

UNIVERSITY OF THE AEGEAN
INTERDEPARTMENTAL POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME
DEPARTMENT OF MEDITERRANEAN STUDIES AND
DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY EDUCATION

"ANALYSIS AND TEACHING OF FIRST AND SECOND/FOREIGN LANGUAGE"

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
FOR THE SELECTION OF POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS
FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

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The Department of Mediterranean Studies (DMS) in collaboration with the Department of Primary Education (DPE) of the School of Humanities of the University of the Aegean have organized and operated since the academic year 2018-2019 an Interdepartmental Postgraduate Programme entitled "Analysis and teaching of first and second/foreign language" (Government Gazette Issue 2885 B'/19.07.2018), which awards a **Postgraduate Degree (PGD) in "Analysis and teaching of first and second/foreign language"** and provides **Pedagogical and Teaching Proficiency Certification** to its holders.

Scope - Aim

The subject area of the Interdepartmental Postgraduate Programme (IPGP) is the analysis and teaching of the first, second/foreign languages. Its aim is to delve into a variety of issues related to linguistic analysis and to provide expertise in first, second/foreign, or heritage language teaching. The Programme utilizes knowledge around analysis, language contrast, language didactics, linguistic diversity, and second language teaching and aims to provide theoretical and methodological tools for the further development of skills with a focus on language teaching. The course content includes the most modern approaches to the analysis of the grammatical structure and the textual dimension of the language. It also covers modern didactic approaches to language teaching relating to both the structural and the functional dimensions of the language and are linked to different needs of teaching the first, second/foreign, or heritage language to a variety of audiences (primary and secondary education, adult classes, etc.), which is an innovation of the Programme. It utilizes information technologies in the analysis and teaching of language phenomena and texts both in person and remotely. Emphasis is placed on the analysis and teaching of Greek and other languages of the Southeast Mediterranean region (indicative languages: Arabic, Hebrew, Turkish).

Duration - Programme Structure

The Programme is available for full-time or part-time study. The duration of studies leading to the Postgraduate Degree is set out at three (3) academic semesters, in the full-time option.

During the academic semesters, the Programme is implemented 100% via distance education (*Pending the approval of the amendment of the IPGP by the Senate of the Institution*).

To obtain the Postgraduate Degree the accumulation of 90 ECTS units is required. In the 1st semester, the three courses offered are compulsory for every student. In the 2nd semester, students are required to follow three (3) out of four (4) elective courses offered. In the 3rd semester, the student has the option of choosing to follow three (3) compulsory courses or write a Postgraduate thesis (30 ECTS). Each course corresponds to ten (10) ECTS.

Number of admitted students

For the academic year 2023-2024, a maximum of **forty (45) postgraduate students** will be admitted to the IPGP "Analysis and Teaching of First and Second/Foreign Language".

Categories of Graduates admitted in the IPGP

- a) Graduates of Philosophical and Pedagogical, Social, Political, Cultural, Humanities, and Regional Studies Departments of Greek Universities and foreign institutions recognized in Greece.
- b) Graduates of any University Degree as long as they hold Master's or Doctoral degrees from Philosophy , Pedagogical, Social, Political, Cultural, Humanities, and Regional Studies Departments as well as Mathematics and Computer Science Departments or similar , of Greek Universities or foreign institutions recognized in Greece.
- c) Graduates of former TEI (Technological Educational Institutions) Departments of similar to the IGPG area of studies
- d) Undergraduates i) of Greek Philosophical and Pedagogical, Social, Political, Cultural, Humanities, and Regional Studies as well as Mathematics and Computer Science Departments or similar, ii) graduates or doctoral candidates of Philosophical and Pedagogical, Social, Political, Cultural, Humanities, and Regional Studies as well as Mathematics and Computer Science Departments or similar, providing they will have completed their obligations and will have presented a certificate proving completion of studies by the date of their registration in the IPGP.

Tuition Fees - Exemption from Tuition Fees

The amount of the required **tuition fees** for the entire Programme is set at **€2,900**. It is possible to pay the amount in four (4) installments. The first installment, amounting to 700 euros, is paid within ten (10) days from the announcement of the passing candidates (date of publication in DIAVGEiA). The second installment, amounting to 700 euros, when the student registers in the first semester, the third installment, amounting to 700 euros, at the beginning of the second semester, and the fourth installment amounting to 800 euros at the beginning of the third semester on dates determined by the Secretariat. Tuition fees are paid to the Special Research Funds Account (ELKE), which is responsible for managing them. Postgraduate students must pay all their financial obligations on time.

Students registered in the IPGP are exempt from tuition fees, where tuition is stipulated, on condition they meet economic or social criteria of article 86 of Law 4957/2022. Condition for being granted the right to study for free due to financial or social reasons is the fulfillment of excellence requirements during the first cycle of studies, which corresponds to possessing a grade at least equal to or higher than seven and a half, out of ten (7.5/10), as long as the evaluation of the basic degree presented for admission to the Postgraduate Programme has been done according to the ten-grade evaluation scale of the Greek Higher Education Institution, otherwise this criterion is applied proportionally according to each assessment scale, as long as the degree presented has been issued by an Institution of a foreign country.

According to article 3 of no. 108990/Z1/08.09.2022 Ministerial Decision:

- The use of the right to exemption from the obligation to pay tuition fees is provided exclusively for studying at one (1) Postgraduate Programme organized by a higher education institution of the country.
- Those who receive a scholarship from another source are not entitled to exemption.
- Citizens of third countries do not have the right to apply for exemption from the obligation to pay tuition fees to a Postgraduate Programme.

In any case, exempt students should not exceed thirty percent (30%) of the total number of students admitted to the IPGP. If, the calculation of the number of beneficiaries of exemption from tuition fees results in a decimal number, it will be rounded to the closest integer. If the number of exemption beneficiaries exceeds the above percentage, the beneficiaries are selected with descending order until the number is reached.

The application for exemption from tuition fees is submitted by the interested party after the completion of the selection and registration process of the students at the IPGP. The financial situation of a candidate is in no case a reason for non-selection in the IPGP.

In case of non-compliance with the financial obligations, it is possible to temporarily suspend studies or to delete the student from the Programme, following a decision of the Programme of Studies Committee.

Postgraduate students are provided with a number of scholarships, the possibility of free meals and accommodation in accordance with the provisions of the Law and the institution's Regulations-Decisions.

Scholarships and awards

The IPGP may provide a number of scholarships based on academic criteria to full-time students, in accordance with a decision of the Programme of Studies Committee, which determines the number and the amount of the scholarships, the criteria and the supporting documents the scholarship awarding process, as well as the obligations and rights of the scholarship holders. The IPGP. may also grant awards to students with exceptional performance, according to criteria and procedure determined by a decision of the Programme of Studies Committee.

Submission of applications

The applications of candidates must be accompanied by the required supporting documents. The application and electronic copies of supporting documents are submitted to the "Nautilus" system (<https://nautilus.aegean.gr/>).

The supporting documents required are:

1. Application for admission in the IPGP
2. Curriculum vitae
3. Photocopy of degree/diploma or Certificate of completion of studies
4. Photocopy of transcript certificate of undergraduate courses on which the grade of the degree/diploma will be indicated.
5. Photocopy of two sides of the police identity card
6. Foreign language certificate of level B2 or higher (good knowledge) in English. The level of the foreign language competence is proven by the methods and certificates determined by ASEP (Supreme Council for Civil Personnel Selection).
7. For foreign candidates, certificate of proficiency in the Greek language.

Additionally, the following documents can be submitted (if candidates have obtained them):

1. Publications in peer-reviewed journals
2. Evidence of professional or research activity
3. Foreign language certificate of a language other than English. (Indicatively: French, German, Italian, Spanish, Arabic, Hebrew, Turkish). The level of the foreign language competence is proven by the methods and certificates determined by ASEP (Supreme Council for Civil Personnel Selection), for which the applicants must provide accurate and certified copies.

Selection Criteria

Admission of students is based on the following criteria/points:

- Degree/diploma grade is counted at 20%
- Performance in undergraduate specialization courses at 10%
(Specialization are considered the undergraduate courses which fall into the fields of General, Theoretical, Comparative, Historical, Computational, Applied Linguistics, Sociolinguistics and Didactics/Teaching of 1st, 2nd, foreign language).
- Performance in thesis related to the scope of the IPGP at 10%
- Knowledge of foreign languages at up to 15 % as follows:
 - Knowledge of the English Language with C2 level certification: 5
 - Knowledge of Foreign Language other than English with C2 level certification: 10
 - Knowledge of Arabic, modern Hebrew, Turkish language with certification of B2 level: 5

The level of the foreign language competence is proven as stated in the applicable Annex of Proof of Language Proficiency by ASEP (Supreme Council for Civil Personnel Selection).

- Research activity & other special qualifications
(publications, participation in research projects, participation in Linguistics Summer Schools, demonstrated knowledge of computer use, participation in the ERASMUS programme, participation in training seminars, etc.) at 15%
- Oral interview at 30%

Candidates who meet the formal requirements will then be invited to **interviews** that will take place at the University premises (it is possible for the interview to take place using new technologies), at a time that will be communicated to the applicants and will be posted at the IPGP website.

During the interview, the applicant's composure and other qualifications, in addition to the Programme-specific ones (specified above), are assessed, among which are communication skills, scientific training mainly in the fields of the IPGP, critical ability and creativity, general research activity, as well as his/her motivation for choosing the specific IPGP.

Interested parties must submit their application through the electronic system "NAUTILUS" of the University of the Aegean at: <https://nautilus.aegean.gr/> until **July 17 2023 14:00** after carefully following the instructions contained in the user's manual: https://nautilus.aegean.gr/applicant_manual.pdf.

The selection results of the Candidates will be posted on the Department's Website.

More information:

For more information, those interested may contact the Secretariat of IPGP at Dimokratias 1, "Kallipatira" campus building, Rhodes 85132, tel.: 22410 99060 from 9:00-13:00 or by email: rhodes_pms_Ling@aegean.gr or on the websites of the Departments <http://dms.aegean.gr/> and <http://www.pre.aegean.gr/> or of the IPGP <https://dpms-linguistics.aegean.gr/>.

The President of the Department of Mediterranean Studies

*(the original signed document is kept
in the Department's Registrar files)*

Sotirios Ntalís, Associate Professor