oral interview is taken into account for their selection in the Postgraduate Program. The oral interview takes place on issues of wider pedagogical, scientific and social interest and aims at:

- The determination of the general scientific training of the candidate and the formation of his personality.
- Highlighting specific qualifications and other characteristics and activities of the candidate.
- The identification of possible deficiencies of the candidate, which would lead to the attendance by the candidate of additional undergraduate courses, laboratory exercises or practical exercises.
- The identification of the difficulties that the candidate may have for the continuous attendance of the courses and other obligations of the Postgraduate Specialization Program.
- The verification of peculiarities and other elements that the candidate has and which may play a role in its smooth

integration into the Postgraduate Program

The members of the committee evaluate each candidate separately and mark him with a specific number of points, which cannot be more than 10 merit points. The number of merit points (ECTS) that the candidate is finally credited with from his/her performance in the oral interview is the average of the numbers of merit points with which all members of the committee scored the candidate.

Criteria and procedure for selecting candidates

The evaluation points (E.P.) with which the candidate was credited from his/her specific qualifications, from his/her performance in the oral interview, are added together and constitute the total evaluation points (E.P.) of the candidate. This total determines the order of success of each candidate.

Based on the total number of evaluation points (ECTS) obtained by each candidate, the examination

The Committee draws up a merit list of candidates. The evaluation table includes, in order success, all candidates and successful candidates appear.

The table is then forwarded to the C.C. for review and submitted to the Assembly of the Department for approval.

An appeal against the success list can be made within 10 days from the date of announcement of the lists. The objection, which must be specific, is finally judged by the General Assembly of the Department.

Duration of Studies - Suspension of Studies

1. The duration of the full-time Postgraduate Program leading to the acquisition of the Master's Degree is three (3) academic semesters. The first two (2) academic semesters concern the completion of courses and the third academic semester is available for the preparation, writing and presentation of the Postgraduate Thesis, as well as for attending relevant compulsory seminars and lectures.

2. In justified exceptional cases, this time may be extended by one (1) academic semester, following a proposal by the Coordinating Committee or an application by a Postgraduate Student and approval by the Assembly of the Department. If the above maximum time limit is exceeded, without fulfilling the educational obligations for obtaining the postgraduate degree, the P.S. is deleted by a declaratory act of the Assembly.

3. The Assembly of the Department, at the request of the interested Postgraduate Student and the recommendation of the S.E., for fully justified cases, may decide to accept the suspension of his/her studies for up to twelve (12) months. The period of suspension is not counted in the duration of studies.

4. In any case, the total time for obtaining a Master's degree may not exceed six (6) semesters, including the possible twelve-month suspension of studies.

5. The Postgraduate Program is also provided as part-time duration of four (4) semesters.

The distribution of courses in semesters for part-time students is made by decision of the Assembly of the department, following a proposal by the C.C.

Reasons and Deletion Procedure

If the above maximum time limit is exceeded, without fulfilling the educational obligations for obtaining the postgraduate degree, the P.S. is deleted by a declaratory act of the Assembly. Also, in case of failure in the grading of the Master Thesis (grading with a grade less than 6.5), the P.S. is entitled to be re-examined once again, not earlier than one (1) month nor later than three (3) months from the previous examination. In case of a second failure, P.S. is removed from the program by decision of the General Assembly.

The deletion of P.S. in all cases is carried out by decision of the Assembly of the Department, upon the recommendation of the S.E. The Department of Natural Resources and Agricultural Engineering (NRD and AE) issues a relevant declaratory act.

1.2 Tuition fees & Right to Free Attendance

The operating costs of the Postgraduate Program will be covered by the payment of tuition fees by postgraduate students, which amounts to 2,500 euros for domestic and EU students and 4,000 euros for foreign students (non-EU), per postgraduate student for the entire duration of his/her studies (3 full semesters). In case of inflows from a state subsidy in accordance with article 37 of Law 4485/2017 (A' 114), the income from tuition fees will be reduced proportionately.

It is emphasized that within the framework of this MSc no fees are paid to the faculty members of AUA who teach in the postgraduate program.

1. For each postgraduate student enrolled in the Postgraduate Specialization Program there is an obligation to pay tuition fees.
2. The tuition fees for the Postgraduate Program amount to 900 euros for the first semester and from 800 euros for the second and third semester for domestic students and 1400 euros for the first semester and from 1300 euros for the second and third semester of studies for foreign students.
3. The procedure for the payment of tuition fees for the Postgraduate Program is done through the Special Account for Research Funds of AUA. Tuition fees are used for all kinds of expenses required for the education of postgraduate students and generally for the operation of the Postgraduate Program.

Each expenditure is made by decision of the Assembly of the Department, upon the recommendation of the C.C.

1.3 Scholarships and commendations

The maximum number of free tuition fees is up to 30% of enrolled postgraduate students, in accordance with the provisions of Article 35 of Law 4485/2017 and Article 11 of Decision 534/23.04.18 of the Senate of the University of Piraeus (Government Gazette 2343/20.06.18). Specifically: After the announcement of the selection results for postgraduate students, those whose personal income is less than 100% or whose family's equivalent disposable income does not exceed 70% of the national median disposable equivalent income, according to the most recently published data from ELSTAT, may submit an application for exemption from tuition fees. The applications are reviewed by the Academic Council, and students with the lowest income are exempted from tuition fees.

1.4 Curriculum (structure)

For the Master's Diploma of Specialization, students are required to attend the following courses and series of seminars by experts from other educational institutions of the Public Sector or from the private sector. The selection of the above will be made in accordance with the provisions of Law 4485/2017. In addition, the graduate student is required to participate in seminars, lectures, educational trips and field work. The total number of Credit Units (ECTS) required to obtain the M.D.S., is ninety (90) of which thirty (30) ECTS relate to courses of the 1st semester of studies, thirty (30) ECTS to courses of the 2nd semester of studies and thirty (30) ECTS to the preparation, writing and presentation of the Master's Thesis. In order for an elective course to take place, it is required that at least three (3) Master's Students have chosen it. It is possible to conduct an optional course with a smaller number of Postgraduate Students, as long as the lecturers can offer it.

The course schedule is structured as follows:

A. Semester

Code Number	Course Title	C/E	Teaching Hours	ECTS
[640001]	Smart Sensors and Internet of Things	C	3	6
	Elective course of Group A	E	3	6
	Elective course of Group A	E	3	6
	Elective course of Group A	E	3	6
	Elective course of Group A	E	3	6
TOTAL				30

The elective courses of Group A for the 1st semester of study are presented below:

1. [640002] Management of Distributed Energy Production and Smart Grids.
2. [640003] Design, Management and Environmental Control of Greenhouses.
3. [640004] Indoor Environmental Control for Animal Facilities.
4. [640005] Nondestructive Evaluation Techniques for Analysis of Agricultural Products Quality.
5. [640006] Sophisticated and Autonomous Machinery and Vehicles.
6. [640007] Precision inputs management.
7. [640008] Remote sensing in agriculture.
8. [640009] Bio-Energy
9. [610010] Programming languages for applications

B. Semester

Code Number	Course Title	C/E	Teaching Hours	ECTS
[640012]	Embedded and Real-Time Systems	C	3	6
	Elective course of Group B	E	3	6
	Elective course of Group B	E	3	6
	Elective course of Group B	E	3	6
	Elective course of Group B	E	3	6
TOTAL				30

The elective courses of Group B for the 2nd semester of study are presented below:

1. [640013] Cyber-Physical Systems and Smart Infrastructures.
2. [640014] Computational Intelligence and Machine Learning.
3. [640015] Optimization of Energy Efficiency Technologies (and Smart Energy Management) in Agricultural Enterprises.
4. [640016] Advanced Technologies in Hydroponics Systems.
5. [640017] Waste management and circular economy systems.
6. [640018] Traceability and Supply Chain Management.
7. [640013] Data aggregation and analysis in precision agriculture.
8. [640011] Electricity and power production from RET.

C. Semester

Code Number	Course Title	C/E	Teaching Hours	ECTS
1	Elaboration, writing and presentation of the postgraduate dissertation	C		30

Brief description of teaching methods

For the Master's Degree, students are required to attend the following courses and a series of seminars by specialists coming from other educational institutions of the Public Sector or from the private sector. The selection of the above will be made in accordance with the provisions of Law 4485/2017. Courses are taught in English. The writing of the Master's Thesis will be done in English. In addition, the postgraduate student is required to participate in seminars, lectures, field trips and field work.

Teaching takes place in person or remotely (in all courses) and includes theoretical lectures, asynchronous training, practical training and assignments, field trips, guest lectures and group projects.

Substitute teaching

The timetable of lectures for each semester provides for one or at most two weeks of replenishment of lectures.

1.5 Examinations and evaluation of postgraduate students

Exam Regulation

The grading of the Master's Thesis is based on the scale 0-10. The grading with a grade equal to or greater than 6.5 is considered successful, evaluating the content of the work, the knowledge of the M.P. and the way the subject is presented.

The final grade of the Master's degree results from the grade of the postgraduate courses and the grade of the Postgraduate Thesis. For the calculation of the final grade, the average grade of all courses is multiplied by 2/3, while

the grade of the Master's Thesis is multiplied by 1/3.

Examinations in the courses are held during and/or at the end of the semester. The examination of the courses takes the form of a written and/or oral examination and/or the submission of assignments. The score is made in the climate of 1-10. A successful examination is considered one that scores at least six (6) out of ten (10). The final grade of each course results from an examination procedure determined by the instructor in a way that he has defined at the beginning of the lectures. The results are issued by the instructors within twenty (20) days of the examination. In case of failure, the examination is repeated in a short time. In case of second failure, the examination is repeated by a three-member committee of faculty members of the Department, who have the same or related subject matter with the examined course and are appointed by the General Assembly. In case of third failure, the student is automatically deleted from the Program's registers.

1.6 MSc Acquisition

After the completion of all the student's obligations and the successful examination, the student is awarded the title of M.Sc. "Digital Technologies and Smart Infrastructures in Agriculture".

The final score is indicated in the MSD as follows:

- From 5.00 to 6.49: GOOD.

- From 6.50 to 8.49: VERY GOOD.

- From 8.50 to 10: EXCELLENT.

In a public session of the Assembly of the Department, the minutes of the successful examination of the three-member Examination Committee are read and the announcement of the P.S. is made.

The confession of P.S. takes place in a special Public Ceremony. The Master's degree is signed by the Rector and the Head of the Department of NRD and AE and is stamped with the large seal of the Agricultural University of Athens.

2. Distance learning

The Postgraduate Program "Digital Technologies and Smart Infrastructures in Agriculture", although not available for remote attendance, has provided for its operation in case of emergencies that make face-to-face teaching impossible, remote means of course delivery. This is achieved through the digital services integrated into the Agricultural University of Athens and include:

- Electronic Classroom (e-Class)
- Academic Video Lectures
- Live Streaming
- Other Services

3. Internship Regulation

An internship of 1 to 3 months is provided to companies operating in the agri-food sector, during the 3rd semester, which will enhance to an even greater extent the cognitive level of students as they will come into contact with the working environment and market of related sectors while they will be called upon to apply the knowledge acquired in the previous two semesters. The companies in which students will be able to practice Exercise will be suggested every year.

4. Postgraduate Thesis Regulation

Diploma Thesis Assignment Procedure

At the beginning of the 2nd semester, in a joint discussion of Professors and students, the research interests of the faculty members are developed to determine the topic of the Master's Thesis. The P.S. is then addressed to the faculty member whose research activities are the subject of his interest. The Supervising Professor, after determining the topic of the thesis, proposes the three-member advisory and examination committee of the P.S. to the Secretariat of the Postgraduate Program.

Diploma Thesis, Supervisor and three-member Examination Committee

In addition to the courses taught, each P.S. is required to prepare a Master's Thesis. Its subject and evaluation process is defined by Law 4957/2022. The writing of the Master's Thesis is done in English.

Appointment of Supervising Professor and Monitoring Committee:

1. The Assembly of the Department, on the proposal of the S.C., appoints for each Postgraduate Student. the three-member Advisory Committee, one of which will be the supervising professor.
2. The three-member Advisory Committee consists of the Supervising Professor, who is a faculty member of the relevant Department and belongs to the rank of Professor or Associate Professor or Assistant Professor and two other members, who may be teachers of the MSc in accordance with the provisions of para. 1 of Article 5. The members of the committee must have the same or related scientific specialization with the subject of the Postgraduate Thesis, as defined by para. 4 of article 5 of Law 3685/2008.
3. The three-member Monitoring Committee is at the same time the Examination Committee of the Postgraduate Thesis. For the quorum of the Examination Committee during the presentation and examination of the M.F. the presence of at least two (2) members is required, one of which will be the Supervising Professor.
4. It is possible for a P.S. to apply to the C.C. to request only once a change of supervisor, after stating in writing and adequately the reasons. The Assembly of the Department decides on the request, taking into account the recommendation of the C.C. and the views of the supervising professor.
5. Change of supervisor may entail a change of subject of the Postgraduate Thesis, without this being accompanied by an extension of the study time.
6. The P.S. cooperates with the Supervising Professor for the selection of the topic of the Postgraduate Thesis, which

is approved by the Assembly of the Department and assigned after the successful examination of all courses of the 1st and 2nd semester.

7. Postgraduate students are fully integrated into the activities of the Department by participating in research and other activities determined by the Assembly of the Department upon proposal of the supervising professor.

5. Rights and Obligations of Postgraduate Students

Rights

The rights and obligations of postgraduate students are provided by Law 4957/2022. Specifically, postgraduate students have all the rights and benefits that are granted to students of the first cycle of studies, except for the right to receive free textbooks.

Indicatively, postgraduate students are entitled to:

- Academic ID (student pass).
- University of Piraeus email account.
- Access to the University of Piraeus libraries.
- Access to electronic databases to which the University of Piraeus subscribes (Greek Academic Libraries Link).

The department is required to ensure accessibility to recommended textbooks, teaching, or other accommodations for postgraduate students with disabilities and/or special educational needs.

Postgraduate students have the following obligations:

- To attend classes of the study program regularly and sign the attendance books.
- To submit the required assignments within the specified deadlines.
- To attend the examinations.
- To submit to the Secretariat, before the evaluation of their thesis, a responsible declaration that their work is not plagiarized, both in its entirety and in its individual parts.
- To pay the tuition fees as defined in this regulation.
- To respect and comply with the Postgraduate Studies Regulation, the decisions of the program's bodies, as well as academic ethics.

Plagiarism

a) Students should be aware that copying/plagiarism is considered serious academic misconduct. Plagiarism is the copying of someone else's work, as well as the use of someone else's work - published or not - without proper attribution.

b) For any misconduct or violation of academic ethics (citation of any documentation without reference), the Coordinating Committee of the Postgraduate Program and the institutions of the University are informed, which may decide up to the deletion of the student.

c) Violations are also considered the offenses of copying or plagiarism and generally any violation of the provisions on intellectual property by a Postgraduate Student during the writing of papers in the context of the Thematic Units or the preparation of a Diploma Thesis.

d) Students must be aware of the rules on plagiarism and intellectual property and strictly observe them throughout

their studies and cover the educational obligations arising from the Postgraduate Program.

Intellectual Property Rights of Diploma Thesis

a) The intellectual property rights of the Diploma Thesis belong to the author (postgraduate student), as the examination and award of the Master's Thesis requires the Diploma Thesis to be an element of his/her personal contribution, with a character of individuality, uniqueness and originality. The author is also responsible for the content of the Diploma Thesis.

b) Each Postgraduate Student of the Postgraduate Program must submit to the Secretariat of the Program a solemn declaration (Article 8 of Law 1599/1986) of copyright and management of research data, concerning the completion of his/her studies, stating the following:

b1) The copyright of my Diploma Thesis, after its completion, will belong, at the same time, to me and to the Postgraduate Program in which I will prepare it.

b2) The management of the data belongs jointly to me and the Supervising Professor of the Diploma Thesis.

b3) Any scientific publication and/or announcement (posted or oral), and/or reference from the documentation material/database of the Diploma Thesis, will be written by myself and the Supervisor (or a member of the three-member Examination Committee), depending on their contribution to the research or the writing of the research papers.

b4) The Supervisor has the right to exploit and publish the results produced (data, studies, programs, applications, prototypes, etc.). This exploitation does not concern commercial exploitation, but action in the context of Research and Science.

b5) I certify that this Diploma Thesis is an original work, and as far as I know, does not affect the intellectual property rights of third parties. In case material is included in the Thesis, which is the intellectual work of third parties, a corresponding reference and reference is made to each creator within its content.

Reasons and Deletion Procedure

If the above maximum time limit is exceeded, without fulfilling the educational obligations for obtaining the postgraduate degree, the M.F. is deleted by a declaratory act of the Assembly. Also, in case of failure in the grading of the Diploma Thesis (grading with a grade less than 6.5), the P.S. is entitled to be re-examined once again, not earlier than one (1) month nor later than three (3) months from the previous examination. In case of a second failure, the P.S. is removed from the program by decision of the General Assembly.

The deletion of P.S. in all cases is carried out by decision of the Assembly of the Department, upon the recommendation of the S.E. The Department of Natural Resources and Agricultural Engineering (NRD and AE) issues a relevant declaratory act.

6. Regulation for the Preparation of Scientific Papers

The preparation of scientific papers within the framework of the studies in the Program involves the completion of individual or group scientific papers as part of courses, as well as the preparation of a thesis,

and is governed in all cases by the relevant provisions of the approved internal operating regulations of the Program. The process of preparation and the specifications of the final version of the theses are determined by the aforementioned regulations, while aspects not covered by these regulations are defined by the postgraduate students in collaboration with their supervising professors. The process of preparation and the specifications of the final deliverables for the scientific papers within courses are determined, by analogy to the corresponding features of the theses, by the teaching team of each course. Additionally, the preparation of any scientific paper within the framework of the studies in the Program, including both scientific papers within courses and the thesis, is governed by the Program's Research Ethics Code, which consists of 1) Ethical Guidelines to prevent plagiarism in scientific writing and practice, and 2) Ethical Policies that the Program adopts and applies.

7. Rights and obligations of teaching staff

Rights - Obligations

The Instructor of each course of the Postgraduate Program is obliged to:

1. To adhere faithfully and accurately to the schedule and schedule of the course deliveries.
2. Check whether the students present and only they have signed the attendance register.
3. To define the content of the course in a way that meets the requirements of economic, social and scientific developments.
4. To ensure the correlation of the theoretical part of teaching with high-level practice, as applied in modern businesses and organizations. This effort is reinforced through the use of case studies, the use of guest speakers recognised for their experience and expertise, or a combination of both.
5. To maintain at least two office hours per week, which will allow students to communicate seamlessly with him on issues related to their studies and the specific course. Communication with the students of the Postgraduate Program can also be done through video conferencing platforms (eg. Zoom, Google Meet).
6. Upload on the e-learning platform of the Agricultural University of Athens the Outline and all relevant course material (e.g. presentations, assignments, exercises, etc.)
7. Submit to the Secretariat of the Postgraduate Program for distribution the Outline of the course (syllabus).
8. To submit (in case he/she is a member of three-member Dissertation Committees) to the Secretariat of the Postgraduate Program the form of grading and evaluation of the thesis for approval in the S.T.
9. To respect and abide by the decisions of the bodies of the Postgraduate Program and the Department, as well as the Code of Ethics of Scientific Research and the Regulation for the Implementation of Principles and Operation of the Scientific Research Administration adopted by the Agricultural University of Athens, as well as the founding law (4521/2018) of the Scientific Educational Institutions for the Higher Education Institutions of the country.
10. Issue the results of the examinations within a maximum of twenty (20) days from the day of the examination.

Non-observance of all the above, without serious and substantiated justification, is a reason for immediate revocation

of the teaching assignment.

Restriction on Course Teaching

When the course assignment is made to a teacher, he/she must conduct at least seven (7) of the twelve (12) lectures and conduct the course examinations. When the course assignment is made to two (2) teachers (co-assignment) they must jointly conduct at least seven (7) of the twelve (12) lectures and at least three (3) lectures each and jointly conduct the examinations of the course.

Reasons for the Replacement of a Teacher in a Postgraduate Program

If at the end of a semester of teaching it is demonstrated that the evaluation of the Instructor on behalf of the students is not satisfactory on the basis of quantitative and qualitative data, then it may be replaced by a decision of the S.T. upon the recommendation of the S.C. of the Postgraduate Program.

The Instructor who does not comply with the Regulation will lose the right to teach in the Postgraduate Program by decision of the F.C. upon the recommendation of the S.C.

8. Student Mobility

Erasmus+ is the European Commission's program for education, training, youth, and sport, aimed at enhancing skills and employability, as well as modernizing education, training, and youth systems in all areas of Lifelong Learning (Higher Education, Vocational Education and Training, Adult Education, School Education, youth activities, etc.).

Eligibility Criteria: Students who wish to participate in the program must be:

1. Enrolled in an official degree program at the institution leading to the acquisition of a degree or another higher education qualification, including doctoral programs, which is recognized according to national procedures.
2. Citizens of a country participating in the Erasmus+ program.
3. Citizens of other countries enrolled in a regular degree program at the institution, according to Ministerial Decision Φ. 151/20049/B6/20.02.2007 (Government Gazette 272B/01-03-07) and other applicable legislation, provided they meet the eligibility and selection criteria defined by the program and the institution.

Participation Process:

1. Students submit their applications according to the announcement of the European Programs Office of the University of Piraeus.
2. After the application deadline, the evaluation of the applications takes place, followed by the announcement of the results.

Evaluation and Selection: The documents candidates are required to submit include:

- Official transcript of courses for the first semester showing that the candidate has successfully completed the first semester of study.

- Photocopy of ID or Passport with simultaneous presentation of the original (or a photo of the ID/Passport for electronic submission of the application for candidates from regional departments).
- Photocopy of foreign language proficiency certificates with simultaneous presentation of the original (or a photo of the original certificates for electronic submission of the application for candidates from regional departments).
- Acceptance letter from the University organizing the BIP (Blended Intensive Program). The host university must have an Erasmus bilateral agreement with the department of the University of Piraeus where the candidate is enrolled.
- Consent letter from the Scientific Supervisor of the Master's Program (for postgraduate students) confirming approval of the candidate's stay abroad and certifying that the intensive program will be part of their research for the thesis and will count toward their overall study time.
- Candidate's consent form for publishing their personal information in the DIAYGEIA portal when announcing the results.

Evaluation Criteria for Postgraduate Students' Applications: The evaluation criteria for postgraduate students' applications are, in order:

1. The Grade Point Average (GPA) during the first semester examination period of the Master's Program.
2. The proficiency in the language of the host country.