

Quality Assurance Policy

The Quality Assurance Policy (hereafter QAP) of the Department of Political Science and Public Administration (hereafter Department) is in line with the policy implemented by the National Kapodistrian University of Athens (hereafter EKPA), rendering the Department dedicated to the provision of high quality higher education in Greek and other languages, implementing postgraduate programmes of high academic standards and added value in the Greek and English languages, in state of the art subjects of the Department's curriculum.

Additionally, the Department pursues the development of a creative research environment, and promotes free scientific thinking and expression of all the members of the academic community and staff. The Department commits itself to the implementation of QAP by all current and future postgraduate programmes, realising the quality assurance processes foreseen in the Internal System of Quality Assurance (hereafter ISQA) of EKPA, and aiming at their continuous improvement. QAP reinforces the academic profile and orientation of the postgraduate programmes, and promotes the goals and topics studied, as well as the realisation of concrete annual goals; moreover it specifies the means and processes for the implementation of the above and the participation of the interested parties in the assessment and review processes.

More specifically, regarding the QAP implementation by the MSc programme "Southeast European Studies: Politics, History, Economics" (hereafter MSc SEE), the Department commits itself to implement the quality assurance processes foreseen and analysed in the ISQA Quality Handbook in close cooperation with the Quality Assurance Unit of EKPA (MODIP). All EKPA QAPs undergo an annual review by the Departmental Internal Assurance Unit Committee (OMEA) in cooperation with MODIP in line with the processes mentioned below:

- 1) Postgraduate programmes QAP implementation. MSc SEE's QAP is uploaded on the programme's website.
- 2) MSc SEE's resources management using the best options available which are compatible with EKPA QAP
- 3) QA qualitative and quantitative goals adoption on an annual basis.
- 4) Periodic internal annual review of postgraduate programmes
- 5) Quality data collection

6) The visibility of postgraduate programmes through the publication of relevant information

7) External evaluation processes.

Quality goals MSc SEE

1. Improvement of graduation rate of postgraduate students
2. Curriculum flexibility – student centric approach
3. MSc SEEE accreditation by the Hellenic Authority for Higher Education (hereafter HAHE)
4. Quality of instructors' research work assessed on the basis of publications and impact factor.
5. Linking MSc SEE with the labour market and local society.
6. Linking MSc SEE with doctoral studies.
7. Alumni networking among Departmental and Postgraduate graduates
8. Promotion of MSc in Greek society and societies abroad.
9. Increase of the number of non-Greek students.
10. Increase in the programme's instructors from non-Greek universities.
11. Participation in consortia for the submission of proposals to EU competitive programme calls.
12. Improvement in the infrastructure and services available to students.