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*A Self Portrait*



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Part of the frieze on the internal facade of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens central building. The fresco of the frieze shows the pantheon of Greek history. This part depicts personified Rhetoric, Poetics, Mathematics, History, Archaeology, Philosophy, Legislation, Medicine, Theology, Astronomy and Physics, surrounding and glorifying King Otto who is sitting on his throne

## Welcome Note

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

NKUA, the largest university in Greece, holds a prominent position in Greek history as it is the first founded university in Southeastern Europe (year of foundation 1837). It is hailed as one of the greatest educational institutions in the world, due to its contribution to education, research and innovation.

Throughout its history, the University has guided and shaped the modern educational system of Greece. By producing new knowledge and providing advanced and specialized education, the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens has also contributed growth and development to our country and the entire world.

Today, our University remains a thriving community of education and research. With the contribution of all staff and students, the University continues to be the main pillar of the educational and cultural development of the nation.

With the aim of the continuing educational and research excellence of this great academic Institution, I encourage each and everyone of you to commit to the future of our University and the nation, with enthusiasm and determination. We are filled with hope for the years to come.



The Rector of NKUA  
Gerasimos Siasos  
Professor of Cardiology

## Vision

**Changes call  
for creativity and  
innovation; and  
innovation leads  
to evolution**

The vision of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens is the constant commitment to four main principles: research, education and training shall be characterized by a quest for high quality and distinction; the University's leading role shall be safeguarded by a constant engagement to innovation and creativity; the academic community members shall participate actively in scientific, social and cultural events; our standpoints shall reflect our historical and contemporary Greek culture worldwide through scientific activities.



# Mission and Policy

**N**KUA is a research University and, as a leading higher education institution since 1837, it aims to advance knowledge and educate students in sciences and arts that will best serve the nation and the community of the twenty first century.

Committed to innovation and academic excellence, we seek to infuse each member of our academic community with the passion of research and knowledge gain. We encourage cultivation of creativity, maturation of social and cultural sensibilities as well as critical thinking, by supporting free and open dialogue and a culture of integrity and diversity.



The University Banner. Ordered by the Senate on the occasion of the celebration of 50 years since the foundation of the University (by Nicholas Gyzis, Munich, 1887). Silk and golden embroidery on velvet (153 x 89 cm). It depicts the Pallas Athena, symbol of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, with her distinctive symbols; the spear and the shield with the gorgoneion. Legend has it that Athena petrified her enemies with the gorgoneion, the mermaid-like head of Medusa



# Strategic Goals

## *Evolve*

- *Provide innovative and dynamic curricular offerings*
- *Build a transformative global educational experience for students*
- *Implement novel approaches to teaching, learning and research*
- *Prepare for the new technological advances and socioeconomic challenges*



## *Integrate*

- *Realize the value of the resources of a historic University*
- *Capture the advantages of our cultural Athens location*
- *Develop community awareness and institutional responsibility*





## ***Expand***

- ***Attract the highest caliber students and faculty***
- ***Enhance the core curriculum***
- ***Propel student academic development and success***



## ***Internationalize***

- ***Internationalization of education***
- ***Development of foreign language programs especially for international students***
- ***Internationalization of academic research as a key to innovation***
- ***Encouragement of the University's international presence and recognition***
- ***Engagement in partnerships and University networks***



# NKUA places 89<sup>th</sup> in the world and 16<sup>th</sup> in Europe, marking a big jump in global University rankings

Important distinctions lay in store for the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. The product of four authoritative global University rankings, these distinctions attested once more to the international standing of NKUA and its prominence among the Higher Educational Institutions in Greece and Southeastern Europe. Standing out are the appearances of NKUA in the top 100 of global University rankings and more specifically:

1. **Our University's 89<sup>th</sup> place in the world and 16<sup>th</sup> place in Europe according to 'Top Universities by Top Google Scholar Citations'.** Following the latest edition of this ranking and previous years' results, the **National and Kapodistrian University of Athens consolidates and enhances its place among the top 100 Universities worldwide.**

2. **NKUA's 89<sup>th</sup> place in Immunology, and 100<sup>th</sup> place in Pharmacology & Toxicology worldwide** in the 'Ranking by Specific Subjects' category of **'NTU Rankings-Performance Rankings of Scientific Papers for World Universities'.**

3. **The climbing of the NKUA's School of Medicine from the 101-150 bracket in 2022 to the 76-100 bracket (i.e., to the top 100 of Medical Schools worldwide)** as far as the academic subject **Clinical Medicine** is concerned, according to the **'Shanghai Ranking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects'.** With this achievement the NKUA's School of Medicine now ranks first among the four Greek Universities with Medical Schools on the List.

4. **The inclusion of the NKUA's School of Dentistry in the top 100 (the 76-100 bracket) of the 'Shanghai Ranking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects'** in the subject **Dentistry & Oral Sciences.** It is worth noting that within 2017-2023, the School of Dentistry

found itself four times in the top 100 and another three times in the 100-150 bracket.

## A Detailed Analysis of the Results

### (a) «Top Universities by Top Google Scholar Citations»

**Webometrics** has recently announced (24 January 2024) the results of the global ranking **'Top Universities by Top Google Scholar Citations'.** Webometrics releases this ranking twice yearly (in January and July) and relies on the number of citations received by the faculty members and researchers of an Institution. It uses **Google Scholar**, the most popular search engine for scholarly literature, to track citations. Data for the current ranking cover the period from 1 to 20 January 2024. According to the results announced by Webometrics, **NKUA ranks 89<sup>th</sup> in the world and 16<sup>th</sup> in Europe.** This new (17<sup>th</sup>) edition of the **'Top Universities by Top Google Scholar Citations'** includes **5,565 Universities**, with all **24 Greek Higher Educational Institutions** on the lists (see Table 1). Apart from the previously mentioned international distinctions, **NKUA ranks 1<sup>st</sup> nationally, with 4,285,020 citations.** On a regional level, i.e., in **Southeastern Europe and the Mediterranean, NKUA also ranks 1<sup>st</sup>.**

It is particularly noteworthy that **the number of citations received by NKUA alone accounts for 28.5% of the total number of citations earned by all 24 Greek Universities included in the ranking.** The total number of citations earned by all 24 Greek Universities included in the ranking is **14,999,181.**

**TRANSPARENT RANKING:**  
Top Universities by Google  
Scholar Citations.

Webometrics  
**RANKING WEB  
OF UNIVERSITIES**

**Table 1: Ranking of Greek Universities in Webometrics’  
‘Top Universities by Top Google Scholar Citations’ (January 2024)**

UNIVERSITY	WORLD RANK Jan 2024	COUNTRY RANK Jan 2024	CITATIONS Jan 2024
National and Kapodistrian University of Athens	89	1	4,285,020
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	272	2	1,910,120
University of Patras (incl. University of Western Greece)	384	3	1,306,118
National Technical University of Athens	404	4	1,220,547
University of Crete	418	5	1,179,465
University of Thessaly	472	6	1,007,389
University of Ioannina	502	7	930,610
Democritus University of Thrace	716	8	522,544
Agricultural University of Athens	889	9	366,247
University of West Attica	923	10	339,542
University of the Aegean	946	11	322,009
Athens University of Economics and Business	966	12	308,749
Technical University of Crete	1,010	13	288,164
University of Piraeus	1,266	14	179,830
Hellenic Mediterranean University	1,440	15	140,223
University of Western Macedonia	1,458	16	136,051
International Hellenic University	1,496	17	129,568
University of the Peloponnese	1,497	18	129,422
Harokopio University of Athens	1,570	19	115,875
Hellenic Open University	2,043	20	59,355
Ionian University	2,090	21	56,689
Panteion University of Political and Social Sciences	2,280	22	45,549
University of Macedonia	3,217	23	16,165
School of Pedagogical and Technological Education	4,486	24	3,930

Source: [Webometrics’ Web Page](#)

#### **(b) «Webometrics Ranking Web of Universities»**

The second significant distinction for the **National and Kapodistrian University of Athens** came from **Webometrics’ ‘Ranking Web of Universities’**. The findings of this rating released on **31 January 2024** indicated that **NKUA** came in **247<sup>th</sup> overall (up 5 spots from 2023)** out of **12,000 Universities**, **55<sup>th</sup> out of 3,483 Universities in the European Union**, and **1<sup>st</sup> out of all Greek Universities** included in the ranking (see Table 2).



This ranking gives information about Universities by analyzing their Web presence and research effect. Universities are ranked based on a variety of criteria, including their online presence and visibility, the impact of their research work (as measured by the total number of citations to papers written by their faculty and researchers), and the proportion of publications that are among the top 10% most cited and influential worldwide.



**Table 2: Ranking of Greek Universities and other Higher Education providers in Webometrics' 'Ranking Web of Universities' (first edition of 2024)**

<b>Ranking</b>	<b>World Rank</b>	<b>University</b>	<b>Impact Rank</b>	<b>Openness Rank</b>	<b>Excellence Rank</b>
1	247	<b>National and Kapodistrian University of Athens</b>	475	89	216
2	262	<b>Aristotle University of Thessaloniki</b>	266	271	327
3	423	<b>National Technical University of Athens</b>	545	402	531
4	569	<b>University of Patras (incl. University of Western Greece)</b>	720	382	754
5	688	<b>University of Crete</b>	1,031	416	854
6	740	<b>University of Ioannina</b>	1,288	501	825
7	918	<b>University of Thessaly</b>	1,387	471	1,190
8	1,100	<b>Democritus University of Thrace</b>	2,216	715	1,143
9	1,124	<b>University of the Aegean</b>	1,528	945	1,402
10	1,208	<b>Harokopio University of Athens</b>	764	1,568	2,160
11	1,436	<b>Athens University of Economics and Business</b>	1,351	965	2,394
12	1,514	<b>Technical University of Crete</b>	2,607	1,009	1,823
13	1,517	<b>University of Piraeus</b>	2,138	1,264	1,968
14	1,521	<b>Agricultural University of Athens</b>	3,779	888	1,498
15	1,596	<b>International Hellenic University</b>	2,981	1,494	1,667
16	1,637	<b>Hellenic Open University</b>	1,857	2,040	2,137
17	1,709	<b>University of West Attica</b>	4,266	922	1,688
18	1,930	<b>University of Macedonia</b>	2,137	3,203	2,412
19	2,103	<b>University of the Peloponnese</b>	3,740	1,495	2,477
20	2,138	<b>University of Western Macedonia</b>	4,457	1,456	2,301
21	2,266	<b>Ionian University</b>	2,460	2,087	3,115
22	2,450	<b>Hellenic Mediterranean University</b>	7,493	1,438	2,049
24	3,050	<b>Panteion University of Political and Social Sciences</b>	4,243	2,275	3,877

25	3,406	<b>School of Pedagogical and Technological Education</b>	6,760	4,451	3,266
27	6,897	<b>Hellenic Army Academy</b>	14,343	8,367	5,513
28	6,978	<b>Athens School of Fine Arts</b>	7,371	8,367	6,415
34	8,164	<b>Hellenic Naval Academy</b>	14,229	8,367	6,020
42	14,848	<b>Higher Ecclesiastical Academy of Thessalonica</b>	13,039	8,367	7,221
53	21,782	<b>Higher Ecclesiastical Academy of Athens</b>	21,194	8,367	7,221
54	21,950	<b>Hellenic Air Force Academy</b>	21,389	8,367	7,221
64	27,223	<b>Merchant Marine Academy of Chios</b>	27,111	8,367	7,221

Source: [Webometrics' Web Page / http://www.webometrics.info/en/Europe/Greece%20](http://www.webometrics.info/en/Europe/Greece%20)

Webometrics' Ranking Web of Universities is regarded as one of the most authoritative global University rankings because **it relies on data that can be verified directly on the Web as opposed to indicators that rely heavily on interviews, questionnaires, and opinion polls, which can occasionally be biased or subjective.**

### (c) «Performance Rankings of Scientific Papers for World Universities (NTU Rankings)»



The third important distinction for the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens came from **'Performance Rankings of Scientific Papers for World Universities'**. That is one of the most significant global rankings, which evaluates the quality, quantity, and effect of academic research worldwide. NKUA **obtained the highest national ranking among the eight (8) Greek Universities** in the tables. On a worldwide scale, NKUA ranked 211<sup>th</sup> (see Table 3).

**Table 3: NKUA's and 7 other Greek Universities' ranks in 'Performance Rankings of Scientific Papers for World Universities' (2024)**

World Rank in 2023	Country Rank in 2023	University	Score	11 Years Articles	Current Articles	11 Years Citations	Current Citations	Average Citations	H-Index	HICI Papers	Hi-Impact Journal Articles
211	1	<b>National and Kapodistrian University of Athens</b>	35.2	33.9	34.4	27.1	33	52.9	58.0	26.2	28.3
385	2	Aristotle University of Thessaloniki	32.0	31.5	34.8	24.7	30	46.9	48.4	22.8	26.2
551-600	3	University of Crete	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
651-700	4	Harokopio University of Athens	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
701-750	5	National Technical University of Athens	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
701-750	5	University of Ioannina	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
751-800	6	University of Patras	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
801-850	7	University of Thessaly	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: [Performance Rankings of Scientific Papers for World Universities](http://www.performance-ranking.com/)



In addition to the overall rating, NTU provides rankings by **6 fields** and 27 subjects. Again, **the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens** distinguished itself by ranking among the top Universities in 5 fields out of six. It is worth mentioning that in Medicine NKUA ranked **112<sup>th</sup>** worldwide (see Table 4).

**Table 4:** NKUA's rank by field in NTU Ranking (2018 and 2023)

	Field	2023	2018
1.	Agriculture	401-450	401-450
2.	Life Sciences	219	289
3.	Medicine	112	140
4.	Natural Sciences	310-350	282
5.	Social Sciences	401-450	298

Source: [Performance Rankings of Scientific Papers for World Universities](#)

Regarding ranking by individual subjects, NKUA has been included and rated well, i.e., scored higher than 500 in 13 subjects out of 27 (see Table 5). NKUA received very high scores in **Immunology** (rank **89** internationally), **Pharmacology & Toxicology** (rank **100**), and **Clinical Medicine** (rank **106**). In **Civil Engineering**, **Molecular Biology & Genetics**, and **Space Science**, NKUA ranked higher than 250.

**Table 5:** NKUA's rank by subject

	Subject	2023
1.	Agricultural Sciences	301-350
2.	Civil Engineering	220
3.	Clinical Medicine	106
4.	Computer Science	451-500
5.	Electrical Engineering	401-450
6.	Immunology	89
7.	Mathematics	401-450
8.	Microbiology	254
9.	Molecular Biology & Genetics	214
10.	Pharmacology & Toxicology	100
11.	Physics	255
12.	Social Sciences, General	301-350
13.	Space Science	184

Source: [Performance Rankings of Scientific Papers for World Universities](#)

**‘Performance Rankings of Scientific Papers for World Universities’** rely exclusively on the following criteria: i. **the number of articles produced and published by an Institution**, ii. the impact of papers published by faculty members and other researchers of an

Institution, and iii. the overall distinction and recognition gained by high-impact publications. Moreover, NTU Rankings consider both the short-term and the long-term research accomplishments and performance of Universities, so much so that the rank of an Institution is not influenced by a circumstantially high performance of a specific year. Rankings like this are particularly important, for **they are neither influenced by resources invested to research, nor by an Institution’s educational infrastructure, or even the individual achievements of its teaching and research staff. Instead, they are a reflection of the long-standing, high-calibre and consistently productive research efforts** at such Institutions of Higher Education like the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

**(d) «Shanghai Ranking’s Global Ranking of Academic Subjects»**

On **October 27, 2023**, **Shanghai Jiao Tong University** published the Global Ranking of Academic Subjects for Universities all around the world **for the year 2023**, in each broad scientific field and for particular academic subjects, as part of the **Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU)**. According to **the Shanghai Ranking**, also referred to as **the Shanghai List**, the **National and Kapodistrian University of Athens** received notable distinctions in the ranking results. More specifically, the Institution for **2023** has **15 entries in the top Universities of each academic category** out of a total of fifty-four (54) categories. These 15 academic subjects effectively correspond to **13 Departments of the Institution** compared to 10 Departments in 2022 (see Table 6).



**Table 6: ShanghaiRanking’s Global Ranking of Academic Subjects, NKUA**

	Department/School, NKUA	Academic Subject	Rank in 2023	Rank in 2022	Rank in 2021
1.	School of Dentistry	Dentistry & Oral Sciences	76-100	76-100	101-150
2.	School of Medicine	Clinical Medicine	76-100	101-150	201-300
		Public Health	151-200	151-200	151-200
		Medical Technology	301-400	301-400	201-300
3.	Department of Informatics and Telecommunications	Telecommunication Engineering	101-150	101-150	201-300
4.	Department of Informatics and Telecommunications, Department of Aerospace Science and Technology, Department of Digital Industry Technologies	Electrical and Electronic Engineering	101-150	401-500	401-500
5.	Department of Nursing	Nursing	101-150	151-200	101-150
6.	Department of Physics	Physics	151-200	151-200	101-150
		Atmospheric Science	301-400	201-300	201-300



7.	Department of Pharmacy	Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences	201-300	201-300	201-300
8.	Department of Biology	Human Biological Sciences	201-300	201-300	201-300
		Biological Sciences	301-400	301-400	301-400
9.	Department of Psychology	Psychology	301-400	301-400	-
10. - 12.	Department of Primary Education, Department of Early Childhood Education, Department of Educational Studies	Education	401-500	-	-
13.	Department of Mathematics	Mathematics	401-500	401-500	-

Source: [Shanghai Ranking Web Page](https://www.shanghairanking.com/institution/national-and-kapodistrian-university-of-athens)

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The following data are particularly worth mentioning:

- The NKUA's **School of Medicine** climbs from ranks 101-150 in 2022 to ranks **76-100** as far as the academic subject **Clinical Medicine** is concerned. With this very important result the School enters **the top 100 globally** and also holds the top rank among the four Greek Universities with Medical Schools that are part of the List.
- The NKUA's **School of Dentistry** once again makes it to the top 100 Universities in the world, ranking **76–100** in the subject **Dentistry & Oral Sciences**. It should also be noted that it received an overall score of 88.6 out of 100 and performed admirably in the IC indicator (percentage of papers with international collaboration). The above-mentioned performance is outstanding and surprisingly **surpasses the results of the top 8 Universities** (including Harvard University, King's College London, et al.) in the academic subject of Dentistry & Oral Sciences. Within 2017-2023, the School of Dentistry found itself four times in the top 100 and another three times in the 100-150 bracket.
- The **Department of Nursing** has achieved a significant success, climbing from ranks 151-200 in 2022 to ranks **101-150**. Additionally, it should be mentioned that of all Greek Universities' Departments of Nursing, it is only the Department of Nursing of NKUA that is listed in this ranking. The Department also performed admirably in the **CNCI Indicator** (the ratio of citations received by a published paper to the average number of citations) ranking **8<sup>th</sup> globally** and receiving an overall score of **97.7 out of 100**.
- The **Departments of Informatics and Telecommunications, Aerospace Science and Technology, and Digital Industry Technologies**, made a major contribution as far as the academic subject **Electric and Electronic Engineering** is concerned, with the University climbing up **350 positions**, from the 401-500 bracket in 2022 to the **101-150 bracket**. In the subject **Telecommunication Engineering**, the NKUA's **Department of Informatics and Telecommunications** remains in the **101- 150** bracket.
- **The Department of Physics** for 2023 ranks **151-200** in the academic subject **Physics**, whereas in the academic subject **Atmospheric Science** it ranks **301-400**.

- The **Department of Pharmacy** ranks 201-300 in the academic subject **Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences**.
- The **Department of Biology** distinguishes itself, once more, in two academic subjects, ranking **201-300** in the academic subject **Human Biological Sciences**, which marks its strongest performance.
- The NKUA's **Educational Studies**, offered mainly by three Departments at the University (**Department of Primary Education, Department of Early Childhood Education, and Department of Educational Studies**) rank for the first time in the top 500, and more specifically in the **401-500** bracket.
- The **Department of Psychology**, which is for the second consecutive year, and second time overall, among the best in the world, ranks **301-400** in the academic subject **Psychology**. It should also be noted that it is the only Department of Psychology of all Greek Universities that is listed in this ranking.
- The **Department of Mathematics** ranks, once again, **401-500** in the academic subject **Mathematics**.

The outstanding accomplishments of NKUA were confirmed when **HAHE President, Professor Pericles Mitkas**, presented the Greek Higher Educational Institutions' performance data in the global University rankings at a special one-day conference held on January 17, 2024, at the University of Patras (see Table 7). In the analysis that was followed, the average number of places for each Institution among the Institutions in Greece, in as many rankings as it appears, per year, was calculated. The relative position was obtained by calculating the Higher Educational Institution's ranking order using its average value. The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens ranks 1<sup>st</sup> among Greek Higher Educational Institutions with 1.29, up 11% from the previous year.

**Table 7: Ranking of Greek Universities countrywide based on their average performance in the worldwide rankings and their relative position at the national level**

Institution	2022	RANK	2023	RANK
<b>National and Kapodistrian University of Athens</b>	1.43	1	1.29	1
<b>Aristotle University of Thessaloniki</b>	2.14	2	2.43	2
<b>University of Crete</b>	3.43	3	3.00	3
<b>National Technical University of Athens</b>	3.50	4	3.43	4
<b>University of Patras</b>	4.33	5	4.43	5
<b>Harokopio University of Athens</b>	7.20	8	9.00	9
<b>Athens University of Economics and Business</b>	8.80	9	9.60	10

Source: «Greek Higher Educational Institutions in Global and National University Rankings»: Data and Trends' Presentation by the President of HAHE in the one-day conference of the University of Patras





The University Club premises

## NKUA at a Glance - Facts and Figures

### *Studies and Services*

- *Undergraduate programs: 41*
- *3 undergraduate programs for international students exclusively, all the courses of which are taught in English:*
  - *"BA Program in the Archaeology, History and Literature of Ancient Greece"*
  - *"Medical Degree in English"*
  - *"Integrated Master Pharmacy Degree, M.Pharm"*
- *Postgraduate programs: 245 / 35 of them are taught in a foreign language*
- *Centers of Excellence: 15*
- *Expertise Centers: 27*
- *Centers of Expertise in Rare Diseases of the School of Medicine: 18*
- *University Research Institutes: 23*
- *University Hospitals: 3*
- *Departments under the auspices of the School of Health Sciences: 74*
- *University Laboratories: 297*
- *Libraries: 11*
- *Museums: The History Museum, the Historical Archive of the University and 17 thematic museums*

### *Faculty and Staff*

- *Professors (all ranks): 1,609*
- *Research associates and other teaching, laboratory and technical staff: 494*
- *Administrative staff: 976*

## **Students**

- **40,472 Undergraduates**
- **16,867 Graduate students at Master's level**
- **9,027 Ph.D. candidates**

## **International Students**

- **6,907 Undergraduates (registered)**
- **485 Graduates at master's level**
- **252 Ph.D. Candidates**

## **International Cooperation Agreements**

- **872 agreements with Universities from 63 countries worldwide**



The University Campus in Zografou, as in 1987. Watercolor painting by Asantour Baharian for the ceremony of the 150 years since the foundation of the University (1987)





# **Administrative Structure**

## **of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens**

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The Athenian Trilogy by Theophilus Hansen

## II. ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL

### Internal Members

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Professor Dimitrios Kenourgios  
Professor Gerasimos Siasos  
Professor Athanasia Smyrniotou  
Professor Achilleas Chaldeakis

### External Members

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Professor Emeritus Anastasios Germenis, University of Thessaly  
Irene-Mary Sharpe, President Emeritus of the Hellenic Council of State  
Georgios Stasinou, President of the Technical Chamber of Greece  
Pantelis Tzortzakis, Chief Executive Officer of the Hellenic Center for Defence Innovation

## III. SENATE

The Senate comprises i) the Rector, ii) the Deans of the Schools, iii) the Chairs of the Departments, iv) a representative from each of the following groups (Special Teaching Staff, Laboratory Teaching Staff, and Special Technical Laboratory Staff), and v) representatives of the students up to ten percent (10%) of the Senate's total membership (category iv excluded) and chosen by the Student Council in accordance with the law. The Vice-Rectors attend the Senate's sessions but do not have the right to vote.

## IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Eleni Vasilopoulou



# Historical Background and University Profile

## Historical Background in brief

The University was founded by the Royal Decree of April 22, 1837 under the name “Othonian University” in the honor of its founder, Otto of Bavaria (in Greek, “Othon”), the first king of modern Greece. The Othonian University was renamed to “National University” in 1862, after King Otto was forced to leave the country.

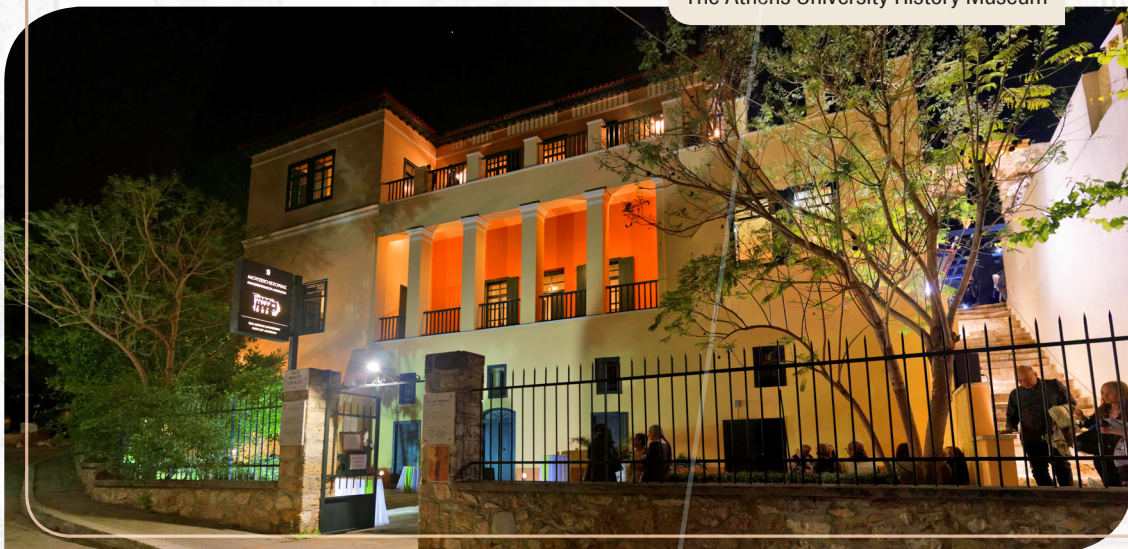
In accordance with the will of the significant donor Ioannis Dombolis, a law was issued on July 17, 1911, with which “The Kapodistrian University” was founded (named after Ioannis Kapodistrias, the first head of the independent modern Greek state). From 1911 until 1932 the University was thus separated into the Kapodistrian University (the humanities departments) and the National University (the science departments).

In 1932, the “National University” and the “Kapodistrian University” were formally

united (Law 5343/1932) into “The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens”, a fully self-governed legal entity of public law. Up to the early 20th century, the NKUA was the only university in Greece which offered degrees in the Medical, Natural and Social Sciences, Law and Economy, Theology, Literature, History and Archaeology.

Throughout its history a number of our students and faculty members have played a critical role in medicine, politics, education, literature and nearly all fields of sciences and arts; we should mention, among others, George Papanicolaou, Hélène Glykatzi-Ahrweiler, Constantin Carathéodory. We are also proud of the two Nobel prize-winners in Literature, Odysseas Elytis and George Seferis, who have studied at the NKUA, and Nikos Kazantzakis who was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Literature in nine different years. Finally our national poet Kostis Palamas had served as Secretary of the University.

The Athens University History Museum







## Propylaea

In November 1841 the university relocated to the neoclassical Central Building. Its front wing, also known as the Propylaea, was completed in 1842–1843. The rest of the wings' construction was completed in 1864. Propylaea were founded in 1839 as part of the Athenian Trilogy, a cluster comprising the most renowned neoclassical buildings in downtown Athens – together with the National Library of Greece and the Athens Academy – on the basis of the architectural

drawings of the Danish architect Hans Christian Hansen and decorated by painter Carl Rahl.

Propylaea building is one of the most iconic places of remembrance of Athens.

Its various halls were used for educational purposes but also occasionally have hosted the Hellenic Parliament, the National Library, numerous museums and laboratories.

Nowadays the historic building primarily serves administrative and ceremonial purposes.

### *History at a glance:*

- 1837** Founded under the name “Othonian University”. During its first year of operation, it had 33 professors, while courses were attended by 52 students and 75 non-matriculated “auditors”
- 1862** Renamed to “National University”
- 1911** The “Kapodistrian University” is founded
- 1932** Merged and renamed as “The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens”



## University Profile

The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA) is a public university located in Athens, Greece. Inaugurated in 1837, it has been the first university in the newly established Modern Greek state, as well as in the Balkan and the Eastern Mediterranean area. Its role has been historically and socially decisive for education and promotion of cultural life in the country and beyond.

When inaugurated, it comprised four Schools; Theology, Law, Medicine and the School of “Philosophy and Other Fundamental Studies” (which included applied sciences and mathematics). During its first year of operation, the institution had 35 professors, while courses were attended by 52 students and 75 non-matriculated “auditors”.

For the academic year 2023-24, the NKUA offers 41 undergraduate programs as well as 245 postgraduate programs leading to a Master’s or Doctoral degree. 33 of these postgraduate programs are taught in a foreign language. There is also the English “BA Program in the Archaeology, History and Literature of Ancient Greece”, and a Medical Degree in English exclusively for international students.

The University has established 15 Centers of Excellence, 18 Centers of Expertise in Rare Diseases of the School of Medicine, and 23 University Research Institutes. There are also 3 University Hospitals that belong to the NKUA, while 74 Clinics and Departments under the auspices of the School of Health Sciences, operate in NKUA premises and in 16 Athens hospitals.

Furthermore, 297 University Laboratories, 11 libraries, the History Museum of the University, the Historical Archive and 17 thematic museums are used for research and education purposes. Additionally Greek language can be learned as second/foreign language at the Modern Greek Language Teaching Center; also at the Foreign Languages Teaching Center of the

University, 30 languages can be studied and special programs are available in language, translation, as well as legal and medical terminology.

NKUA is a research-intensive University. Our faculty and researchers continuously challenge the boundaries of knowledge. We provide the highest quality learning opportunities for our students embellished by the new knowledge we discover. Research, individual and collective, is a priority for the academic community. Research can be also supported by grants, international and national funds, partnerships with public and private sector bodies, etc.

Additionally, our academic community actively participates in a multitude of scientific, cultural and social events and initiatives, thus strengthening the University’s social impact. Some of the most important contributions of our Institution to the society can be considered: national health, social solidarity, migration policy, gender equality, and social exclusion. Indicative initiatives are as follows: blood and bone marrow donation on a regular basis, “Social Solidarity Oncology Clinic” for patients with cancer without medical insurance, “Health for All” program (<https://www.ygeiagioulous.org>) offering medical, dental, pharmaceutical and psychosocial care to vulnerable social groups, “Solidarity Network for Refugees” offering vaccination and other initiatives, supportive and counseling actions such as “Parental Academies” for schools, and covid-19 information telephone line.

**Visit our HUB for the  
communication and promotion  
of the educational, research and  
social activities of the NKUA.  
<https://hub.uoa.gr/>**

## Featured History

Since 1860, in order to honor distinguished personalities, a significant number of Honoris causa doctorates have been conferred upon persons internationally famous for the advancement of knowledge in sciences and arts. Among others, we should especially mention the **Nobel Laureates**:

- Robert Cecil – Nobel Peace Prize (1924)
- Max Planck – Nobel Prize in Physics (1937)
- Sir Alexander Fleming – Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine (1946)
- Odysseas Elytis – Nobel Prize in Literature (1987)
- François Jacob – Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine (1991)
- Harry Markowitz – Nobel Prize in Economics (1992)
- Jean-Marie Lehn – Nobel Prize in Chemistry (1992)
- Jean Dausset – Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine (1997)
- Paul Crutzen – Nobel Prize in Chemistry (1998)
- Amartya Sen – Nobel Prize in Economics (1999)
- John Nash – Nobel Prize in Economics (2000)
- Louis J. Ignarro – Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine (2002)
- Peter Agre – Nobel Prize in Chemistry (2005)
- Derek Walcott – Nobel Prize in Literature (2006)
- Edward Prescott – Nobel Prize in Economics (2007)
- Joseph Sifakis – Turing Prize, considered as “Nobel Prize in Informatics” (2008)
- Harald zur Hausen – Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine (2014)
- Jean-Pierre Sauvage – Nobel Prize in Chemistry (2017)
- Muhammad Yunus - Nobel Peace Prize (2019)
- Joseph Stiglitz - Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences (2024)

Except for the Nobel laureates, the title of Doctor Honoris Causa has been conferred upon internationally renowned personalities, distinguished for their contribution to science, literature, arts, philanthropy, public service, as well as political and ecclesiastical personalities, like for example, Charles Émile Picard (1937), George Papanikolaou (1949), Archbishop of Nova Justiniana and All Cyprus, Makarios (1957), William Fulbright (1978), Jacques Delors (1992), Umberto Eco (1995), Thomas Kuhn (1995), Mikis Theodorakis (1996), Archbishop of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch, Bartholomew (1999), Avram Noam Chomsky (2004), Archbishop of America, Demetrios (2005), Jean – Claude Juncker (2011), Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa, Theodoros II (2012), Hélène Glykatzí-Ahrweiler (2014), François Hollande (2015), Costas Gavras (2017), Frans Timmermans (2017), Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa (2018), Michael Higgins (2018), Frank-Walter Steinmeier (2018), Katerina Sakellaropoulou (2022), Robert Menendez (2022).



Conferment of the Title of Doctor Honoris Causa of the Department of Economics upon Professor Joseph Stiglitz - Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences, 15.10.2024



# Academic Structure

## SCHOOLS AND DEPARTMENTS

For the academic year 2023–24 the following Schools and Departments offer undergraduate and postgraduate programs covering a wide range of academic fields:

### SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

- Department of Theology
- Department of Social Theology and the Study of Religion

### SCHOOL OF LAW

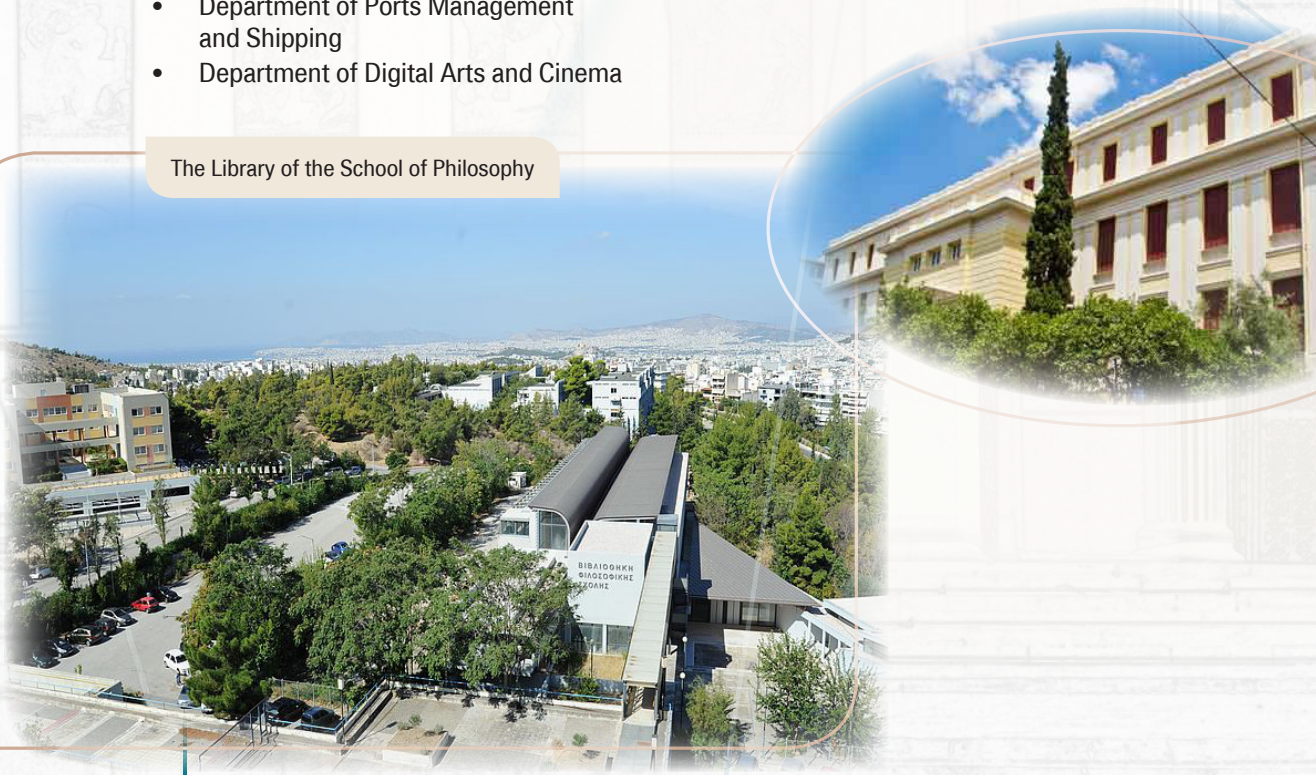
### SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCES

- Department of Political Science and Public Administration
- Department of Economics
- Department of Communication and Media Studies
- Department of Turkish Studies and Modern Asian Studies
- Department of Sociology
- Department of Business Administration
- Department of Ports Management and Shipping
- Department of Digital Arts and Cinema

### SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY

- Department of Philology
- Department of History and Archaeology
- Department of Philosophy
- Department of Educational Studies
- Department of Psychology
- Department of English Language and Literature
- Department of French Language and Literature
- Department of German Language and Literature
- Department of Italian Language and Literature
- Department of Spanish Language and Literature
- Department of Music Studies
- Department of Theatre Studies
- Department of Russian Language and Literature and Slavic Studies

The Library of the School of Philosophy





## SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

- Department of Physics
- Department of Chemistry
- Department of Mathematics
- Department of Biology
- Department of Geology and Geoenvironment
- Department of Informatics and Telecommunications
- Department of History and Philosophy of Science
- Department of Aerospace Science and Technology
- Department of Digital Industry Technologies

## SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

- School of Medicine
- Department of Dentistry
- Department of Pharmacy
- Department of Nursing



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## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

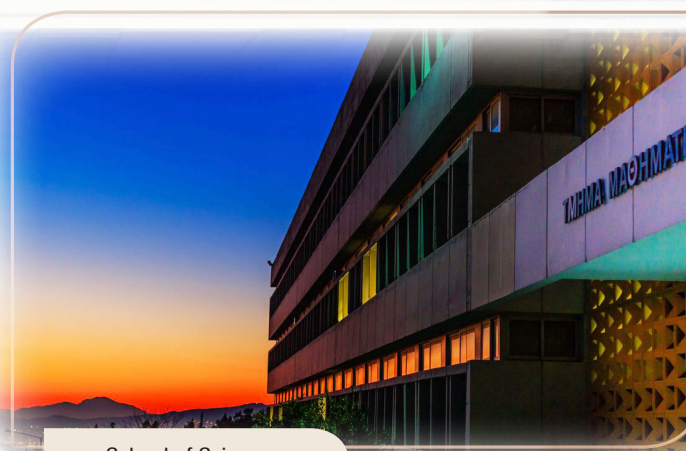
- Department of Primary Education
- Department of Early Childhood Education

## SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT SCIENCE

## SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, NUTRITION AND SUSTAINABILITY

- Department of Agricultural Development, Agrofood and Management of Natural Resources

- Core Department<sup>1</sup>



School of Sciences,  
Department of Mathematics

<sup>1</sup> The Core Department offers no Bachelor Degree; only postgraduate programs (Law 4589/2019).



# Study Programs

## Undergraduate Studies

Students are accepted into a School/Department according to Greek Law requirements for Public Universities.

Undergraduate students must complete 8 semesters of study, and accumulate a total of 240 ECTS in order to obtain a Bachelor's degree corresponding to level 6 of the European Qualifications Framework.

In some Schools/Departments, the duration of studies is 10 semesters such as in the Department of Dentistry, the Department of Pharmacy and the Department of Music Studies. Finally, in order to obtain a Bachelor's degree in Medicine, a study period of 12 semesters is compulsory.

**41 undergraduate programs**  
**3 undergraduate English taught programs**  
**245 postgraduate programs**  
**643 e-learning programs**  
**(49 are offered In English)**

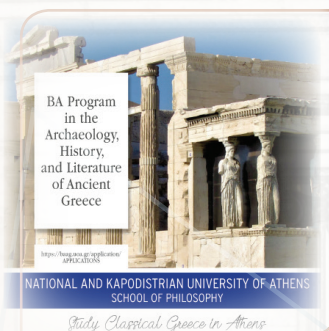
The courses offered by each Department are described in its curriculum, which is constantly upgraded to meet new technologies and standards. According to each curriculum's requirements, students may also have to participate in specific laboratory experimental courses. They also have the opportunity to select some courses from wider thematic cycles, participate in workshops, seminars, outdoor activities, etc. A number of ECTS credits and a weight factor correspond to each course.

## Medical Degree in English

A Bachelor's degree is obtained after calculating the curriculum's credit-weighted average, derived according to each Department's requirements; the Grading system has the following ranges: Excellent (8.50 – 10.00), Very Good (6.50 – 8.49), Good (5.00 – 6.49).

Courses are taught in Modern Greek, while seminars may be organized in English or other foreign languages. Foreign language and literature Departments offer all courses in the language of the program while the rest of the Departments offer courses in English for International students.

Aiming at widening international students' participation, the NKUA introduced in the academic year 2020-21 the **"BA Program in the Archaeology, History and Literature of Ancient Greece"**, the first undergraduate program in a Greek University that is especially designed for international students and all its courses are taught in English.



From the academic year 2022-23 a **Medical Degree program in English** is offered, exclusively addressed to foreign nationals. Eligible applicants should have attended the final two years of high school (or equivalent school) in a foreign country, and should have a high school -or other equivalent secondary education- diploma that entitles them to admission to higher education institutions in the country where they graduated.

More information in <https://medicen.uoa.gr>

From the academic year 2025-26 the English taught "Integrated Master Pharmacy Degree, M.Pharm" will be offered by the Department of Pharmacy.





Students of the "BA Program in the Archaeology, History and Literature of Ancient Greece" at the ancient Theatre of Epidauros

## Postgraduate Studies

### A) Leading to a Master's degree

Students may select among 245 postgraduate programs, from which:

- 184 are organized by a single Department of the University (departmental),
- 19 are interdepartmental programs, between two or more Departments of the University,
- 32 inter-institutional programs which are organized in collaboration with other Greek Higher Education Institutions and major research institutions
- 10 European/interstate programs in
- collaboration with foreign Universities
- 4 programs in the framework of Erasmus
- Mundus Joint Master Degree.

Encouraging internationalization in education there are currently 35 master programs all the courses of which are taught in one or more foreign languages (English, French, German, Italian, Spanish).

The duration of full-time postgraduate studies in NKUA may vary from two (2) to six (6) semesters with each semester corresponding to 30 ECTS (level 7 of the European Qualifications Framework). Each program is organized in semesters and includes lectures, tutorials, research activities, seminars, laboratory practice, clinical training, fieldwork, stage, master's dissertation, etc.

Postgraduate programs are either funded by the State or offered on a tuition fee basis.

### B) Leading to a Doctoral degree

Postgraduate students can be enrolled in a Ph.D. program which is organized by the NKUA academic departments.

Doctoral students should complete their thesis within a minimum of a 3-year period. Moreover, the University has established Cooperation Agreements with other European Universities for the co-supervision of Ph.D. theses.

### Postdoctoral Studies and Research

The NKUA fosters cooperation with scientists in order to conduct postdoctoral research in the scientific areas of each Department. Such cooperation mainly refers to providing supervision or support by a three-member committee of the host Department, enabling access to scientific material and equipment or assigning specific research projects.

### Center of Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (K.E.DI.VI.M. NKUA)

The Center of Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (K.E.DI.VI.M. NKUA) is an Independent Academic Unit that provides continuing education and vocational training programs and in general lifelong learning for adults based on the development of science and the changes it brings at the structure of employment, professions and specialties.



NKUA is a pioneer in education and research. The new knowledge produced in the Institution by the internationally recognized Academic and Research faculty is drained through the programs of K.E.DI.VI.M. providing the most reliable, recognized and certified knowledge and skills. Thus, the programs contribute to the upskilling and reskilling of scientists, professionals and in general human resources and also in the development of the country. The high-level quality of the educational programs is ensured by the academic & scientific background and the educational experience of Instructors who are members of the Academic faculty of the University, scientists and recognized professionals. Moreover, the high-level quality is ensured by the adoption of the most contemporary educational approaches, methods and tools, as well as the provision of conventional and digital educational material by the Academic and Research faculty of the University, based on the most up-to-date knowledge.

The new knowledge and skills, the perspective qualifications and specialties are the main axis of the educational programs of K.E.DI.VI.M. - NKUA, based on the actual demands of labor market for every special profession.

The programs cover a wide range of scientific areas and cutting-edge professional fields. K.E.DI.VI.M. - NKUA provides more than 800 programs which are implemented using various methods: classroom teaching, e-learning (synchronous and asynchronous) and blended method with a mixture of classroom and e-learning education. All programs are served by a special learning platform and appropriate educational material and procedures.

K.E.DI.VI.M. - NKUA, educates on an annual base over 20,000 citizens and provides Certificates of Continuing Education, Continuing Vocational Education and Training with the seal, the prestige and the high reputation of the first established University in Greece.

## Summer Schools

Occasionally, summer schools are organized in special areas of interest, which are popular to a large number of students like, for example, the “Athens EU Summer School” offered by the Department of Political Science and Public Administration. So far, 150 students from 25 countries have attended the summer school. Furthermore, the “Summer Course in Modern Greek Studies” is a summer program established in 1988 in celebration of the 150 years of the founding of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

The program’s purpose is to familiarize foreign students (Hellenists) with Modern Greek Culture, the Modern Greek Language, Literature, History and Art.

This program is the largest organized in Greece, both with regard to the duration of studies and the number of participants.

Since 1988, 6,734 students from 693 educational institutions from 79 countries have participated in the program.

Also of interest are the summer schools/ educational programmes organised within the framework of bilateral agreements between the UoA and foreign universities, such as the program “Voyage into Greek Civilization” organized in Athens by the “BA Program in the Archaeology, History, and Literature of Ancient Greece”, – School of Philosophy of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA), the Department of Classical Studies at Boston University (BU), and Study in Greece (SiG), from May 19, 2022 to June 19, 2022.

UCASS Students,  
Summer School  
(Temple of Poseidon,  
Sounio)





In the academic year 2022-2023, the Refugee and Migration Studies Hub of the NKUA and the FXB Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University organized the “Refugee and Migration Studies Summer School 2023” in Athens. Thirty (30) students from Harvard University and European universities attended the program.

## Featured History – Special Achievements and Awards

The NKUA encourages its undergraduates and postgraduates to participate in international competitions in the scientific field of their studies. Recent, indicative examples of NKUA student teams that have excelled in Olympiads and International competitions with the guidance of our academic staff, can be considered the following:

- Teams and individual students from the School of Law were awarded with prizes and distinctions in the following competitions: International Roman Law Moot Court Competition-Vienna, Austria (1st place), All European International Humanitarian and Refugee Law Moot Court Competition-Ljubljana, Slovenia (1st place), Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition-Vienna, Austria (1st place in European Round), Foreign Direct Investment International Arbitration Moot-Lucknow, India (3rd place), Leiden Sarin International Air Law Moot Court Competition-Mexico City, Mexico (3rd place Applicant's Memorial)
- In the International Mathematics Competition (IMC) 2024, where 401 students competed in 77 teams from 42 countries, the Department of Mathematics participated with a four-member team. The students won three gold medals and one silver medal, while the team took the 6th place among the 77 teams. Also, the Department of Mathematics participated with a three-member team in the 18th Southeast European Mathematical Olympiad SEEMOUS 2024, and the students won one silver medal and two bronze medals.
- The iGEM Athens 2024 student research team, which consists of 11 undergraduate and graduate students, as well as graduates from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, the Agricultural University of Athens and the National Technical University of Athens, won a Gold Medal at the iGEM World Synthetic Biology Competition. The team competed in the Bioremediation Village category with the idea “e-PHAESTUS: a bioleaching project”, proposing a bioremediation method, which aims to recycle heavy and precious metals found in e-waste and to produce glutathione-metal nanoparticles.
- In addition, regarding its business activity, the team was awarded 1st Prize in the 2nd Student Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition organized by the Archimedes Center of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.
- Two teams of students of the Department of Ports Management and Shipping were awarded, winning the second and third place, respectively, in the 8th Annual Panhellenic Competition for the H.E.SY.M. “Dimitrios Tsamboulas” Transport Award, with the theme: ‘The Contribution of Transport, Passenger and Freight Transport and Related Infrastructure to the Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions in the Context of the European Green Deal’, with the first interim target of 55% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 (Fit for 55’) and the implications and challenges in the transport market of our country.





The University Swimming Pool – Gym

## Facilities and Services

We offer a range of facilities and services and support to undergraduate and postgraduate students. Indicative ones are listed as follows:

### Support Services, Counseling Services, Studying and Leisure Facilities

Student Ombudsman	Accessibility Unit for Students with Disabilities	9 School Libraries and 2 Libraries at the University Club
Medical care	Community Mental Health Center	Psychosocial Intervention Unit
Students' Halls of Residence	Student meals service	Computer and Multimedia Center
International Students Support Unit	Career Office	Job-seeking Assistance
Scholarships – Awards	Modern Greek Language Teaching Center	Foreign Languages Teaching Center
Student Support Fund	University Gym and Sports Center	Student Cultural Society



## Modern Greek Language Teaching Center

The Modern Greek Language Center of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens has been operating since 1950, initially with a very limited number of students. Gradually, there has been an impressive increase in the number of students and nowadays it is the largest of its kind in the world. From the Modern Greek Language Center since its operation as an autonomous academic unit in 1994, more than 58,400 students have graduated. Many of its graduates are currently teachers of Modern Greek language and Philology, diplomats, ecclesiastical personalities, renowned scientists, company managers, business professionals, respected artists, etc. throughout the world. More than 2,397 candidates have taken part in the examinations for the level B2 Certificate of Greek Language knowledge.

The Center also organizes each month guided tours to museums and archaeological sites as well as excursions to areas of historical interest (Sounio, Delphi, Mycenae, Nafplio, Epidauros). More information on <https://en.greekcourses.uoa.gr>.

## Foreign Languages Teaching Center

The Foreign Languages Teaching Center was founded by Law 5147/1931 and was originally part of the University Club. From the beginning, the aim of the School was to teach foreign languages to students of the University of Athens, which for many years was limited to the teaching of the most widely spoken languages, namely English, French, German and Italian, to which Spanish and Russian were later added. In 1994, by decision of the University Senate, the School of Foreign Languages became a fully independent and autonomous academic



The Modern Greek Language Teaching Center

institution with an administrative board whose chairman is the Rector.

Up to 30 foreign languages have been taught at the School of Foreign Languages at all levels: English, Ethiopian, Albanian, Arabic, Armenian, Bulgarian, Bulgarian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Hebrew, Japanese, Indian, Chinese, Finnish, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Korean, Norwegian, Dutch, Persian, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Serbian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, and Ukrainian. In addition, oral and written language workshops and special programmes are offered for specialisation in language, translation, legal, medical, maritime and financial terminology. Upon successful completion of the course, certificates of attendance and study are issued. For the academic year 2024-2025, 26 languages will be taught: English, Albanian, Arabic, Armenian, Bulgarian, Bulgarian, French, German, Georgian, Danish, Georgian, Japanese, Indian (Hindi-Sanskrit), Spanish, Italian, Chinese, Korean, Norwegian, Norwegian, Ukrainian, Persian, Portuguese, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Swedish, Turkish, Finnish, and 2,015 students attend. From the academic year 2016-17 to the year 2024, a total of 18,881 students attended the School of Foreign Languages from the academic year 2016-17 to the year 2024. More information is available at <https://www.didaskaleio.uoa.gr>



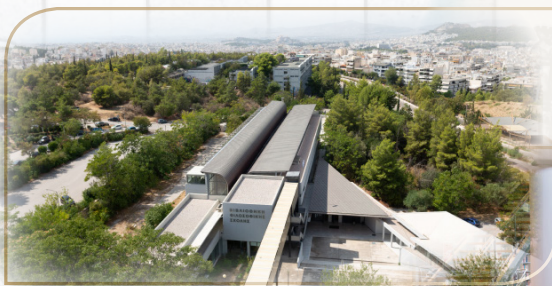
## Library and Information Center

The Library and Information Center of the NKUA (BKΠ) is an independent Department of the University, operates under a single regulation, following international processing and service delivery standards. Its material is distributed and housed in 12 building complexes that correspond to the 9 Faculties of the University, while also including the Libraries Computer Center. Its mission is to support and strengthen the educational and research activities of the University, the management and distribution of specialized scientific information to the Greek and international academic community and the essential participation in every activity that supports and promotes the educational, cultural and humanitarian role of the NKUA. Boasting a collection of more than 1,000,000 volumes of books and 350,000 volumes of scientific journals, it is considered as one of the three largest libraries in the country and can be worthily compared to similar collections of large university libraries abroad.

The NKUA Library acts to provide direct, timely and valid information, seeks synergies with other agencies and university institutions, participates in committees of international library organizations, such as IFLA and LIBER, while also partaking in national and international cooperation networks; NKUA Library is also a founder member of the

Hellenic Academic Libraries Link (HEAL-Link). Among the cooperation networks is a network developed by HEAL-Link about the interlibrary loan of material between the participating libraries. The Interlibrary Loan service enables members to borrow books unavailable in the BKΠ libraries. In addition, the Article Ordering Service provides access to articles from journals and conference proceedings in full text, aiming to cover the educational and research needs of the members of the Academic Community. The service is provided in collaboration with the National Documentation Center (EKT), utilizing the EKT collections, both digital and in print, the collections of domestic EKT member libraries, but also the collections of libraries abroad (e.g. British Library, Subito). Another service provided by BKΠ includes the NKUA Institutional Repository “Pergamos” (<https://pergamos.lib.uoa.gr/>), in which Bachelor and Master Theses, Doctoral Dissertations and scientific publications are deposited. In addition, “Pergamos” Includes a large set of digital collections of cultural value and educational interest.

Other important services of BKΠ are the Electronic Publishing System that provides the digital platform for electronic publishing of journals published or edited by NKUA Departments (<http://epub.lib.uoa.gr/>), as well as the subscription and provision of access to a large number of electronic sources and tools (e.g. bibliographic and full-text databases, plagiarism detection tool) either via HEAL-Link or through direct subscription of NKUA. More information about BKΠ and the services it offers can be found on the website <http://www.lib.uoa.gr/>.



The Library of the  
School of Philosophy





Scientific event  
in the yard of the Athens  
University History Museum



## Museums

**T**he **History Museum of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens** is the focal cultural unit of the NKUA that promotes, fosters and highlights our University's history. The History Museum is located in the neoclassical historic building on the north slope of the Acropolis hill that dates before the 18th Century which formally was the residence of the architect Stamatios Kleanthis and later on (for the period 1837–1841) it served as the premises of the “Othonian University”.

In 1987 the History Museum was inaugurated. The mission of the Museum is to strengthen the relations between the University of Athens and society as well as to highlight the history of the University.

Its collections consist of old and rare book editions, manuscripts, diplomas, scientific instruments, portraits, photographs, medals, seals and other University memorabilia. Permanent exhibitions are hosted and cultural and scientific events are organized to highlight the history of education and research in Greece, for example, the exhibition “The Banner of the University of Athens – Modern Visual Approaches”. In addition, periodic exhibitions, theatrical and musical performances are hosted in its courtyard during the summer period. The museum also participates in international events for the protection and enhancement of the university heritage. Indicatively, it is a member of

the European network UNIVERSEUM European Academic Heritage Network and in 2015 it hosted the 16th UNIVERSEUM Conference in Athens with the participation of universities from 16 European countries.

NKUA has also 17 thematic museums, which belong to specific Schools or Departments of the University.

### 1. Museum of Anatomy / Collection of George Papanicolaou

It was founded in 1877. King Otto donated the famous Anatomage tables of Weber and Mascagni. The Valsamakis collection was housed in the museum after its donation from the Ionian Academy. The anatomical museum includes a rich collection of dry bones, 100 skulls, brain slices, skeletons with exostoses, bones with anomalies, fetuses with clefts and malformations, vascular and nerve preparations, formalin embalmed organs with their vascularization and nerve supply and a rich collection of old surgical instruments.

February 2014 marked the 52nd anniversary of the death of George Papanicolaou, the inventor of the Pap test for cervical cancer screening. Among the exhibits, there are rare photographs from Papanicolaou's life, his awards, the plan of the last Greek banknote and his portraits. The central part of the exhibition includes photographs, letters and other documents about the scientific work of Papanicolaou.





Museum of Archaeology  
and History of Art

## 2. Museum of Anthropology

It was founded in 1886 and has constituted the most important center for the development of Anthropology in Greece and even in Europe. The main part of the Museum of Anthropology scientific collections consists of skeletal series that cover all periods of the ancient Greek world. These collections have been the subject of systematic anthropological studies conducted by important Greek and foreign anthropologists, who have developed fundamental principles of the ethnogenesis, the shaping and the evolution of the Helladic population.

## 3. Museum of Criminology

Founded in 1932, it is the first University museum in Greece dedicated to Criminology and to Forensic Sciences in general. It illustrates the history of crime by presenting some of the most notorious crimes that took place during the 19th and early 20th centuries. The Museum's collections include a rich source of data for researchers in forensic medicine and toxicology, and other forensic sciences, and also areas of sociology that focuses on the study of crimes and their causes, effects, and social impact.

## 4. Museum of Pharmacology

Inaugurated in 1998, the museum exhibits educational material and research equipment in biochemistry and pharmacology.

## 5. Museum of the Department of Dentistry

Opened for the public in 2013, it is one of a kind in the Eastern Mediterranean area. It handles the collection and study (recording, documentation, evaluation) of dental evidence in Greece. The main exhibition hall includes dental instruments dated from the 19th century (dental drills, tooth forceps, instruments used in operative dentistry, instruments and appliances for dental prosthesis, dental handpieces and a very rare dental unit with an even more rare dental light).

## 6. Museum of Archaeology and History of Art / Archaeological Park

Founded in the early '30s, it contains more than 8,800 items of exhibit. These are copies or originals that have been donated or lent to the museum for a specific time period. A fully equipped Maintenance Unit has been operating since 2010. The Museum is a member of the International Council of Museums (ICOM) and regularly participates in activities such as the International Museums Day and the European Days of Cultural Heritage. The Museum includes collections of the Pre-Historical and Classical Archeology, remarkable collection of Sculptures, Byzantine Painting and Pottery, etc. Art of recent period is represented by paintings of significant Greek painters, who are occasionally lent to exhibitions outside the University. The archaeological park is pioneer regarding the monitoring of excavation findings and exhibits from the area of the Syntagma Square during the Athens Metro excavations.

## 7. Museum of Education

It was founded in 1993. The aims of the Museum are the research, study and preservation of the cultural heritage in the Sector of Education. Its first exhibition was held in 2000.



## 8. Museum of Biblical and Christian Archaeology

It was founded in 1969. Important casts derived from the Louvre museum are included in its collection: the Code of Hammurabi, the Mesha Stele and the Obelisk of Shalmaneser III.

## 9. Botanical Museum / Diomidous Botanical Garden

The Botanical Museum became independent in 1868. Its predecessor was the old Physiographic Museum, founded in 1850, which included the botanical, zoological and mineralogical collections of the University.

The Diomidous Botanical Gardens are a unique ecosystem housing both wild and cultivated species (organized by geography and theme). A historical plants section offers up species mentioned in Greek mythology and the Old Testament, such as the laurel dedicated to Apollo (*Laurus nobilis*), the ivy dedicated to Dionysus (*Hedera helix*) and the narthex (*Ferula communis*), the giant fennel stalk in which Prometheus hid fire stolen from Zeus. The Gardens, established in 1952, cover an area of 1,860,000 sq.m. and maintain 2,500 plants from Greece and around the world. The Herbarium includes 19,000 dried plant samples, most from protected areas belonging to the NATURA 2000 network. The Diomidous Botanical Gardens are a member of the Botanical Gardens Conservation International (BGCI). More than 200 schools visit the Gardens every year. Weekend visitors to the Garden are estimated at 40,000 each year.

## 10. Museum of Zoology

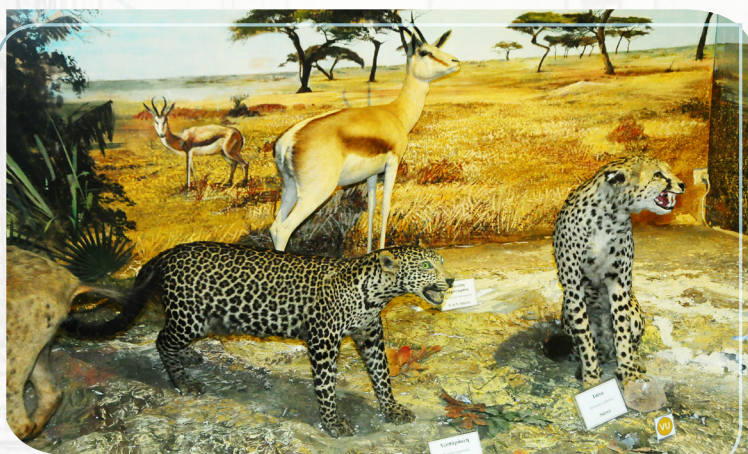
The Museum's collections include mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, marine invertebrates, snails, insects and other invertebrates from Greece and other countries as well as anthropological findings. Approximately 10,000 persons visit the Museum every year, mostly children from primary and secondary education.

## 11. Museum of Mineralogy and Petrology

The original collections of the Mineralogy and Petrology Museum were created at the Natural History Society that was established in Athens in 1835. The University acquired the collections in 1837. The University Museum of Mineralogy–Petrography was created in 1908 and contains the oldest collection of minerals and rocks in Greece.

## 12. Museum of Natural Sciences and Technology

The building's foundation ceremony was held on June 6, 1887 and in the foundations a glass cylinder was placed containing a gold Greek coin and a membrane with the writing: "Dedicated to scientific work, which should be further dedicated to the country". The old Museum's premises were the "Old Chemistry Laboratory" of the University. Nowadays its stored collection preserves more than 10,000 valuable scientific instruments. The Museum also possesses the archive of the University of Smyrni, which Constantin Carathiodory saved and brought in Greece. The library of the Museum includes more than 25,000 books and journals from the last two centuries.



Museum of Zoology



### 13. Museum of Paleontology and Geology

The collection of the Museum of Paleontology & Geology includes fossils of animals and plants from all over Greece, thus covering more than 300 million years of the geological history of our country. The collection is very rich, with samples recovered since the late 19th century, and it is distinguished for the excellent preservation and uniqueness of its exhibits. It also includes samples from abroad, micropaleontological and stratigraphic collections, and paleoenvironmental reconstructions.

### 14. Museum of Physiology “George Kotzias”

The collections of the Museum are classified into thematic areas and particularly there are two (2) specialized collections: a) the collection of old instruments of Physiology and b) the collection of G. Kotzias historical archive.

### 15. Museum of Informatics and Telecommunications

The Museum of Informatics and Telecommunications of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens was founded in the fall of 2019 and is currently under construction.

It will host a permanent, modern exhibition space, based on contemporary museological practices, which will introduce the public to the world of computational thinking in a creative way. It will also host periodical exhibitions (photography, sculpture, special tributes, etc.) inspired by technology topics.

### 16. Pathology Museum - Rokitanski Collection

It hosts the historical 19th century Rokitanski collection of pathology specimens. It dates from 1850 and was an integral part of the historic Laboratory of Pathologic Anatomy since its foundation. The Rokitanski collection has gradually enhanced over the past centuries, to include over 2,500 specimens to date, of which 1,000 are displayed at the Pathology Museum.

### 17. The Folklore Museum and Archive

It numbers more than 4,000 files of manuscripts of folklore material from different regions in Greece, Cyprus and the Greek diaspora that are related to the documentation of various aspects of Greek folklore culture in the language idiom used by the informants. It includes also Archive of Documents dating from the 18th and the 19th centuries that concern statutory laws, a Microphotography Archive, a Musical Material Archive, a Vocal Archive, and an Archive of Autobiography and Narration of the Lives of Refugees, Migrants and Greeks of the Diaspora.

Finally, the **Historical Archive** of the NKUA was established in 1991 and is a research center of the University. The purpose of the Historical Archive is to preserve, organize and manage the archives since the establishment of the University of Athens (1837). This material constitutes a research infrastructure for the study of the history of the University and of Greek and European History in general. The collection of the Historical Archive (approximately 2,000,000 sheets) is accessible at its premises in the center of Athens.

More information on: <http://en.historymuseum.uoa.gr/athens-universitys-museums>.



Botanical Garden





## University Hospitals and Departments

The University Hospitals, “ARETAIEIO” and “AIGINITEIO”, are self-governed Institutions, bequeathed to the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens by the donors Th. Aretaios and D. Aiginitis respectively. They are administered by independent Executive Boards according to their by-laws and are supervised by the Rector and the Senate of the NKUA. Providing high quality health services, and contributing notably to the field of medical education and clinical research, they have earned widespread recognition. Several Departments, clinics, laboratories and supporting units function in the two hospitals; they offer not only specialized health services to the public but also contribute significantly to medical education and clinical research. In addition, the “EVGENIDIO” Hospital was founded in 1975 by A. Eugenides. Currently a number of Medical School departments and clinics operate at its premises.

The University Hospitals have been offering specialized health services to the public for many years. Furthermore, they made significant contributions to medical education and clinical research.

A thriving educational and research activity is carried out in the 74 departments and clinics of the School of Health Sciences. They are coordinated as follows:

- Sixty-two (64) by the School of Medicine
- Five (5) by the Department of Nursing
- Five (5) by the Department of Dentistry.

They operate in hospitals of Athens (Attikon, Evangelismos, Hippokrateion, Laikon etc.) or in the related Academic Departments' premises.





## University Laboratories

Faculty, researchers and students of the NKUA are dedicated to research activities throughout the year. A total number of 297 University Laboratories are distributed in all relevant Schools and Departments serving educational as well as fundamental and applied research purposes.



## Church of Kapnikarea

In 1932 the Church of Kapnikarea was granted to the University of Athens, directly linked to the School of Theology. Built in the 11th century, it is a Byzantine

Church of the Presentation of Virgin Mary and Saint Barbara. The original building is the cruciform church with a dome supported by four pillars with Roman capitals.





# Public and International Relations

## Introduction

**P**ublic and International Relations are responsible to effectively communicate the University's strategic plan to its stakeholders and the international community. The Directorate of Public & International Relations & History is the hub of the University's prominence, since it supports its dynamic educational, intellectual and servicing missions by providing timely and useful information to all its internal and external stakeholders and the public.

A wide range of activities are carried out by academic staff, researchers and students and corresponding events are hosted. Such events include, among others, awards of Excellence and Prizes to distinguished scientists and students, Honoris causa doctorate awards, jubilees and anniversaries, social, cultural and other events and celebrations (music events, theatrical performances), conferences, seminars, lectures of academic interest.

Furthermore, cooperation agreements with foreign higher education institutions are supported; the active involvement in the ERASMUS+ Program; and the maintenance of the participation in international university organizations, associations and networks.

In addition, a Press Office is the main point of contact for journalists on the local, regional and international levels.

## Internationalization– Bilateral cooperation agreements

**I**nternationalization is one of the cornerstone goals of our University's ten-year strategic plan. We actively promote worldwide networking at an institutional level. The NKUA collaborates with universities, research centers, university networks, as well as international educational organizations in order to develop common practices, strengthen research collaborations and encourage mobility of students, researchers and academics. International Bilateral Agreements have been signed with peer Universities -primarily public ones- or equivalent institutions of higher education and research, such as CERN (Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire - Switzerland. Currently there are 110 active Agreements of the NKUA with Universities and Institutions from 30 countries worldwide. Following the strategic plan regarding the University's extroversion, the Rectoral authorities have constant courtesy visits by Ambassadors of foreign countries to Greece, government representatives, as well as delegations of foreign Universities in order to explore further collaborations, discuss new cooperation agreements and/or participate in joint research programs.



Visit of the President of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) and the Rector of the the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (UCASS) at the University of Athens



## EUROPE

### Albania

University of Vlora "Ismail Qemali"  
University of Tirana

### Bulgaria

Sofia University "St. Kliment  
Ohridski"

### Cyprus

University of Cyprus  
Cyprus Institute  
Philips University  
Cyprus University of Technology

### Germany

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität  
(LMU), München

### France

Sorbonne Université  
Ecole des Hautes Etudes  
en Sciences Sociales, Paris

### Italy

Università Ca' Foscari Venezia  
University of Foreigners of Siena  
Università di Pisa  
Università degli Studi di Palermo

### Moldova

Moldova State University

### Poland

Medical University of Bialystok

### Russian Federation

University of Tyumen  
Altai State University  
St. Petersburg University  
Petrozavodsk State University

### Spain

University of Granada

### Switzerland

Conseil Européen pour la  
Recherche Nucléaire (CERN)

### Ukraine

Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic  
Institute  
Borys Grinchenko Kyiv University

### United Kingdom

University of Leeds

### Vatican City (Holy See)

Pontificia Università Urbaniana

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### United States of America

St. Cloud State University,  
Minnesota  
Columbia University-Institute  
for Comparative Literature  
and Society in the Arts  
and Sciences  
University of California, Berkeley  
Rutgers, The State University  
of New Jersey  
University of California,  
Riverside Campus  
Ohio State University-College  
of Medicine  
University of Cincinnati  
William & Mary University  
University of Illinois  
at Urbana-Champaign  
Harvard University T.H. Chan  
School of Public Health  
Yale University  
Purdue University  
Columbia University in the City  
of New York - Irving Medical  
Centre  
Northeastern University, Boston  
New York University Tandon School  
of Engineering  
University of South Alabama  
University of Tennessee  
University of California, San Diego

California State University,  
Sacramento  
University of California,  
Santa Barbara

### Canada

University  
of Montreal

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University of Buenos Aires

### Cuba

University of Havana

### Peru

Pontificia Universidad Católica  
del Perú

### Uruguay

Universidad de la República

## ASIA

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Shanghai International Studies University  
Beijing Foreign Studies University  
Guangdong University of Foreign Studies  
Southwest Jiaotong University  
University of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences  
Shandong University of Technology  
Beijing Normal University  
Jinan University  
Renmin University of China  
Northeast Normal University  
Southwest University  
Tianjin Foreign Studies University  
Northwest Normal University  
Northwestern Polytechnical University  
Harbin Institute of Technology

Henan University  
Zhejiang University  
Inner Mongolia Minzu University

### India

Indira Gandhi National Center for the Arts

### Indonesia

Universitas Gadjah Mada

### Iraq

American University of Iraq, Sulaimani

### Japan

Ritsumeikan University  
Waseda University

### Kazakhstan

L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University  
Tashenev University

### Korea

Sogang University  
Hankuk University of Foreign Studies

### Lebanon

Lebanese University

### Pakistan

Peshawar University

### Taiwan

National Taiwan University  
National Chengchi University

### Uzbekistan

Samarkand University

## AFRICA

### Algeria

University Oran 1 Ahmed Ben Bella

### South Africa

University of Witwatersrand

### Australia

Macquarie University  
La Trobe University



It is worth noticing that Ambassadors, Educational and Cultural Attachés, Ministers and parliament members from many countries visited both the Rectorate and individual Schools/Departments of the University seeking potential cooperation.

In the academic year 2022-23 the Center for Ancient Greek and Chinese Culture (K.EL.KI.P.) was inaugurated by the Vice-Presidents of the Greek Government, Mr.Panagiotis Pikramenos, and of the People's Republic of China, Mrs. Sun Chunlan, with the participation of the Deputy Ministers of Education of Greece and China, as well as many members of the university community.

## Scholarships

The number of fellows of the Directorate of Endowments is 112, and scholarships worth €681,800 were awarded to students in all scientific fields. In addition to the scholarships, cash prizes worth €23,200 were awarded to 16 students and scientists who have been distinguished for their academic performance and the writing of scientific works,

and €121,000 was allocated for the equipping of research laboratories, university hospitals, printing of scientific papers and the supply of academic books.

In addition, through the Department of European and International Relations, a number of foreign universities (whether or not affiliated with the UoA) periodically offer scholarships to UoA students for undergraduate and/or postgraduate studies abroad or for participation in summer schools. Furthermore, the NKUA is the only Greek University which, since 1993 participates in the Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund (SYLFF) program, funded by the Nippon Foundation and administered by the Tokyo Foundation for Policy Research. This fellowship program is offered to selective 69 Universities from 44 countries worldwide and it "provides fellowships to the "best and brightest" postgraduate students with leadership potential and commitment to making the world a better place for all...". Until now more than 300 fellowships have been offered to NKUA students.



International first-year students, October 2024





Orientation Day for Erasmus and International Students in the Great Hall of the University

## Participation in International Organizations, Associations and University Networks

The NKUA participates in international organizations, associations and university networks, which aim to promote international cooperation between Universities and develop methods and strategies in order to improve their educational and research activities. The NKUA is a founding and active member of the following 3 University Networks:

- UNIMED (Mediterranean Universities Union)  
<https://www.uni-med.net>
- UNICA (Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe)  
<https://www.unica-network.eu>
- BSEMAN (Black Sea and Eastern Mediterranean Academic Network)  
<https://bseman.org/>

It also participates as a member in the following 7 international associations and networks:

- IAU (International Association of Universities)  
<https://www.iau-aiu.net>
- EUA (European University Association)  
<https://www.eua.be>
- EAIE (European Association for International Education) <http://www.eaie.org>

- UNEEC (University Network of the European Capitals of Culture)  
<https://www.uneec.org>
- IIE (Institute of International Education)  
<http://www.iie.org>
- BUA (Balkan Universities Association)  
<https://www.baunas.org>
- SUN (Silk-road Universities Network)  
<https://www.sun-silkroadia.org/>

Furthermore, academic units (Schools and Departments) and their representatives are active members of specialized international academic associations and networks.

The NKUA is a signatory of the “Magna Charta Universitatum” and its statement of fundamental values since 1988.

Finally, it should be noted that our University has three UNITWIN (University Twinning and Networking)/UNESCO Chairs as follows:

- UNESCO Chair and Network on Sustainable Development Management and Education in the Mediterranean (MEDIES)
- UNESCO Chair in Adolescent Health Care
- UNESCO Chair on Climate Diplomacy
- UNESCO Chair on Anthropology of Traditional Music: Representing and Repositioning Intangible Cultural Heritage.



# Erasmus+ Program

*Internationalization of Education:  
it enhances the overall quality of education,  
broadens horizons, increases employability  
and prepares students to become  
global professionals*

The NKUA has actively been involved in students and academic staff mobility between European universities through the program Erasmus, which then continued as ERASMUS+. Since the beginning of Erasmus (1987) the NKUA has been actively participating in the program; More than 7,300 incoming students from 38 countries and 17,600 outgoing students have been enrolled in the program since then. Also, the Erasmus program gave the opportunity to 950 professors of the NKUA to strengthen their research collaboration with colleagues of partner Universities.

As regards student mobility, every year the NKUA encounters an increase of incoming students for studies and traineeship.

We continue to encourage this mobility since students and staff members that participate in Erasmus acquire valuable experience when studying or teaching in diversified academic, social and cultural environments. Incoming Erasmus students are encouraged to participate in all educational and cultural activities of the NKUA. They are also offered

**762 Erasmus  
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the possibility to attend free Greek language courses at the Modern Greek Language Teaching Center of the NKUA. Moreover, they are encouraged to attend the innovative interdisciplinary course offered by the School of Philosophy (Department of Theatre Studies) under the title: "Contemporary Greece: History, Arts and Letters". The academic year 2023-24 there are 762 Erasmus+ active agreements with 359 Universities from 43 countries.

Finally, NKUA actively participates in other key actions of ERASMUS+, such as: Co-operation for Innovation and the Exchange of Good Practices, Support for Policy Reform, as well as in Jean Monnet and Sport actions.



## NKUA as a founding member of *CIVIS* European Civic University

NKUA is founding member of the CIVIS European University, since 2019. CIVIS is among the European University Alliances selected for another 4 years of funding in the framework of Erasmus+ and the European Universities Initiative, as announced in July 2022 from the European Commission. *CIVIS European Civic University* is an Alliance of eleven European Universities from eleven different countries across Europe: Aix-Marseille Université (France), National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Greece), University of Bucharest (Romania), Université libre de Bruxelles (Belgium), Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (Spain), Sapienza Università di Roma (Italy), Stockholm University (Sweden), Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen (Germany), and Paris Lodron University of Salzburg (Austria). University of Glasgow (UK)- since December 2020 and Université de Lausanne (Switzerland)- since October 2022 participate in CIVIS as associate members. The members of CIVIS are all research-intensive public universities active across a comprehensive range of subjects and disciplines. They combine excellence in teaching and important spillovers in innovation and research with a commitment to the defense of the academic values and civic engagement.

The CIVIS Alliance is implementing an ambitious vision to create a new type of university in the 21st century, remaining at the forefront of the reform of the Higher Education in Europe. CIVIS is building an inter-university campus for more than half a million students, 70,000 staff members, including 37,400 academics and researchers. These same values underpin the CIVIS Alliance, and the shared agenda is motivated by an awareness of the many challenges facing society today. Developing CIVIS in the face of global challenges (rather than

the prism of conventional disciplinary fields) stimulates the emergence of a culture of collaboration and requires innovative pedagogies that encourage critical thinking and adaptability. CIVIS especially focuses on 5 key areas where the world and today's societies face important challenges: Environment and Climate Change, Health care, Democracy and Cultural Heritage, Cities, Spaces and Mobilities, Digital and Technological Transformations. The launch of the 5 challenge-based interdisciplinary Hubs enabled academics to work across borders and disciplines to develop innovative modular courses which respond to 5 major societal challenges.

The NKUA as member of CIVIS enables the enhancement of the mobility of faculty members, administrative staff and students, as well as the exchange of good practices of our institution with 11 European institutions of international prestige. An Erasmus+ Umbrella Agreement has been concluded with each of these participating Universities which maximizes and encourages the mobility of students and teaching staff for each joint field of study. From the other CIVIS universities, both incoming and outgoing CIVIS students from the other CIVIS universities chose to visit NKUA for their studies under the "Erasmus + Studies" Program.

Moreover, during the same academic year (2022-2023), 183 students from NKUA have visited the universities of CIVIS in the framework of the new Blended Intensive Programs (joint developed, short-term, intensive educational programs of all levels BA, MA, PhD).

Participation in CIVIS also provides members of the academic community immediate information on the latest developments in Higher Education at European level, opportunities for the joint development of educational activities (face-to-face, blended



or online format), as well as, the submission of research proposals, the development of educational seminars with emphasis in innovative pedagogies and educational tools for academics, researchers and staff, the enhancement of research collaborations and the development of research projects. In that context, it is of great importance to refer also to the “Cotutelle Agreement”- which enables the co-supervision of PhD programs among CIVIS Universities-Institutions.

Many opportunities were offered to academics to improve and update their teaching skills and also cutting-edge pedagogical tools and methods developed for virtual and blended mobility. It is noteworthy that 184 NKUA academics are involved in the development of more than 200 educational activities available for CIVIS students, researchers and staff. Moreover, language tandems & cafes-seminars were also organized to further incorporate the notion of multilingualism in the field of language learning and teaching. In fact, NKUA encourages multilingualism and the incorporation of foreign language courses as elective courses in the Undergraduate Studies Program is foreseen.

In 2022, a strategic partnership with 6 strategic African partner Universities was signed, in line with the initial ambition to form a global Alliance: Universiti Hassan II de Casablanca (Morocco), University of Sfax (Tunisia), Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar (Senegal), Makerere University (Uganda), University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa), Universida de Eduardo Mondlane (Mozambique).

In the context of the cooperation with the African partners, NKUA academics are involved in the development of 6 CIVIS projects with African partner Universities. More specifically, NKUA participated in 6 of the total 13 projects-actions, while it coordinated 3 of them.

Additionally, CIVIS anchored the university in the city by creating local Open Labs – 1 per

CIVIS member university. The Open Labs gather academics, students and local civil society to deliver real social impact. Over 30 projects were supported responding to local and global issues, valuing diversity while giving students the chance to engage and develop their skills. Specifically, the NKUA Local CIVIS Council consists of more than 40 Stakeholders. 5 projects targeting local needs jointly developed with the involvement of 15 different stakeholders and scientific groups from NKUA. Through its consistent and continuous contribution in CIVIS European University, NKUA has achieved important goals. This effort is crucial for the future of our Institution, as we are the forefront of developments in higher educational both at national and European level. Since 2019, almost 25% our academics have actively participated in CIVIS educational and research actions. More than 1,500 students of all levels have actively participated in educational activities. Many of our internal procedures constitute a continuous effort of modernization to make them compatible with other European universities. Our proposals concerning extroversion and the development of joint curricula were incorporated in the new law on higher education. Finally, we coordinate together with the other CIVIS universities the policies and guidelines of the EU in the field of higher education.

More information on: ([hub.uoa.gr](http://hub.uoa.gr), [civis.eu](http://civis.eu), [uoa.gr/anakoinoseis/civis](http://uoa.gr/anakoinoseis/civis))





# Research and Innovation

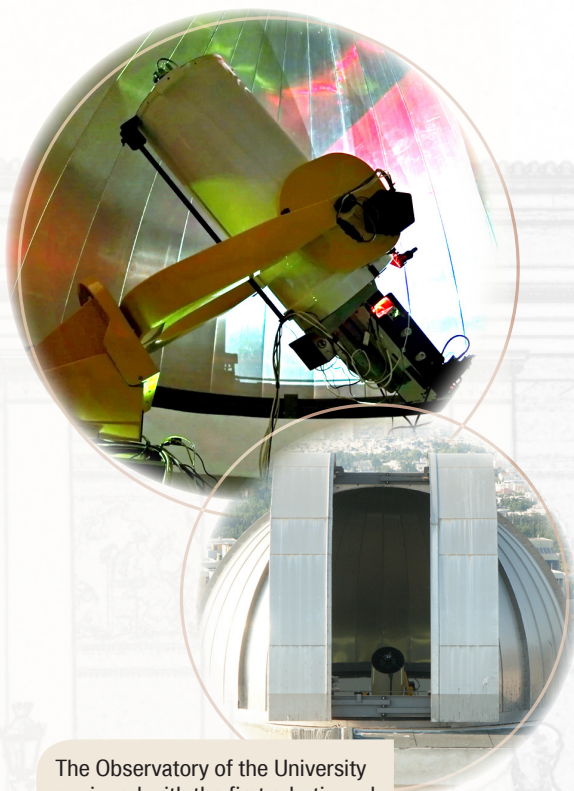
## Objectives and Strategy

We invest in extensive collaboration with leading university networks, public sector bodies and business sector units – in Greece and internationally - and aim in extending our networks of international collaborations. NKUA aims to maximize the benefits of research by advancing fundamental knowledge and contributing, among others, to better public policy, improved health outcomes, social cohesion and, eventually improve our reputation and increase our visibility as an outstanding research institution.

The research strategy of the NKUA has the following main objectives:

- to improve our internal mechanisms for collaboration promoting and sharing of good practice
- to participate as coordinator or partner in European and International research projects,
- to contribute to the implementation of research projects at doctoral and post-doctoral levels by scientific groups and individual researchers of the University in collaboration with researchers of other institutions in Greece and abroad,
- to increase our engagement with business and industry and the identification, mapping, promotion and economic exploitation of research results, the safeguarding of intellectual property through the acquisition of patents and the establishment of spin-off companies.

- to develop research skills by undergraduate and postgraduate students, who - as part of their studies - should also practice in laboratories and/or clinics, participate in conferences with paper presentations, discussions, seminars, excavations, final written assignments etc, depending on their area of study, etc.



The Observatory of the University equipped with the first robotic and fully remote-controlled telescope operating in a Greek Institute

The Observatory – The Telescope Control System Room

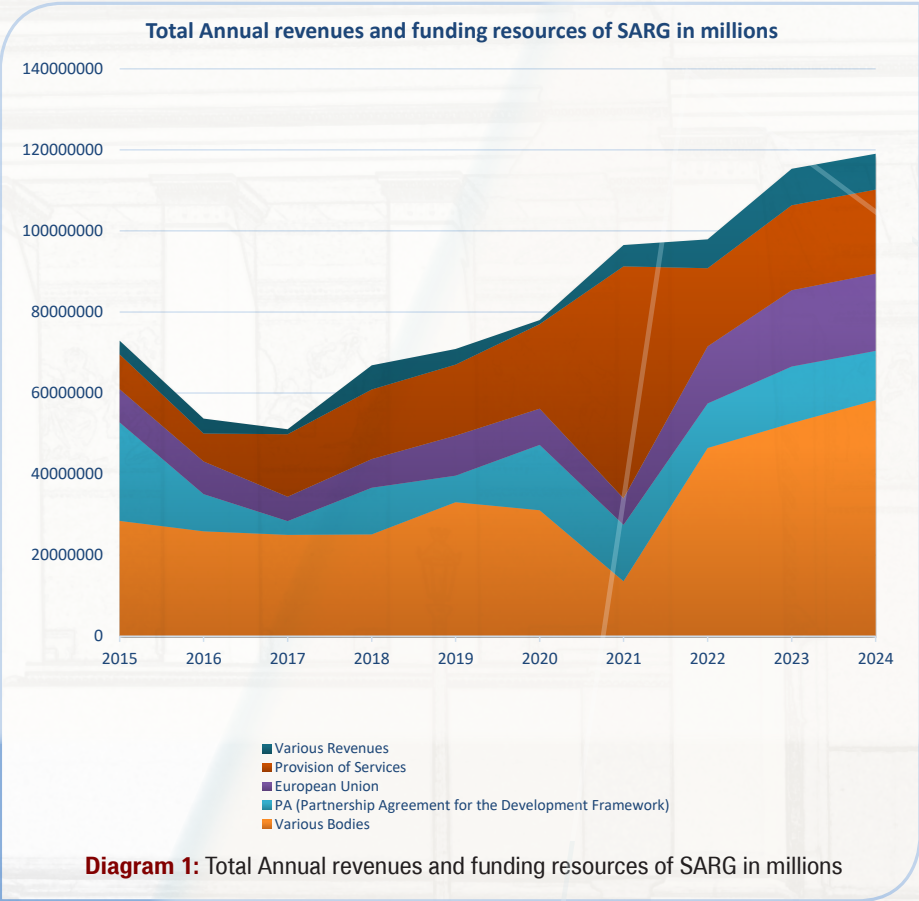


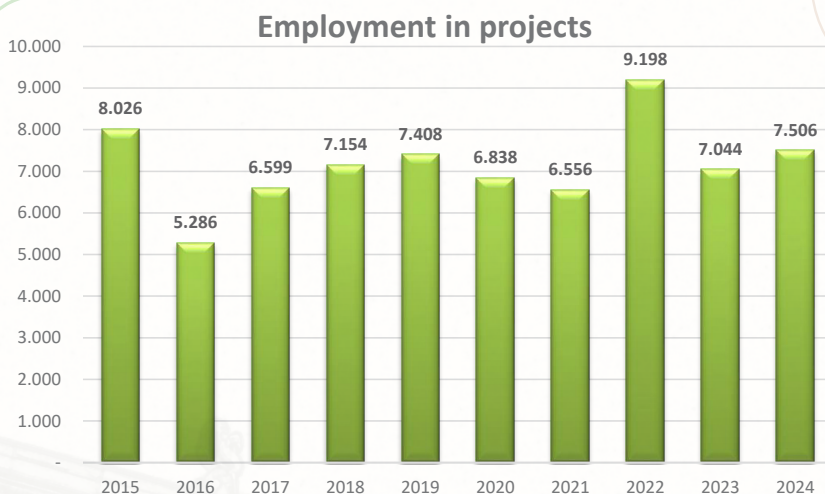


## Research in figures

The Special Account for Research Grants (SARG), which is directed by the Research and Management Committee, plays an essential role in managing all the projects of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, at an administrative and financial level. The main sources of funding at NKUA are European, international and national funds, like the Partnership Agreement (PA) for the Development Framework, 2014-2020 and 2021-2027 (European Structural and Investment Funds-ESIFs), Horizon 2020, Horizon Europe, partnerships with public and private sector bodies, the provision of services to legal entities and individuals, grants, donations and others (diagram 1).

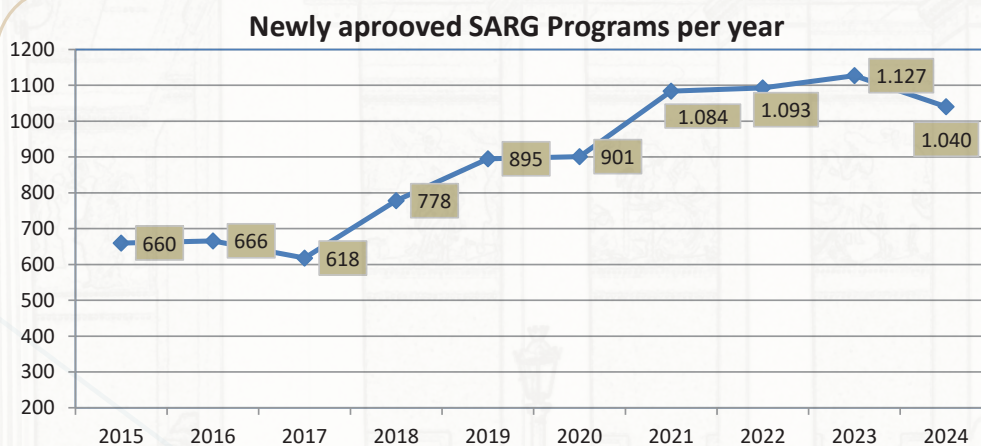
For the accomplishment of the projects managed by SARG, about 5,000 to 9,000 researchers work full time or part time per year. Among these researchers, except from faculty and the University's permanent staff, there are young researchers such as Ph.D students, researchers, technicians and other supporting staff. The funding of these projects plays a crucial role in the research policy of the University, the reduction of young scientists' unemployment and the decrease of the brain drain of our researchers. The breakdown of staff employed in projects per year for the period 2015-2024 is shown in diagram 2.





**Diagram 2:** Personnel employed in projects per year

Currently, the Special Account for Research Grants manages approximately 4.450 active projects. The trend of change of the newly approved SARG programs per year for the period of the last decade is presented in diagram 3.



**Diagram 3:** Trend of change of the newly approved SARG programs per year



# Property Development and Management Company of the University of Athens

The Property Development and Management Company of the University of Athens was founded in 1993, with the Decree 29/20-1-1993 (Government Gazette A' 11/9-2-1993).

Since its establishment until today, it has been involved in the management and utilization of the movable and immovable property, both legacies and the University's own property, as well as the intellectual property of our Institution.

In particular, the Company's activities include the University Memorabilia Store "UOA STORE", the "UOA Publications" as well as the leasing of the University's real estate, the utilization of the event venues, the diplomas, the nurseries, the kindergarten, the gym and the swimming pool as well as the parking places and the photographers employed for the swearing-in ceremonies.

Within the structure of the Company is the Funding Support Office, which was established in 2020 to provide high value-added support for the academic research and development

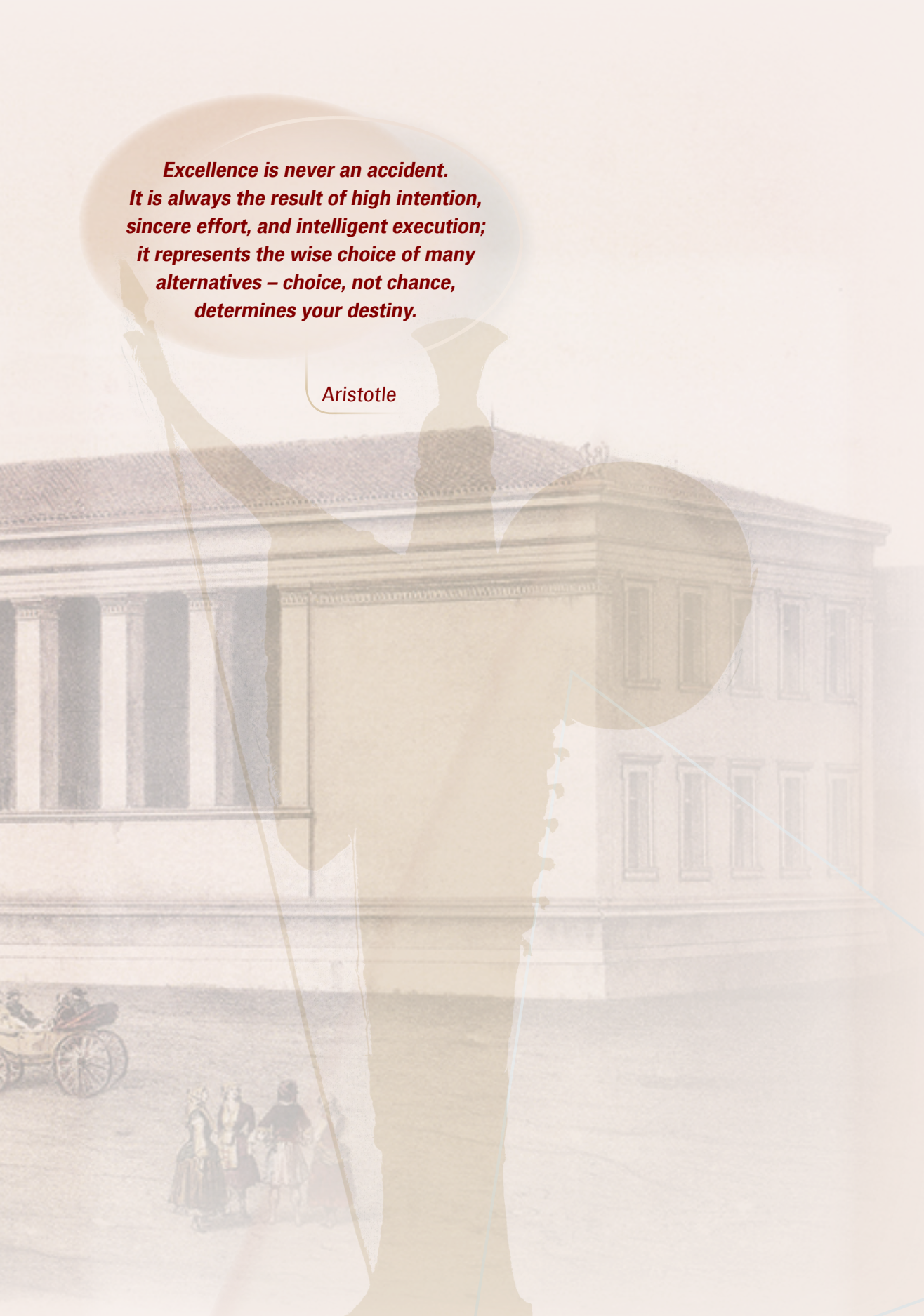
activities. With a mission to facilitate the university community's access to funding instruments, the Office provides targeted information, guidance, technical support and networking services, substantially enhancing the capacity of researchers to participate in competitive national and European programs. At the same time, it contributes to the upgrading of the University's extroversion through the development of international partnerships and participation in strategic networks and alliances.

In the near future, the Company will incorporate in its activities new services such as the management of the University Museums and guided tours in the Institution's premises, the overall organization of conferences and events and, with the assistance of the Funding Support Office, the provision of paid services to the University community, such as the participation of the Office in European projects as a partner or project manager.



***Excellence is never an accident.  
It is always the result of high intention,  
sincere effort, and intelligent execution;  
it represents the wise choice of many  
alternatives – choice, not chance,  
determines your destiny.***

Aristotle





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