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## **Establishment of the Postgraduate Program ‘Ancient Texts and Modern Readings’**



**at the Department of Philology, School of Philosophy,  
University of Ioannina, and approval of its Regulations.**

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## Article 1: General Provisions

Pursuant to the provisions of Articles 16 and 79–89, paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 223 of Law 4957/2022, as well as Article 2 of the Regulation on Postgraduate Programs of the University of Ioannina (Government Gazette, Series B, No. 4942/07.08.2023), the Postgraduate Program (M.A. Program) entitled “**Ancient Texts and Modern Readings**”, of the Department of Philology of the School of Philosophy of the University of Ioannina is established, in accordance with Senate Decision No. 1176/01-04-2025.

The title of the awarded degree in English is: **Master of Arts (M.A.) in Ancient Texts and Modern Readings**.

## Article 2: Academic Field – Purpose

The Postgraduate Program entitled “**Ancient Texts and Modern Readings**”, offered by the Department of Philology of the University of Ioannina, aims to promote knowledge and research in the field of Classical Philology, and specifically in the following areas:

- (a) Ancient Greek Philology
- (b) Latin Philology
- (c) Related recognized specializations (Palaeography – History and Criticism – Editing of Ancient Greek and/or Latin Texts, Papyrology, Mycenaean Philology, Special and General Didactics of Classical Philology, Ancient Greek and/or Roman Theatre, Reception of Ancient Greek and/or Latin Literature, Gender Approaches to Ancient Greek and/or Latin Literature, and Digital Applications in Classical Philology).

The purpose of the Program is to advance and specialize scientific knowledge in the above academic areas, to enhance the capacity of young scholars for research and synthesis, and to cultivate high-level academic and research potential. The specific objectives of the Program “**Ancient Texts and Modern Readings**” include:

- the preparation of highly qualified graduates for employment in public and private sector institutions,
- the preparation of candidates for doctoral studies and/or research activities in the field of Classical Philology, both in Greece and abroad.

More generally, the Program seeks to promote and disseminate Classical Studies in Greece and internationally, while meeting the need for specialized professionals in both the public and private sectors, within and beyond Greece.

The Department of Philology possesses sufficient staff, facilities, and technical infrastructure to ensure the smooth operation of the Program. Based on the feasibility and sustainability study for the establishment and operation of the Program “**Ancient Texts and Modern Readings**” (Article 2, paragr. 2, subparagraph. 2 of the Regulation on

Postgraduate Programs of the University of Ioannina, Government Gazette, Series B, No. 4942/07.08.2023), the teaching venues, adequacy and quality of the necessary technical equipment, and the means for their provision are determined.

The Program “**Ancient Texts and Modern Readings**” is fully aligned with the academic content of the Department’s undergraduate curriculum. The faculty members participating in the Program possess extensive research and teaching experience in the relevant field, with numerous publications in reputable international and Greek journals and publishers.

The structure and content of the proposed Program derive from the Department’s long-standing experience with its undergraduate curriculum and previous postgraduate Program. In its organization, the following factors were taken into consideration:

- (a) current developments in the relevant scientific field, which encourage interdisciplinary approaches to Ancient Texts;
- (b) the Program’s alignment with emerging academic, developmental, and labor market needs;
- (c) the demonstrated interest of graduates and young researchers wishing to specialize in Classical Philology;
- (d) the broader social impact of the Program through dissemination of its results via symposia, lectures, and international or national conferences, including postgraduate and doctoral student conferences that foster academic exchange and feedback.

The newly established Program “**Ancient Texts and Modern Readings**”, building upon the experience of the previous M.A. Program, will continue these academic activities through the organization of symposia, lectures, and international conferences, aiming to familiarize postgraduate students with academic research and to develop international research collaborations.

A key goal of the Program is the periodic organization of international and national conferences for postgraduate and doctoral students, providing young scholars the opportunity to present their research, receive academic feedback, and publish their work in the conference proceedings.

## **Article 3: Governing Bodies of the Program**

In accordance with Article 3 of the Regulation on Postgraduate Programs of the University of Ioannina (Government Gazette, Series B, No. 4942/07.08.2023), the competent governing bodies for the establishment, organization, and operation of the Program are:

- (a) The Senate
- (b) The University Postgraduate Studies Committee

- (c) The Departmental Assembly
- (d) The Coordinating Committee
- (e) The Program Director

## **Article 4: Duration of Studies – ECTS Credits**

The standard duration of study for the Program “**Ancient Texts and Modern Readings**” is three (3) academic semesters, corresponding to a total of ninety (90) ECTS credits.

## **Article 5: Language of Instruction and Dissertation**

The language of instruction for the courses is Greek. Under specific conditions, part of the Program may be conducted in another language.

The language of the Master’s Dissertation may be Greek or, under certain conditions, another language.

## **Article 6: Infrastructure**

Administrative and technical support for the Program is provided by the Department of Philology of the University of Ioannina. The teaching activities are conducted in the Department’s classrooms and laboratories. The Department ensures the adequacy and quality of the necessary technical infrastructure and equipment, as well as their provision through lawful resources.

## **Article 7: Budget – Funding – Operating Costs**

The Postgraduate Program “**Ancient Texts and Modern Readings**” operates without any projected revenues or expenditures, within the framework of the existing funding of the Institution.

No tuition fees are imposed on the students of the Program.

The necessary expenses for the operation of the Program are covered by the available resources of the Institution, in accordance with the applicable legislation and the decisions of the competent bodies.

## **Article 8: Duration of Operation**

The Program “**Ancient Texts and Modern Readings**” shall commence in the academic year 2025–2026. In accordance with subparagraph (c), paragraph 2.2.1, Article 2 of the Regulation on Postgraduate Programs of the University of Ioannina (Government Gazette, Series B, No. 4942/07.08.2023), its duration may not be shorter than five (5) years, i.e. until the academic year 2030–2031.

## **Article 9: Transitional Provisions**

Students who have enrolled and commenced their studies in the previous M.A. Program entitled “**Classical Philology**” of the Department of Philology, University of Ioannina, up to and including the academic year 2024–2025, shall continue and complete their studies under the regulations in force prior to the implementation of this document. Those who have not completed their studies by the time the present Regulation enters into force shall be administratively integrated into the new Program entitled “**Ancient Texts and Modern Readings**”, whose governing bodies shall ensure the necessary conditions for the smooth completion of their studies.

The operation of the Program is governed by the provisions of the Regulation on Postgraduate Studies (R.P.S.) as set out below.

Any matters not specifically regulated by the Program’s Regulation shall be governed, by delegation, by the competent bodies, particularly the Departmental Assembly, upon recommendation of the Program’s Coordinating Committee.

# REGULATION OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

of the Postgraduate Program entitled  
**“Ancient Texts and Modern Readings”**  
Department of Philology, School of Philosophy,  
University of Ioannina

## Article 1

This Regulation of Postgraduate Studies (R.P.S.) governs the organization and operation of the Postgraduate Program (M.A.) **“Ancient Texts and Modern Readings”** of the Department of Philology, School of Philosophy, University of Ioannina, in accordance with the decision of the Senate of the University of Ioannina and the provisions of Law 4957/2022, as amended and in force. It shall remain in effect, without deviation, for a period of at least five (5) academic years.

Any partial or complete amendment or replacement thereof (if deemed necessary) requires a decision of both the Departmental Assembly of the Department of Philology and the Senate of the University of Ioannina, followed by publication in the Government Gazette.

## Article 2 Governing Bodies of the Program – Responsibilities

In accordance with Article 3 of the Regulation on Postgraduate Programs of the University of Ioannina (Government Gazette, Series B, No. 4942/07.08.2023), the competent governing bodies for the establishment, organization, and operation of the Program are the following:

- (a) The Senate
- (b) The University Postgraduate Studies Committee
- (c) The Departmental Assembly
- (d) The Coordinating Committee
- (e) The Program Director

## 2.1. The Senate

The Senate exercises the responsibilities defined in paragraph 2 of Article 3 of the Regulation on Postgraduate Programs of the University of Ioannina (Government Gazette, Series B, No. 4942/07.08.2023), namely:

- (a) It constitutes the University Postgraduate Studies Committee.
- (b) It approves the establishment of a Postgraduate Program or any modification of an existing one.
- (c) It approves the extension of a Program's duration.
- (d) It constitutes the Program Committee in the case of inter-departmental, inter-institutional, joint, joint international, or professional postgraduate Programs.
- (e) It decides on the termination of Postgraduate Programs offered by the University.
- (f) It exercises any other authority regarding Postgraduate Programs not expressly assigned by law to other bodies.

## 2.2. The University Postgraduate Studies Committee

The Committee exercises the responsibilities set out in paragraph 1 of Article 3 of the same Regulation.

It is constituted by decision of the Senate, upon proposal of the Deans of the University's Schools, and consists of:

- one (1) member of the Teaching and Research Faculty (D.E.P.) from each School,
- one (1) member from among the categories of Special Educational Staff (E.E.P.), Laboratory Teaching Staff (E.DI.P.), or Special Technical Laboratory Staff (E.T.E.P.), and
- the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, who serves as Chair.

The Committee members must have experience in organizing or participating in second-cycle (postgraduate) Programs. The term of office of the Committee is two (2) academic years.

The Committee's responsibilities include:

- (a) Submitting recommendations to the Senate regarding the establishment of new postgraduate Programs or modifications to existing ones, following evaluation of the Departmental Assemblies' proposals, feasibility and sustainability reports, and budgetary considerations, as well as returning any proposals deemed insufficiently substantiated or incomplete.
- (b) Drafting the framework Regulation for postgraduate (second- and third-cycle) studies and submitting it to the Senate.

- (c) Preparing model templates for the operation of Postgraduate Program Regulations.
- (d) Monitoring compliance with the approved Regulations of the Postgraduate Programs.
- (e) Overseeing implementation of relevant legislation, University Regulations, and Senate decisions by the Postgraduate Programs.
- (f) Monitoring the implementation of the procedure for exemption from tuition fees.
- (g) Exercising any other duties specified in this Regulation.

Administrative and secretarial support to the Committee is provided by the University's Directorate of Education.

**General principles and procedures:**

- (a) The Directorate of Education transmits electronically to all Committee members the Department's proposal and supporting documents for the establishment or modification of a Program.
- (b) The representative of the relevant School presents a report based on the legal framework, covering points such as: purpose of establishment/modification, Program title, relation to any previous Program, duration of studies, overlap with other Programs of the University, budget, and tuition details. The report is circulated to all Committee members prior to the meeting.
- (c) The Committee meets at regular intervals to ensure the timely processing of Program establishment or modification procedures.

### **2.3. The Departmental Assembly**

The Departmental Assembly is responsible for the organization, administration, and management of the Program and, in particular:

- (a) It submits to the Senate (via the University Postgraduate Studies Committee) proposals for the establishment, modification, or extension of the Program.
- (b) It appoints the Program Director and the members of the Coordinating Committee.
- (c) It nominates representatives for inter-departmental or inter-institutional Program Committees in which the Department participates.
- (d) It constitutes committees for the evaluation of applications from prospective postgraduate students and approves their admission.
- (e) It assigns teaching duties to Program instructors and may assign supplementary teaching tasks to doctoral candidates of the Department or School, under the supervision of a Program instructor.
- (f) It appoints examination committees for the assessment of Master's Dissertations and designates supervising faculty members.
- (g) It confirms successful completion of studies for the award of the M.A. degree.

- (h) It approves the Program's annual report, following recommendation by the Coordinating Committee.
- (i) It may assign postgraduate students auxiliary teaching duties in undergraduate courses.
- (j) It exercises any other lawful authority.

By decision of the Departmental Assembly, the responsibilities under points (d) and (f) may be delegated to the Coordinating Committee.

## **2.4. The Coordinating Committee**

The Coordinating Committee consists of the Program Director and four (4) members of the Teaching and Research Faculty of the Department, whose academic expertise is relevant to the Program and who teach within it. The members of the Committee are appointed by decision of the Departmental Assembly.

The C.C. is responsible for the monitoring and coordination of the Program's operation and, in particular:

- (a) It prepares the Program's initial annual budget and any revisions (where applicable) and submits it for approval to the Research Committee of the University Research Account (E.L.K.E.).
- (b) It prepares the Program's annual report and submits it for approval to the Departmental Assembly.
- (c) It approves the execution of Program expenditures.
- (d) It approves the granting of scholarships, compensatory or non-compensatory, in accordance with the founding decision and this Regulation.
- (e) It recommends to the Departmental Assembly the allocation of teaching duties and the assignment of courses to Program instructors (as per Article 83 of Law 4957/2022).
- (f) It recommends to the Departmental Assembly the invitation of Visiting Professors to meet specific teaching needs.
- (g) It prepares proposals for modifications to the curriculum and submits them to the Departmental Assembly.
- (h) It makes recommendations regarding the redistribution of courses among academic semesters and the qualitative enhancement of the curriculum.

## **2.5. The Program Director**

The Program Director shall be a member of the Department's Teaching and Research Faculty, preferably of the rank of Professor or Associate Professor, who also teaches within the Program. The Director is appointed by decision of the Departmental Assembly for a two-year term, renewable without limitation.

The Director's responsibilities include:

- (a) Chairing the Coordinating Committee, preparing meeting agendas, and convening meetings.
- (b) Submitting proposals concerning the organization and operation of the Program to the Departmental Assembly.
- (c) Submitting recommendations to the Coordinating Committee and other relevant bodies of the Program and the University to ensure effective operation.
- (d) Serving as the Program's Scientific Supervisor, in accordance with Article 234 of Law 4957/2022, and exercising the corresponding responsibilities.
- (e) Monitoring the implementation of decisions of the Program's governing bodies and of the Internal Regulation on Postgraduate Studies, as well as supervising budget execution.
- (f) Exercising any additional responsibilities specified in the founding decision of the Program.

The Program Director and members of the Coordinating Committee are **not entitled to any remuneration or compensation** for the performance of their duties related to the Program's operation.

## 2.6. Secretariat

The Department Secretariat is responsible for the administrative and secretarial support of the Program. The Department Secretary designates one or more administrative officers as responsible for the Program.

## Article 3 Postgraduate Degrees

The Postgraduate Program entitled **Ancient Texts and Modern Readings** awards a unified **Master's Degree in Classical Philology**. Postgraduate students may choose the subject area of their Master's Thesis from among the following fields:

- (a) Ancient Greek and Latin Philology,
- (b) Ancient Greek Philology,
- (c) Latin Philology,
- (d) Reception of Ancient Greek and/or Latin Literature,
- (e) Gender Approaches to Ancient Greek and/or Latin Literature, and
- (f) Digital Applications in Classical Philology.

## Article 4 Language of Instruction and of the Master's Thesis

The language of instruction of the Program is **Greek**. In exceptional cases, upon a reasoned proposal by the Coordinating Committee of the Program and approval by the Department Assembly, part of the teaching (up to two three-hour postgraduate courses) may be conducted in a language other than Greek.

The language of the Master's Thesis, upon recommendation by the supervising professor, a justified proposal by the Coordinating Committee, and approval by the Department Assembly, may also be a language other than Greek.

## Article 5 Teaching Staff

**5.1.** The teaching of the “**Ancient Texts and Modern Readings**” Program shall be assigned, by decision of the competent body of the Program, to the following categories of instructors, provided they hold a doctoral degree:

- (a) Members of the **Teaching and Research Faculty, Special Educational Personnel, Laboratory Teaching Staff** and **Special Technical Laboratory Staff** of the Department or other Departments of the University of Ioannina, or of another Higher Education Institution or Higher Military Educational Institution
- (b) **Emeritus Professors** or retired members of the Teaching and Research Faculty of the Department or of other Departments of the University of Ioannina or other Higher Education Institutions,
- (c) **Appointed Lecturers,**
- (d) **Visiting Professors** or **Visiting Researchers,**
- (e) **Researchers and specialized scientists** of research and technological bodies under Article 13A of Law 4310/2014 (Government Gazette A' 258), or of other research centres and institutes in Greece or abroad,
- (f) **Scholars of recognized standing,** possessing specialized knowledge and relevant experience in the academic field of the Program.

By exception, **professionals of recognized standing** with extensive experience in fields where a doctoral dissertation is not required may also teach in the Program.

**5.2.** Attendance in the “**Ancient Texts and Modern Readings**” Program is **free of charge**. Therefore, no remuneration is provided for instructors belonging to categories (a), (b), (e), and (f). For category (d), according to Article 171(4) of Law 4957/2022, *“the employment cost of visiting professors and visiting researchers shall be borne exclusively by the budget of projects/Programs of the Special Account for Research Funds financed by private, institutional, European, or international resources, as well as by the budgets of co-financed or mobility Programs for teaching and research staff.”*

**5.3.** By decision of the Department Assembly, upon request by the Coordinating Committee, **doctoral candidates** of the Department may be assigned **auxiliary teaching duties**, under the supervision of an instructor of the Program.

**5.4.** Instructors of the Program are required to provide **teaching, research, academic, laboratory, and administrative work**, to supervise, support, and guide postgraduate students in preparing assignments and dissertations, to participate in academic conferences and research seminars, and to update the educational material of the courses assigned to them by the Department Assembly on the online asynchronous learning platform (Article 68).

**5.5.** At the end of each semester, each course and instructor is evaluated by postgraduate students through **specific evaluation questionnaires**.

Courses constitute independent teaching units of the Program, with defined content, learning objectives, and assessment methods. They may include various forms of instruction, such as **lectures, seminars, seminar lectures, laboratory exercises, and tutorial sessions**.

Lectures are discrete instructional sessions within a course, aiming at the presentation and analysis of theoretical concepts, academic topics, or methodological approaches. They may be delivered by the course instructor or invited experts.

A **seminar** is an academic meeting in which participants, under the guidance of a lecturer or coordinator, explore a specialized topic through analysis, discussion, and critical reflection. Unlike lectures, seminars require **active participation**, such as presentations, discussions, or case studies, aimed at developing students' research and analytical skills.

A **seminar course** combines lecture-based teaching with a seminar approach, integrating theoretical exposition and interactive activities, requiring students' active engagement in knowledge production and presentation. **Seminar lectures**, which form part of such courses, differ from standard lectures in that they include enhanced interaction, analytical discussion, and research-based activities.

**Laboratory exercises** involve practical activities designed to develop technical skills and foster understanding of research processes, while **tutorial sessions** aim to deepen comprehension through applied analysis, case studies, and discussion.

In this Regulation, the term *courses* refers to the organized teaching units of the Program; *lectures* denote individual teaching sessions within a course; *seminars* indicate academic meetings centred on in-depth analysis of specialized topics with active student participation; *seminar courses* describe modules combining theoretical teaching and interactive practice; and *seminar lectures* refer to instructional sessions that merge theoretical exposition with discussion and analytical engagement.

The evaluation is conducted via an **anonymous online questionnaire** consisting of twenty-five (25) questions concerning:

(a) the postgraduate student (age, undergraduate degree, weekly study hours, performance in written work),

(b) the instructor (organization and presentation of course material, ability to engage students' interest, competence and reliability, consistency, availability, and overall impression),

(c) the course content and structure (clarity of objectives, relevance of content, organization, workload, ICT use, difficulty level, and credit-load correspondence), and

(d) written/oral assignments (adequacy of time, availability of materials, supervision, feedback quality, and educational contribution).

The evaluation form is hosted at <https://classweb.uoi.gr>, and includes the Department and course codes, instructor's name, any auxiliary staff, and the date of completion.

The questionnaires are processed confidentially by the **Quality Assurance Unit** of the University of Ioannina, the **Internal Evaluation Group** of the Department of Philology, and the **Coordinating Committee** of the “**Ancient Texts and Modern Readings**” Program, to inform the planning and improvement of future courses.

## Article 6 Teaching Assignments

**6.1.** Teaching assignments in the **Ancient Texts and Modern Readings** Program shall be made by decision of the **Department Assembly**, following a proposal by the **Coordinating Committee** or, alternatively, by the **Program Director**. Specific conditions regarding the assignment of teaching duties may be defined in the founding decision of the Program.

**6.2.** The Assembly's decisions on teaching distribution shall include the following elements:

(a) the instructor's full name,

(b) their status, in accordance with Article 5(1) of this Regulation,

(c) the type of teaching assigned (course, seminar, or laboratory), and

(d) the number of teaching hours per course, seminar, or laboratory.

**6.3.** Teaching allocation is carried out **before the beginning of the academic year**, for both winter and spring semesters. If this is not possible for both semesters simultaneously, the decision shall be taken before each semester begins. The teaching assignment may be modified during the academic year by a duly justified decision of the Department Assembly.

**6.4.** Instructors on **academic leave or suspension** may provide teaching in the Program if their schedule permits and provided that, under the prevailing circumstances, such participation is deemed feasible by the competent authorities.

## Article 7 Categories of Teaching Staff

7.1. The courses of the Postgraduate Program are taught by members of the Teaching and Research Faculty of the Department of Philology, or other Departments of the University of Ioannina, whose academic field is relevant to the scientific area of the M.A. Program in accordance with Article 83 of Law 4957/2022. Courses may also be taught by members of other Higher Education Institutions in Greece or abroad, as well as by recognized scholars and researchers with established academic work in relevant fields.

7.2. The teaching and research staff of the M.A. program belong to the following categories, as defined in Article 83 of Law 4957/2022:

- a) **Teaching and Research Faculty** of the Department or other Departments of the University of Ioannina.
- b) **Faculty members of other Higher Education Institutions** in Greece or abroad, whose expertise corresponds to the scientific areas of the M.A. program.
- c) **Members of Special Educational Staff, Laboratory Teaching Staff and Special Technical Laboratory Staff** of the University of Ioannina or other Higher Education Institutions.
- d) **Postdoctoral researchers** of the University of Ioannina or other institutions, as well as **scientists of recognized prestige** with significant research, academic, or professional work in the relevant scientific field.
- e) **Visiting Professors and Emeritus Professors**, as provided for by law.

The assignment of teaching duties to the above categories shall be made by decision of the Department Assembly, following a recommendation of the Coordinating Committee.

## Article 8 Student Obligations and Evaluation

8.1. Attendance of all courses and seminars is **mandatory**. Absences exceeding one-third (1/3) of the total scheduled teaching hours for each course entail **automatic failure** in that course.

8.2. Assessment of students' performance in each course is carried out through methods determined by the course instructor and approved by the Coordinating Committee, such as written or oral examinations, essays, presentations, or combinations thereof.

8.3. The grading scale is numerical, ranging from **0 to 10**, with a **minimum passing grade of 6.0**.

8.4. Students who fail a course may, by decision of the Coordinating Committee, **re-sit the examination once** in the following academic period. If they fail again, they are **automatically dismissed** from the M.A. program.

8.5. Students must comply with all academic and ethical rules of the University of Ioannina and the Department of Philology, including principles of **academic integrity** and **research ethics**. Plagiarism or other forms of academic misconduct lead to disciplinary sanctions, which may include expulsion from the program.

## Article 9 Teaching and Examination Language

- 9.1. The language of instruction and assessment in the M.A. program is **Greek**.
- 9.2. With the approval of the Coordinating Committee and the Department Assembly, **courses may be offered in English** or another foreign language, particularly when this facilitates participation of foreign instructors or students.
- 9.3. Master's theses may also be written and defended in **English**, provided the Supervising Professor and the Coordinating Committee give prior approval.

## Article 10 Master's Thesis

- 10.1. The **Master's Thesis** constitutes an essential and integral component of the Postgraduate Program "**Ancient Texts and Modern Readings**". Its purpose is to demonstrate the student's capacity for **independent research, critical analysis, and methodologically sound argumentation** within the scientific areas of the Program.
- 10.2. The topic of the Master's Thesis must fall within the thematic areas covered by the M.A. program and be approved by the Coordinating Committee upon proposal by the supervising faculty member.
- 10.3. Each postgraduate student is supervised by one (1) member of the Teaching and Research Faculty (D.E.P.) of the Department, who teaches in the Program. A **co-supervisor** may be appointed, where appropriate, from among the faculty members of the University of Ioannina or other Higher Education Institutions, or from research institutions, provided they hold a doctoral degree and have research experience relevant to the subject of the thesis.
- 10.4. The Master's Thesis must be written **in accordance with the formatting and citation guidelines** established by the Coordinating Committee. It must demonstrate originality, academic rigor, and adherence to standards of scientific ethics.
- 10.5. Upon completion, the thesis is submitted in both **printed and electronic form** to the Secretariat of the Department, together with a **summary in English**.
- 10.6. The evaluation and examination of the thesis are conducted by a **three-member Examination Committee**, appointed by the Department Assembly, composed of the supervisor and two other faculty members, at least one of whom belongs to the Department of Philology.

10.7. The public defense of the thesis takes place before the Examination Committee. The **final grade** results from the **average** of the individual grades awarded by the three examiners and is expressed on the same 0–10 scale used for coursework, with 6.0 as the minimum passing grade.

10.8. Following successful defense, the student must submit the **final approved version** of the thesis in digital form to the Institutional Repository of the University of Ioannina, in accordance with the relevant policy of the University Library.

## Article 11 Funding of the Postgraduate Program

In accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 10 of the Regulation on Postgraduate Programs of the University of Ioannina (Government Gazette, Series B, No. 4942/07.08.2023), the resources of a Postgraduate Program may derive from:

- (a) tuition fees,
- (b) donations, sponsorships, and any kind of financial contributions,
- (c) bequests,
- (d) revenues from research projects or programs,
- (e) own funds of the Higher Education Institution (HEI), and
- (f) the state budget or the public investment program.

For the Postgraduate Program “Ancient Texts and Modern Readings”, no tuition fees are provided. Its resources derive mainly from the state budget and occasionally from categories (b) through (e).

## Article 12 Duration of Studies

12.1. The regular duration of study in the Postgraduate Program leading to the award of the Master’s Degree (M.D.) is set at three (3) semesters. During the first two semesters, coursework is conducted, while the third semester is devoted to the writing of the Master’s Dissertation. The coursework corresponds to sixty (60) ECTS credits and the Dissertation to thirty (30) ECTS credits. According to paragraph 2 of Article 11 of the Regulation on Postgraduate Programs of the University of Ioannina (Government Gazette, Series B, No. 4942/07.08.2023):

“Students may accumulate a maximum of thirty (30) ECTS credits per semester.”

12.2. The Postgraduate Program “Ancient Texts and Modern Readings” commences in the winter semester, during the first week of October. Courses are held in morning or afternoon sessions. They are distributed across two (2) semesters, while the third semester is devoted to the preparation of the Master’s Dissertation.

12.3. The beginning and end of courses, as well as the duration of examination periods, are aligned with the academic calendar of the Institution.

12.4. Each semester course consists of thirteen (13) weeks, with three (3) hours of weekly teaching. At the instructor's discretion, part of the course may be devoted to tutorial, laboratory, or practical training sessions. Postgraduate students are required to attend all activities of the Program regularly and without exception.

12.5. Part-time study is possible, following a substantiated request by the student and approval by the Assembly of the Department of Philology of the University of Ioannina. The right to apply for part-time study is granted to:

- (a) students who are demonstrably employed for at least twenty (20) hours per week,
- (b) students with disabilities and special educational needs,
- (c) students with serious family obligations,
- (d) students who are simultaneously athletes and, during their studies, are members of sports clubs registered in the electronic registry of sports clubs (Article 142 of Law 4714/2020, Government Gazette Series A, No. 148), maintained by the General Secretariat of Sports (GSS), under the following conditions:

(da) for each year they achieve a ranking between 1st and 8th place in national championships of individual sports with at least twelve (12) athletes and eight (8) clubs participating, or compete in teams belonging to the two (2) highest divisions in team sports, or participate as members of national teams in European championships, world championships, or other international events under the Hellenic Olympic Committee; or

(db) they participate at least once, during their studies in the program for which they apply for part-time status, in the Olympic Games, Paralympic Games, or Deaflympics. Students under this subparagraph may be enrolled as part-time students upon approval of their application by the Assembly of the Department of Philology of the University of Ioannina.

12.6. The maximum duration of study is set at twice the minimum duration (2n). The maximum duration of part-time study is the maximum study period extended by two (2) semesters.

12.7. Students who have not exceeded the maximum duration of study may, upon a substantiated request to the Assembly, suspend their studies for a total period not exceeding two (2) academic semesters. Suspension of studies is granted for serious reasons (military service, illness, maternity, absence abroad, etc.). The application must be justified and accompanied by the relevant supporting documents issued by competent public authorities or organizations demonstrating the reasons for suspension.

During the suspension period, student status is paused, and participation in any educational activity is not permitted. The semesters of suspension do not count toward the maximum duration of regular study. At least two weeks before the end of the

suspension period, the student must re-enroll in the program to continue studies with the rights and obligations of an active student.

Students may, upon request, terminate their suspension and return to the Program only if they have requested a suspension for two consecutive academic semesters. The application for termination of suspension must be submitted no later than two weeks before the start of the second semester of suspension.

12.8. An extension beyond the maximum study duration may be granted for extraordinary family or health-related reasons, upon a substantiated request by the student and approval by the Department Assembly. The extension period may not exceed the minimum number of semesters required for regular study in the Postgraduate Program.

## Article 13 – Curriculum

### 13.1. Structure of Studies

Studies in the Graduate Program (M.A.) “**Ancient Texts and Modern Readings**,” including the preparation of the required Master’s Thesis, are organized over three semesters. The first two semesters, i.e., the fall and spring semesters, comprise courses and workshops, while the third semester is devoted to the preparation of the Master’s Thesis (M.Th.).

The curriculum is organized by semester and includes the titles and descriptions of required and elective courses (both in Greek and English), their European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) credits, weekly contact hours, as well as internships, fieldwork at external organizations, and the Master’s Thesis.

The curriculum may be revised annually to update the teaching content in accordance with current developments in the respective academic field and to make optimal use of available teaching staff. The Program Committee (PC) drafts proposals for curriculum modifications and submits them for approval to the Departmental Assembly or the Curriculum Committee.

Courses may be scheduled from Monday to Saturday to accommodate both working students and teaching staff involved in undergraduate or other postgraduate programs.

The total number of courses in the M.A. program “**Ancient Texts and Modern Readings**” is five (5), of which one (1) is mandatory and four (4) are compulsory electives (CE). All courses are completed in the first two semesters, while in the third semester the student completes the Master’s Thesis.

#### (a) Courses and Subjects

The Department of Classical Philology at the University of Ioannina offers at least five (5) postgraduate courses in the first two semesters of the M.A. program, covering the

academic fields of the Department. Students must successfully complete five (5) courses: one (1) mandatory course (20 ECTS) and four (4) compulsory electives (10 ECTS each).

Specifically, in the first semester, students must take and pass two (2) courses: one (1) mandatory and one (1) compulsory elective. In the second semester, students must take and pass three (3) compulsory electives. The mandatory course corresponds to 20 ECTS credits (10 ECTS theoretical teaching / 10 ECTS practical application), with a total workload of 500 hours, ensuring adequate preparation for research methodology comprehension and application.

Students must successfully complete all five courses (totaling 60 ECTS) before submitting a request at the start of the third semester to begin the Master's Thesis, which accounts for 30 ECTS credits. Compulsory electives are selected from a designated list to fulfill the maximum number of courses per semester: two (2) in the first semester and three (3) in the second.

Course assignments are determined by the Departmental Assembly. Some seminars may be common to all postgraduate students of the Department. With the approval of their advisor and the PC and Departmental Assembly, students may take a postgraduate course from a different program, either within the Department or at a recognized equivalent institution in Greece or abroad under EU student mobility programs. Each postgraduate course/seminar includes three (3) weekly contact hours.

The curriculum includes the following subjects:

1. Ancient Greek and/or Latin Epic Poetry
2. Ancient Greek and/or Latin Lyric Poetry
3. Ancient Greek and/or Latin Drama (tragedy, comedy, satyric drama)
4. Ancient Greek and/or Latin Historiography
5. Ancient Greek and/or Latin Rhetoric
6. Ancient Greek and/or Latin Philosophy
7. Ancient Greek and/or Latin Novel
8. Hellenistic Poetry
9. Late Antiquity
10. Roman Satire
11. Didactic Literature
12. Mycenaean Philology
13. Ancient Religion – Mythology
14. Science and Technology of the Ancient World (medicine, mathematics, geometry, mechanics, etc.)
15. Literary Criticism in Antiquity and Contemporary Literary Theories
16. History of Classical Philology

17. Epistolography
18. Ancient Greek and/or Latin Grammar
19. Ancient Greek and/or Latin Metrics
20. Ancient Greek Music
21. Reception of Antiquity in Medieval and Modern Greek Literature
22. Translation Issues in Modern Greek of Ancient Greek and Latin Texts
23. Papyrology
24. Paleography
25. History and Critical-Editorial Study of Ancient Greek and Latin Texts
26. Teaching of Classical Philology
27. History of the Ancient Greek and/or Latin Language
28. Medieval Latin Literature
29. Neo-Latin Literature
30. Reception of Ancient Greek and/or Latin Literature
31. Gender Studies Approaches to Ancient Greek and/or Latin Literature
32. Digital Applications of Classical Philology

### **First Semester**

- Research Methodology in Classics (Instructor: H. Gasti), Mandatory Course (20 ECTS). This course provides essential tools for understanding, analyzing, and producing academic discourse. The combination of theoretical (10 ECTS) and practical (10 ECTS) components ensures the development of research skills necessary for the successful completion of all other courses.
- Compulsory Elective (10 ECTS): Students may choose one of the following:
  - Mythology (Instructor: A. Zografou)
  - How to read the Presocratic Fragments (Instructor: V.-S. Chrysakopoulou)
  - Poetological and Political Approaches to Roman Elegy (Instructor: V. Pappas)
  - Gender and Law in Ovid (Instructor: St. Alekou)

### **Second Semester**

- Compulsory Electives (10 ECTS each): Students select three (3) from the following:
  - Metamorphoses of Ancient Greek in Modern Greek Poetry (20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Century) (Instructor: D. Papastathi)
  - Latin Poetry of Late Antiquity (Instructor: F. Polymerakis)
  - Reading Classical Text Digitally: Close and Distant (Instructor: St. Chronopoulos)

- Critical “Reading” of the Teaching of Philological Courses in Education (Instructor: I. Fykaris)
- Linguistic Perceptions and Practices in Greco-Roman Antiquity (Instructor: P. Filos)

### **Third Semester**

- Master’s Thesis (30 ECTS)

### **Compulsory Electives Offered Conditionally (10 ECTS each)**

- Poetic Self-Referentiality / Self-Consciousness in Ancient Greek Literature (Instructor: H. Gasti)
- Greek Palaeography and Modern Editing of Ancient Greek Texts (Instructor: P. Athanasopoulos)
- Narration, Orality, and Character in the Homeric Epics (Instructor: Ch. Zekas)
- Science Literature: Aratus, *Phenomena* (Instructor: Ch. Avgerinos)

## **13.2. Course Start – Attendance**

Courses begin during the first week of October. Students may suspend attendance for a reasonable period, upon a justified request approved by the Departmental Assembly. The timetable is prepared by the PC after consultation with the Department, approved by the Assembly, published in the M.A. Guide, and posted on the program’s website.

Students must register, attend, and pass five (5) postgraduate courses with different content: one (1) mandatory (20 ECTS) and four (4) compulsory electives (10 ECTS each), two (2) in the first semester and three (3) in the second, totaling 60 ECTS. Completion of the Master’s Thesis in the third semester adds 30 ECTS, totaling 90 ECTS for the M.A. degree. Minimum enrollment for each elective is two (2) students and maximum is five (5), ensuring academic quality.

## **13.3. Maximum Absences**

Attendance is mandatory. To earn a grade, students must attend at least three-quarters ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of seminars and fully complete all course obligations within the prescribed timeframe.

## **13.4. Course Make-up**

It is mandatory to make up any class that is missed due to scheduling conflicts, in order to complete the required teaching hours. The date and time of the make-up class are posted on the M.A. program website or on the asynchronous e-learning platform.

## **13.5. Master's Thesis**

### **13.5.1. Requirement for Degree**

In addition to successfully completing the five (5) courses in the first two semesters, the successful completion of the Master's Thesis is required to obtain the Master's Degree. The M.Th. is written in Greek. Writing the M.Th. in another language is subject to the restrictions set out in Article 4 of this Regulation.

### **13.5.2. Initiation of Thesis**

The Master's Thesis begins after the student has attended all courses and successfully passed the examinations. The M.Th. must be individual, original, research-oriented, and prepared according to the thesis guidelines and academic standards posted on the M.A. program website. The topic must fall within the scope of the M.A. program "**Ancient Texts and Modern Readings.**"

At the start of the third semester, the student submits a request to the program office specifying the proposed supervisor. The Departmental Assembly appoints the supervisor and approves the thesis title. The Examination Committee, consisting of at least three (3) members including the supervisor, is also appointed. Committee members must have the same or a related academic specialization.

Each faculty member may supervise up to five (5) theses per year, unless additional supervision is required. The Departmental Assembly, upon recommendation by the Program Committee, may change the thesis topic, supervisor, or committee members for valid reasons.

Once the M.Th. is completed, it is submitted in three (3) digital copies to the Department office, with the supervisor's approval that it meets the criteria for evaluation. The submission deadline is March 31. Students may request a one-semester extension, with a submission deadline of August 31.

The public defense of the thesis is scheduled by the Program Committee within 40 days of submission and announced at least eight (8) days in advance. The defense seminar lasts up to two (2) hours. After the defense, and incorporating any required revisions, the final version is submitted both digitally and in print (two copies): one for the Classical Philology Laboratory and one for the M.A. program archive.

### **13.5.3. Thesis Length and Quality Criteria**

The M.Th. must be between 60 and 100 pages (Times New Roman, 1.5 spacing), including footnotes (single spacing), but excluding bibliography, indices, and tables. With supervisor and Program Committee approval, the limit may extend to 130 pages.

Quality criteria include:

- Originality of the topic
- Critical engagement with relevant literature
- Well-founded arguments and conclusions

- Analytical and synthetic abilities, logical structure
- Documentation of sources (footnotes, references, quotations)
- Completeness of bibliography and sources
- Clear, precise, and correct writing
- Coherent structure with chapters, sections, subsections
- Adherence to academic ethics and standards

Additionally, the thesis must clearly define research questions, consider alternative answers in the literature, and demonstrate its original contribution. Plagiarism is strictly prohibited, with penalties ranging from resubmission to expulsion.

#### **13.5.4. Evaluation and Grading**

The Examination Committee evaluates the thesis on:

- a) Academic quality (originality, clarity of research questions, methodological rigor, conclusions)
- b) Writing quality (clarity, accuracy, organization, adherence to academic standards)
- c) Oral presentation (organization, fluency, time management, response to questions)

#### **13.5.5. Approval Procedure**

After the defense, the Committee prepares and signs the Public Defense Report, noting any comments and the final grade, which is submitted for approval to the Departmental Assembly. In case of negative evaluation, the thesis may be resubmitted after two months following the Committee's recommendations.

A positive evaluation requires at least two (2) affirmative votes. Grades are on a scale from 0 to 10, with 5 being the minimum passing grade.

#### **13.5.6. Delays and Extensions**

If the thesis is not submitted within the one-semester extension, or requested corrections cannot be completed within 20 days of review, the student must register for an additional semester to submit the corrected thesis. Failure to submit beyond two semesters or the maximum duration of study results in dismissal. The maximum duration is twice the minimum program length.

#### **13.5.7. Archiving**

Approved theses are deposited in the digital repository "OLYMPIAS" according to University Senate regulations.

#### **13.5.8. Exceptional Changes**

In exceptional cases, the supervisor or committee member may be replaced, or the thesis topic changed, by decision of the Departmental Assembly following a recommendation by the Program Committee. Changes do not justify extensions beyond the prescribed deadlines.

### 13.5.9. Resolution of Disputes

The Program Committee and Departmental Assembly are responsible for addressing disputes regarding the Master's Thesis.

### 13.6. Synchronous Distance Learning

Up to 35% of instruction may be conducted synchronously via platforms (Skype, Zoom, MS Teams, etc.) exclusively under the following conditions:

- Force majeure or emergencies preventing in-person classes or use of university facilities
- Advanced courses or workshops exceeding required contact hours

The 35% limit may be increased by the Departmental Assembly if program needs require it. Detailed regulations are posted on the M.A. program website.

### 13.7. Asynchronous Distance Learning

**13.7.1.** Some educational activities may use asynchronous methods in accordance with European standards and specifications.

**13.7.2.** The University maintains an accessible e-course platform, including for students with disabilities, where lecture notes, presentations, exercises, solutions, and recorded lectures are provided, in compliance with personal data regulations.

Asynchronous learning cannot exceed 25% of the program's total ECTS credits and is intended to supplement in-person teaching (e.g., additional material, submission of assignments). It **cannot replace face-to-face instruction**.

## Article 14 Student Evaluation – Examinations

**14.1.** Student assessment is carried out through examinations (written and/or oral), assignments, or a combination thereof, as determined by the instructor. Alternative assessment methods may be offered and chosen by students in consultation with the instructor. The assessment method is announced at the beginning of each semester. The examination period lasts one week and coincides with the last week of the postgraduate semester (end of February and end of June). During written or oral examinations, instructors are responsible for ensuring the integrity of the evaluation process.

**14.2.** For courses assessed via a final written and/or oral exam, the first examination session is held in February for winter semester courses and in June for spring semester courses; the second (resit) session is held in September.

**14.3.** Topics for written and oral assignments are announced at the beginning of each semester by the instructor. It is the instructor's responsibility to ensure adequate accessible bibliography for each announced research topic.

**14.4.** Written assignment topics may coincide with oral assignment topics, but the written assignment should address the topic in greater depth.

**14.5.** Students who are absent without justification from the final examination or who fail to submit required written and/or oral assignments on time receive a grade of zero (0).

**14.6.** In case of failure, the student must retake the same or another course in a subsequent semester. The maximum number of courses a student may fail is two. Failure in more than two courses results in expulsion from the program, following recommendation by the Program Committee and decision of the Departmental Assembly.

**14.7.** Written assignments required for courses must be submitted to the instructor before the end of the semester (February 20 and June 30, respectively).

**14.8.** Deadlines are strict. Extensions of up to ten (10) days may be granted only for serious, documented reasons and following explicit individual agreement with the instructor. Late submissions will not be considered in the student's final evaluation.

**14.9.** Written assignments and examination papers must be returned corrected by the instructor, with comments or corrections included. Students who have not received their corrected assignments have the right to request them in writing from the Program Committee.

**14.10.** Examination results are announced by the instructor and sent to the M.A. program office within three (3) weeks of the examination at the latest. Repeated delays trigger notification of the Departmental Assembly by the M.A. Program Director.

**14.11.** Grade corrections are allowed only in cases of obvious clerical or arithmetic errors, following a written request by the instructor and decision by the Departmental Assembly or the Program Committee.

**14.12.** Written work is archived by the course instructor for two (2) years. After this period, the papers lose validity and are destroyed, following a formal report by the Departmental Assembly, except where a legal, disciplinary, or administrative procedure is pending.

**14.13.** For each course, the minimum passing grade is 5, and grades are awarded in whole or half units, on a scale from 0 to 10. Grade scale: Excellent (8.5–10), Very Good (6.5–8.49), Good (5–6.49).

**14.14.** In cases of emergencies or force majeure, alternative assessment methods may be applied, such as conducting exams electronically, provided the integrity of the assessment process is ensured.

**14.15.** In cases of student illness or recovery from severe illness, the instructor is encouraged to facilitate the student's evaluation by appropriate means (e.g., oral remote

examination or rescheduled assessment). During oral examinations, the instructor ensures they are not alone with the examinee.

**14.16.** All assessment methods must ensure equal access to necessary resources for all students. Alternative assessment protocols may apply for students with disabilities or special educational needs, following the recommendations of the Equal Access Unit of the University of Ioannina.

**14.17.** If a course is divided into sections, uniformity of assessment and evaluation criteria must be ensured.

## **Article 15 Rights and Responsibilities of Postgraduate Students**

**15.1.** No tuition fees are required.

**15.2.** Postgraduate students enjoy all rights and benefits granted to undergraduate students until the end of any granted extension of study, except for the right to free textbooks.

**15.3.** The University ensures accessibility to textbooks and instruction for students with disabilities or special educational needs (<https://socialsupport.unit.uoi.gr/>) and implements a special assessment protocol according to the Equal Access Unit's guidelines.

**15.4.** With the instructor's consent, the Program Committee's approval, and Departmental Assembly decision, PhD candidates and postgraduate students from collaborating institutions may attend courses as auditors. Postgraduate students of the **"Ancient Texts and Modern Readings"** M.A. program who are not enrolled in a given course may also audit, with the instructor's approval.

**15.5.** For each student, the Departmental Assembly appoints a faculty member as an Academic Advisor, who monitors the student's academic progress throughout the program. The regulations for Academic Advisors are available on the program website (<https://pmsclassical.philology.uoi.gr/>).

**15.6.** Postgraduate students are required to participate in research seminars, bibliographic discussions, lab visits, conferences, lectures, and other scientific activities related to the M.A. program's subject.

**15.7.** Students are required to serve as exam proctors. They may also be assigned auxiliary teaching duties (tutorial support, laboratory courses, etc.) following Departmental Assembly decision and according to Article 14(5) of the University's Postgraduate Program Regulations (Government Gazette B' 4942/07.08.2023).

**15.8.** The University of Ioannina Career Office provides guidance and support on academic and professional matters (<http://dasta.uoi.gr>).

**15.9.** Postgraduate students may receive financial support through: (a) scholarships from other institutions (e.g., State Scholarships Foundation – IKY), (b) participation in research programs (Greek and European), (c) merit-based scholarships or awards (based on Grade Point Average, publications, or service), according to the program budget. Terms and obligations of merit-based scholarships are set by Departmental Assembly decision.

**15.10.** Students may receive remuneration for teaching assistance in undergraduate programs, following Departmental Assembly approval. Eligibility, criteria, and procedures are defined by Article 8(3) and Article 14(5) of the University’s Postgraduate Program Regulations. Funding may come from project/program budgets financed by private, international, or own University resources (Law 4957/2022, Article 230), or co-funded projects under the NSRF.

## **Article 16 Student Exchange Programs**

16.1. Postgraduate students of the M.A. Program "**Ancient Texts and Modern Readings**" may participate in international student exchange programs, such as the ERASMUS program, in accordance with the applicable legislation. In such cases, the maximum number of ECTS credits that can be recognized is thirty (30).

16.2. Within the framework of the ERASMUS+ program, students from foreign higher education institutions (HEIs) may also attend the M.A. Program "**Ancient Texts and Modern Readings.**" Foreign postgraduate students are provided with all student support services, such as meals, accommodation, and health care, as provided by the respective educational cooperation program and applicable legislation. In cooperation with the University’s Unit for Foreign Student Support, incoming postgraduate students are assisted with matters such as entry and residence permits, settling in the host country, communication with the University’s competent services, and organization of Greek language courses, among others.

16.3. Postgraduate students enrolled in the Master’s Program “**Ancient Texts and Modern Readings**” may be allowed to attend courses offered by another Postgraduate Program of the University of Ioannina or by another Higher Education Institution, domestic or foreign, within the framework of educational or research cooperation programs (MoUs), in accordance with applicable legislation.

## **Article 17 Dismissal or Disciplinary Sanctions for Postgraduate Students**

17.1. The Department Assembly of the Department of Philology of the University of Ioannina, upon the recommendation of the Coordinating Committee, may decide to dismiss postgraduate students if they:

- exceed the maximum allowed absences,
- fail the examination of one or more courses and have not successfully completed the program according to the present regulations,
- exceed the maximum duration of studies as defined in the present regulations,
- fail to comply with their academic obligations as provided in the Internal Regulations of the M.A. Program,
- have been proven to violate the provisions of Article 197 of Law 4957/2022 concerning disciplinary offenses, such as destruction of university property, disruption of the University's smooth operation, use of prohibited substances within the University, trafficking of such substances, or commission of any misdemeanor or felony related to their student status,
- submit a request for withdrawal themselves.

17.2. In cases of disciplinary offenses by postgraduate students, such as plagiarism, violation of exam integrity, misuse of University facilities for purposes inconsistent with its mission, or any action causing pollution of the University premises, the following disciplinary sanctions may be imposed: written reprimand, prohibition from participating in exams of one or more semesters, temporary or permanent prohibition from using University facilities, or suspension of student status for a period of one (1) to twenty-four (24) months. The same sanctions may apply in cases of failure to meet obligations as specified in the Internal Regulations of the relevant Department.

## **Article 18 Plagiarism**

Postgraduate students submitting any academic work or dissertation are required to indicate if they have used the work and opinions of others. Copying constitutes a serious academic offense. Plagiarism includes copying another person's work or using another person's work—published or unpublished—without proper citation. Referencing any material, even from the candidate's own previous studies, without proper attribution, incurs the disciplinary sanctions of paragraph 2 of Article 17. Any academic misconduct or breach of academic integrity is referred to the Coordinating Committee of the M.A. Program for evaluation and recommendation to the Department Assembly. Offenses include plagiarism, copying, or more generally any violation of intellectual property rules by a postgraduate student in the preparation of coursework or the M.A. Dissertation.

## **Article 19 Mechanism for Managing Complaints and Appeals by Postgraduate Students**

19.1. Any complaints or appeals regarding the M.A. Program procedures shall be submitted electronically to the Department Secretariat supporting the M.A. Program or via a dedicated form on the M.A. Program website. The regulations governing the complaints and appeals mechanism are posted on the M.A. Program website.

19.2. Complaints/appeals received by the Secretariat electronically or via the form are immediately forwarded by email or print to the M.A. Program Director, who convenes and informs the Coordinating Committee while respecting anonymity, confidentiality, privacy, and personal data.

19.3. The Director communicates with the complainant or, if necessary, convenes a meeting with the student, the Academic Advisor, and other experienced faculty members to find a solution.

19.4. If unresolved, the Director refers the complaint or appeal to the Department Assembly for further discussion and decision.

19.5. In cases of very serious complaints that remain unresolved, the Director may inform the competent authorities of the University (e.g., Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs and Student Welfare, Student Ombudsman, etc.).

19.6. If the complaint or appeal concerns the M.A. Program Director, the procedure is handled by the most senior faculty member of the Coordinating Committee.

19.7. Complaints should ideally be resolved within twenty (20) working days.

## **Article 20 Evaluation of the M.A. Program**

### **20.1. Evaluation by the National Authority for Higher Education**

20.1.1. After the Senate decision to establish a new M.A. Program, upon recommendation of the Department Assembly and before the start of its operation, the program is certified by the **National Authority for Higher Education**.

20.1.2. After its establishment, the M.A. Program "**Ancient Texts and Modern Readings**" is evaluated within the framework of periodic evaluation/certification of the Department by **National Authority for Higher Education**. This includes overall assessment of the program's achievements, goal fulfillment, sustainability, graduate employability, research contributions, internal evaluation by students, continued relevance, and other quality indicators.

20.1.3. If the M.A. Program is found unfit to continue during evaluation, it operates until the graduation of already enrolled students according to the founding decision and Internal Regulations.

## 20.2. Internal Evaluation

20.2.1. Internal evaluation is conducted annually by the University's Quality Assurance Unit. All participants in the M.A. Program—including students, teaching staff, administrative and technical staff, and Coordinating Committee members—take part. Evaluation is conducted according to legislation, the University's Internal Quality Assurance System, **National Authority for Higher Education** guidelines, and the M.A. Program Regulations.

20.2.2. Internal evaluation assesses teaching quality, academic activities, and all program functions. The curriculum is systematically evaluated with student participation, including:

- a) curriculum content in line with current research to ensure program relevance,
- b) progress and completion of postgraduate studies by students,
- c) student satisfaction with the program, support services, and learning environment,
- d) teaching quality, achievement of learning objectives, and student workload, via questionnaires.

20.2.3. Evaluation results are recorded in a report by University's Quality Assurance Unit, detailing findings, proposed improvements, timeline, participants, and required resources.

20.2.4. Evaluation results are used to improve study quality, ensure sustainability, allocate resources, and provide feedback to instructors.

20.2.5. Annual evaluation reports, monitoring indicators, and relevant tables are published on the M.A. Program website; stakeholders are informed via email of results, changes, and annual objectives.

20.2.6. If the M.A. Program is found unsuitable for continuation at any time, the Department Assembly may amend its founding decision and regulations to ensure viability. If amendments concern program objectives, learning outcomes, or qualifications, **National Authority for Higher Education** certification is required; otherwise, the program continues until graduation of enrolled students and then suspends operations.

## **Article 21 Award of the Postgraduate Diploma**

21.1. Students complete their M.A. studies by fulfilling the minimum number of courses and ECTS required and successfully completing the M.A. Dissertation. The Department Assembly certifies completion for diploma issuance.

21.2. Awarding the M.A. Diploma requires ninety (90) ECTS: sixty (60) from courses and other activities and thirty (30) from the M.A. Dissertation.

21.3. The diploma date is the date of successful dissertation defense, provided all other obligations are completed and ECTS requirements met. In certain cases (Article 13.5.6), the date is the submission date of the supervisor's certificate. Completion is subject to approval by the Department Assembly.

21.4. Upon completion, students receive a certificate of studies completion, lose student status, and cease participation in university governance bodies.

21.5. The diploma grade is calculated as the weighted average of course grades by ECTS. All educational and research activities contributing ECTS are included.

21.6. The diploma grade scale: Excellent (8.5–10), Very Good (6.5–8.5, not included), Good (6–6.5, not included).

21.7. The diploma may be revoked post-award if plagiarism is detected in the dissertation. The Department Assembly, after re-examination by a three-member committee excluding the supervisor and previous examiners, decides. The title holder is heard following administrative procedure and may be represented by a lawyer.

## **Article 22 M.A. Diploma**

22.1. The diploma format is uniform across all University Departments. Layout, font, logos, and text are binding.

22.2. The M.A. Diploma of the program is signed by the Rector, Department Chair, and Secretary.

22.3. The diploma is issued in Greek and English.

22.4. Graduates receive a Diploma Supplement in Greek and English, detailing study nature, level, content, and status, without financial cost. The supplement does not replace the official diploma or transcript.

22.5. The diploma is issued as a parchment original at the student's expense; fees are determined by the University authority.

## Article 23 M.A. Diploma Award Ceremony

Diplomas are awarded during a ceremony organized by the Department of Philology on the same day and location as undergraduate graduation, attended by the M.A. Director, Dean, Department Chair or Vice-Chair, and a Rector's representative.

Graduates take the following oath:

*Τοῦ μεταπτυχιακοῦ διπλώματος τοῦ Τμήματος Φιλολογίας τῆς Φιλοσοφικῆς Σχολῆς ἀξιωθεῖς/ἀξιωθεῖσα, ὄρκον ὀμνῶ πρὸ τοῦ Πρυτάνεως, τῆς Κοσμήτορος καὶ τοῦ Προέδρου τοῦ Τμήματος καὶ πίστιν καθομολογῶ τήνδε: «Ἀπὸ τοῦ ἱεροῦ περιβόλου τοῦ σεπτοῦ τούτου τεμένους τῶν Μουσῶν ἐξερχόμενος/ἐξερχομένη κατ' ἐπιστήμην βιώσομαι, ἀσκῶν/ἀσκοῦσα ταύτην δίκην θρησκείας ἐν πνεύματι καὶ ἀληθείᾳ. Οὕτω χρήσιμον/χρησίμην ἐμαυτὸν/ἐμαυτὴν καταστήσω πρὸς ἅπαντας τοὺς δεομένους τῆς ἐμῆς ἀρωγῆς καὶ ἐν πάσῃ ἀνθρώπων κοινωνίᾳ ἀεὶ πρὸς εἰρήνην καὶ χρηστότητα ἠθῶν συντελέσω, βαίνων/βαίνουσα ἐν εὐθείᾳ τοῦ βίου ὁδῶ πρὸς τὴν ἀλήθειαν καὶ τὸ δίκαιον ἀποβλέπων/ἀποβλέπουσα καὶ τὸν βίον ἀνυψῶν/ἀνυψοῦσα εἰς τύπον ἀρετῆς ὑπὸ τὴν σκέπην τῆς σοφίας. Ταύτην τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν ἐπιτελοῦντι/ἐπιτελούσῃ εἶη μοι, σὺν τῇ εὐλογίᾳ τῶν ἐμῶν καθηγητῶν καὶ πεφιλημένων διδασκάλων, ὁ Θεὸς ἐν τῷ βίῳ βοηθός*

## Article 24 Special Provisions

Any matters not regulated by these Regulations are determined by decision of the Department Assembly of the Department of Philology, University of Ioannina.