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Online edition



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

Vision

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.

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

Mission and Policy

NKUA 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 at a Glance - Facts and Figures

Rankings (for 2023)

	Ranking Organization	Place in 2023
1.	THE IMPACT RANKING SDG5: GENDER EQUALITY	9
2.	THE IMPACT RANKING SDG4: QUALITY EDUCATION	27
3.	US News - Best Global University Rankings MEDICINE – Infectious Diseases	46
4.	QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) CLASSICS ANCIENT HISTORY	51-90
5.	Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities Immunology	66
6.	THE IMPACT RANKING SDG10: REDUCED INEQUALITIES	69
7.	Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities Pharmacology & Toxicology	81
8.	Academic Ranking of World Universities Subject Ranking DENTISTRY (ARWU)	76-100
9.	Top Universities by Google Scholar Citations WEBOMETRICS	90
10.	US News - Best Global University Rankings MEDICINE Cardiac and Cardiovascular Systems	91
11.	AD Scientific Index World Top Universities Ranking	92
12.	US News - Best Global University Rankings MEDICINE – Immunology	98
13.	QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) Theology & Religious Studies	101-140
14.	QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) Archaeology	101-150
15.	QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) Pharmacy & Pharmacology	101-150
16.	THE IMPACT RANKING SDG 8: DESCENT WORK & ECONOMIC GROWTH	101-200
17.	THE IMPACT RANKING SDG 9: INDUSTRY –INNOVATION -INFRASTRUCTURE	101-200
18.	THE IMPACT RANKING SDG 16: PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS	101-200
19.	QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) Nursing	151-200
20.	Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities	211
21.	QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) Arts & Humanities	214
22.	US News - Best Global University Rankings	250
23.	QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) Computer Science	201-250
24.	QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) Medicine	201-250
25.	Webometrics	252
26.	Center for World University Ranking (CWUR)	278
27.	Shanghai Ranking's Global Ranking of Sport Science Schools and Departments (ARWU)	201-300
28.	QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) Natural Sciences	303
29.	Academic Ranking of World Universities Ranking (ARWU)	301-400
30.	Times Higher Education Impact Ranking – General	301-400
31.	THE IMPACT RANKING SDG3: GOOD HEALTH & WELLBEING	301-400
32.	QS EMPLOYABILITY RANKING	301-500
33.	QS (Quacquarelli Symonds)	444
34.	Times Higher Education (THE)	401-500

Source: International Ranking Organizations' webpages and publications

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)



Studies and Services

- Undergraduate programs: 41
- 2 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"
- Postgraduate programs: 239
- Centers of Excellence: 15
- 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: 72
- University Laboratories: 287
- Libraries: 11
- Museums: The History Museum, the Historical Archive of the University and 17 thematic museums

Faculty and Staff

- Professors (all ranks): 1,600
- Research associates and other teaching, laboratory and technical staff: 509
- Administrative staff: 1,021

Students

- 41,454 Undergraduates
- 16,385 Graduate students at Master's level
- 9,032 Ph.D. candidates

International Students

- 7,585 Undergraduates (registered)
- 430 Graduates at master's level
- 240 Ph.D. Candidates

International Cooperation Agreements

859 agreements with Universities from 63 countries worldwide



The University Club premises



Administrative Structure of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

I. ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL

Internal Members

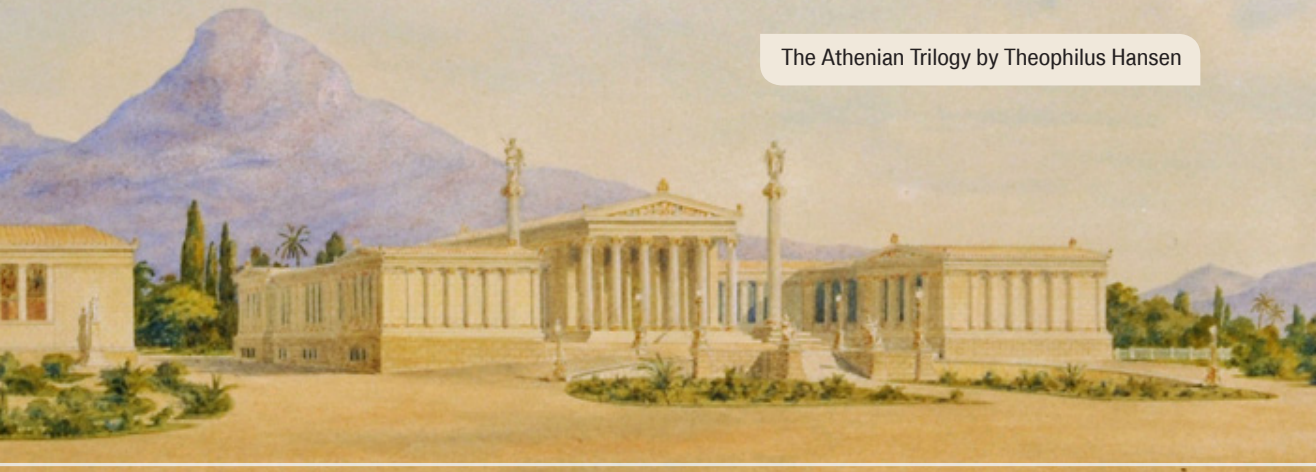
Professor Spyridon Vlachopoulos
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Professor Achilleas Chaldeakis

External Members

Professor Vasilios Vasiliou, Yale University, U.S.A.
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Irene-Mary Sharpe, President Emeritus of the Hellenic Council of State
Georgios Stasinou, President of the Technical Chamber of Greece
Pantelis Tzortzakis, Vice Chairman, Executive Member of the Board of BOD,
Hellenic Development Bank

II. 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.



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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.

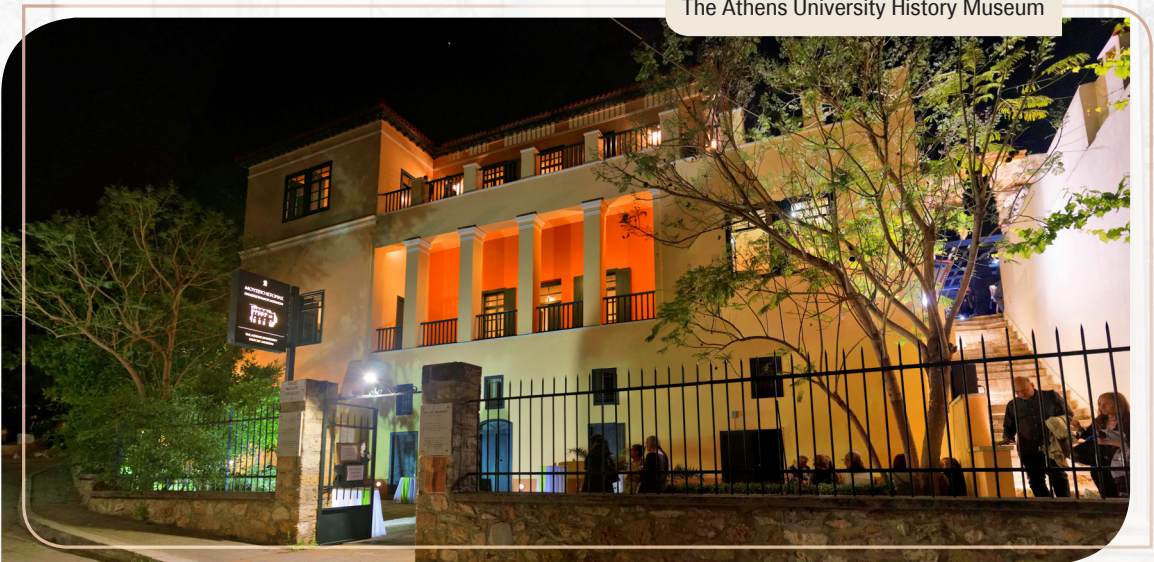
In accordance with the will of the significant donor Ioannis Dombolis, a law was issued on July 17, 1911, with which “The Kapodistrian University” was founded (named after Ioannis Kapodistrias, the first head of the independent modern Greek state). From 1911 until 1932 the University was thus separated 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 33 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 239 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 72 Clinics and Departments under the auspices of the School of Health Sciences, operate in NKUA premises and in 16 Athens hospitals.

Furthermore, 287 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, 25 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)

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 Nursing Education upon Director of Nursing Research and Education, Professor at City Hope Medical Center Betty R. Ferrell, Duarte, California, U.S.A.



Conferment of the Title of Doctor Honoris Causa of the School of Medicine upon the Secretary General of the Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports, Professor Emeritus of the University of Crete Odysseus Zoras

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



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

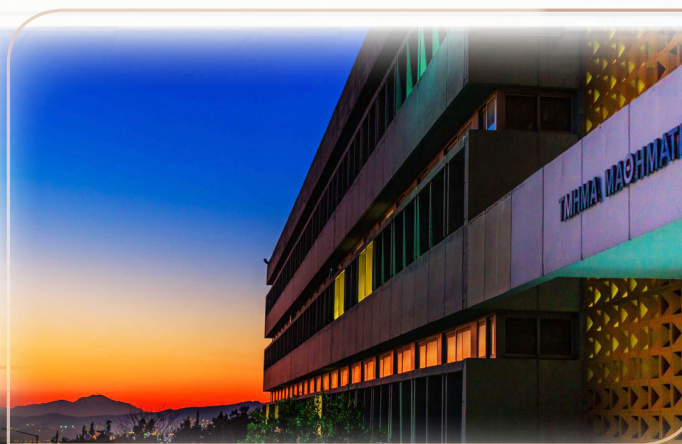
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

- 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 Department¹



¹ 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.

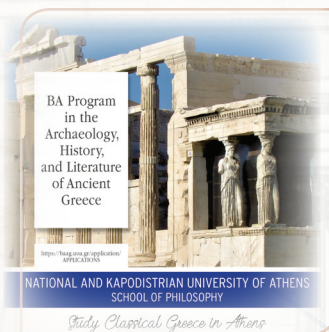
41 undergraduate programs
2 undergraduate English taught programs
239 postgraduate programs
561 e-learning programs

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.

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>

**Medical Degree
in English**



Postgraduate Studies

A) Leading to a Master's degree

Students may select among 224 postgraduate programs, from which:

- 180 are organized by a single Department of the University (departmental),
- 18 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
- 8 European/interstate programs in collaboration with foreign Universities
- 2 programs in the framework of Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree.

Encouraging internationalization in education there are currently 33 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, 6,599 students from 693 educational institutions from 78 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: All-European International Humanitarian and Refugee Law Moot Court Competition (winner of the competition and prize for the best orator), XVI International Roman Law Moot Court Competition (1st prize Palma Victoriae kai 3rd prize for the best orator), 11th Helga Pedersen Moot Court Competition (2nd place and prize for the best orator in semi-final round), European Law Moot Court Competition (3rd place in the world and 2nd place for the best attorney general)
- A team of students led by a Ph.D.candidate of the Department of Informatics and Telecommunications won first place in the

European Contest Google EU-IDEATHON in the field of Energy, thus contributing to the achievement of one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations. Also, a postgraduate student at the Interdepartmental Postgraduate Program “Data Science and Information Technologies” (specialization: Bioinformatics-Biomedical Data Science) of the same Department, has been distinguished internationally by winning the first prize in the “Cancer Immunotherapy Data Science Grand Challenge”, which was hosted by the Eric and Wendy Schmidt Center at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard University in collaboration with the LISH(Laboratory for Innovation Science at Harvard)

- Students of the Department of Mathematics were awarded with two (2) gold medals in the 30th International Mathematics Competition IMC 2023, where 393 students from 43 countries participated, as well as with three (3) silver medals in the 17th Southeastern European Mathematical Olympiad SEEMOUS 2023.
- Postgraduate student teams from the Department of Biology NKUA won first and second prize in the 1st Postgraduate Student Competition organized by the NKUA Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship ‘Archimedes’. The first prize was won by team ‘Bactopulp’, who proposed an integrated business model for the production of paper pulp from bacteria, after succeeding to produce bacterial cellulose at an experimental proof-of-concept level. The second prize was won by team ‘Aurelia’, who carried out in silico pharmacophore model searches and traced a phytochemical compound that acts as an enzyme-specific allosteric ligand with important anti-aging properties. Interestingly, the compound is already available as a dietary supplement.



Final of the 15th International Roman Law Moot Court Competition, Stoa of Attalos, Ancient Agora of Athens



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 Teaching 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 the Modern Greek Teaching Centre is the largest of its kind in the world. The last 5 academic years, 7,251 students from 86 countries have attended the Modern Greek Language Teaching Center. 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 established in 1931 and, initially, it operated as part of the University Club. Since its establishment, the main aim of the Center has been the teaching of foreign languages, which, for many years, was restricted to certain widely spoken ones such as English, French, German and Italian and later on, to Spanish and Russian. In 1994 it became a fully independent academic unit, governed by its own Administrative Board.

The academic year 2022-23, 2,067 students were registered to the Center in order to learn 26 languages: English, Albanian, Arabic, Bulgarian, French, German, Georgian, Danish, Japanese, Hindi- Sanskrit, Spanish, Italian, Chinese, Korean, Norwegian, Dutch, Persian, Portuguese, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Swedish, Turkish, Czech and Finnish. The last 6 years a total of 14,775 students have been registered to learn up to 28 foreign languages.

In addition, special programs are available to anyone wishing to specialize in linguistics, translation, legal or medical terminology, etc.

More information on <https://www.didaskaleio.uoa.gr>



The Modern Greek Language Teaching Center

Library and Information Center

The Library and Information 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 13 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. Among them is a network developed by the Hellenic

Academic Libraries Link (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). The services provided by BKΠ include Pergamos (<https://pergamos.lib.uoa.gr/>), the Institutional Repository of NKUA, in which Bachelor and Master Theses, Doctoral Dissertations and scientific publications are deposited. In addition, Pergamos comprises 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

The **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

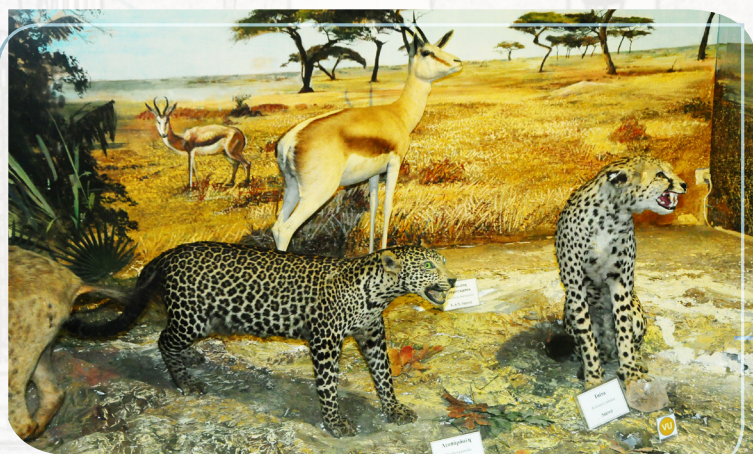
The Museum's collections include mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, marine invertebrates, snails, insects and other invertebrates from Greece and other countries as well as anthropological findings. Approximately 10,000 persons visit the Museum every year, mostly children from primary and secondary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



“Aretaieio” and “Aiginiteio” Hospitals

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 72 departments and clinics of the School of Health Sciences. They are coordinated as follows:

- Sixty-two (62) 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 283 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

Public 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

Internationalization 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 97 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.



Delegation visit of the China Education Association for International Exchange (September 2023)

EUROPE

Albania

University of Vlora "Ismail Qemali"
Eqrem Çabej University of
Gjirokastra
University of Tirana

Bulgaria

St.Cyril and St.Methodius
University of Veliko Tarnovo

Cyprus

University of Cyprus
Cyprus Institute
Philips University

France

Université Paris Diderot

Italy

Università Ca' Foscari Venezia
University of Foreigners of Siena

Moldova

Moldova State University

Poland

Medical University of Bialystok

Russian Federation

Lomonosov Moscow
State University
Southern Federal University
(Rostov on Don)
Yugra State University
University of Tyumen
Altai State University
St. Petersburg University
Petrozavodsk State University

Spain

University of Granada

Switzerland

Conseil Européen pour la
Recherche Nucléaire (CERN)

United Kingdom

University of Leeds

Vatican City (Holy See)

Pontificia Università Urbaniana

NORTH AMERICA

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
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Northeastern University, Boston
New York University Tandon School
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University of South Alabama

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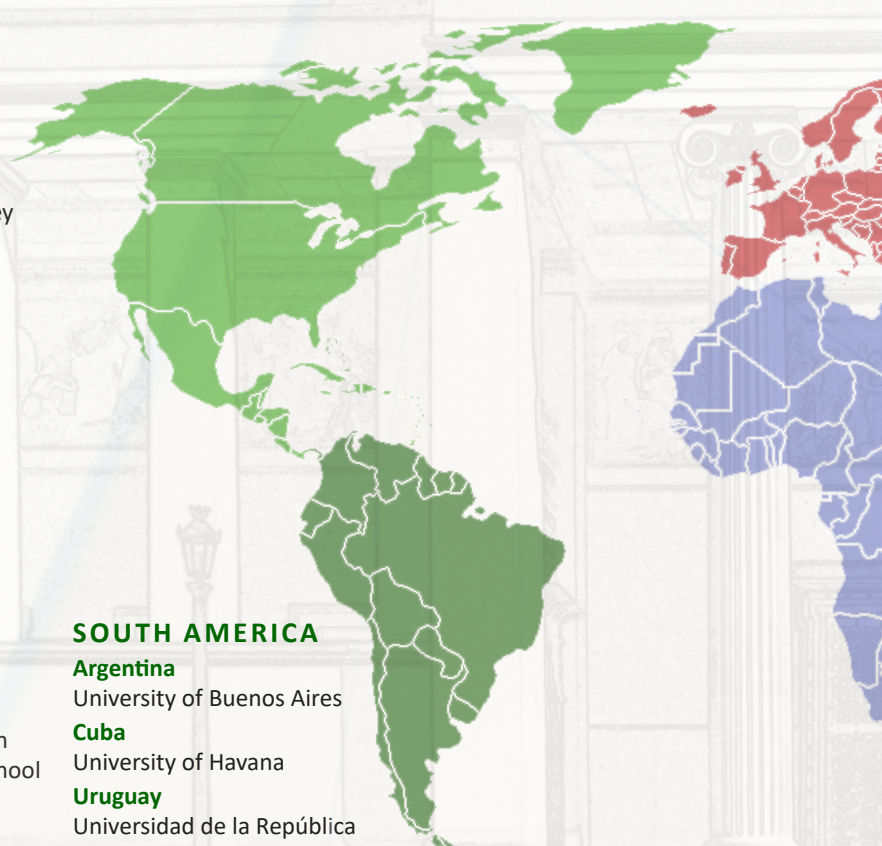
University of Buenos Aires

Cuba

University of Havana

Uruguay

Universidad de la República



ASIA

China

Shanghai International Studies University
Beijing Foreign Studies University
Guangdong University of Foreign Studies
Minzu University of China
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

India

Indira Gandhi National Center for the Arts

Indonesia

Universitas Gadjah Mada

Iraq

American University of Iraq, Sulaimani

Japan

Keio University
Ritsumeikan University
Waseda University

Kazakhstan

L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University
Tashenev University

Korea

Sogang University
The University of Seoul
Hankuk University of Foreign Studies

Lebanon

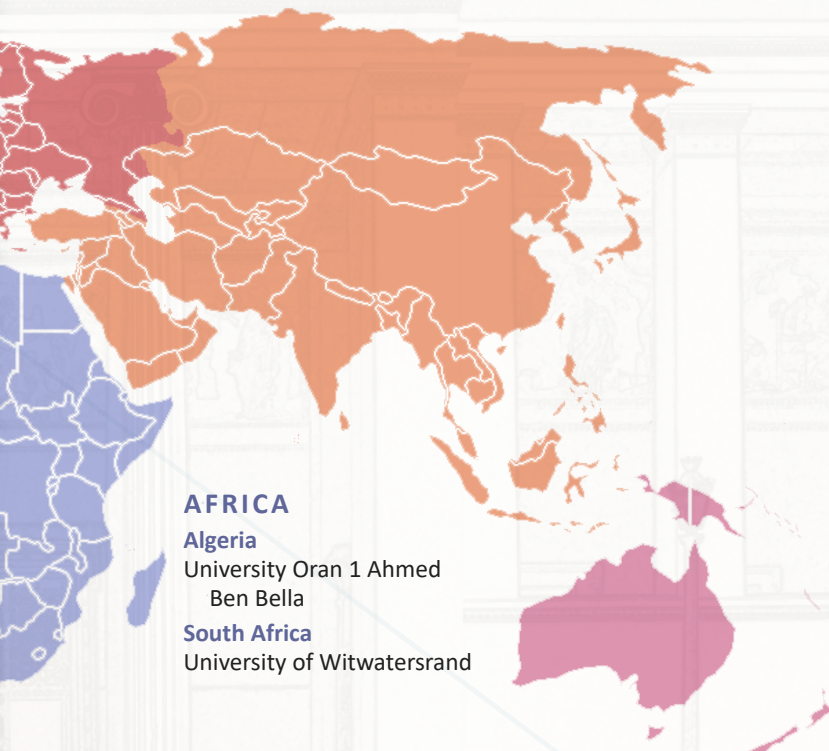
Lebanese University

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

It is worth noticing that Ambassadors, Educational and Cultural Attachés, Ministers and parliament members from the following countries visited the Rectorate of the NKUA: Afghanistan, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Brazil, Chile, China, Czech Republic, Cuba, France, Georgia, Germany, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Luxembourg, Mexico, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Taiwan, Turkey, Venezuela. Furthermore, University delegations from China, Korea, USA, Russia, Georgia, Ukraine, Norway, Belgium, Singapore, Taiwan, etc. 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. K.I.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 95. In addition to the scholarships, cash prizes worth €14,000 were awarded to 17 students and scientists who have been distinguished for their academic performance and the writing of scientific works, and €150,000 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.

Reception ceremony for the international first-year students of the English-taught “BA Program in the Archaeology, History and Literature of Ancient Greece” (October 2023)



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 7,200 incoming students from 38 countries and 17,330 outgoing students have been enrolled in the program since then. Also, the Erasmus program gave the opportunity to 874 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

**762 Erasmus
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activities of the NKUA. They are also offered 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.



Erasmus+



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. During the academic year 2022-2023, 121 outgoing students from NKUA under the "Erasmus + Studies Program" have visited the other CIVIS universities, while, 79 incoming 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 education 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, civis.eu, 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 2015-2022 is shown in diagram 2.

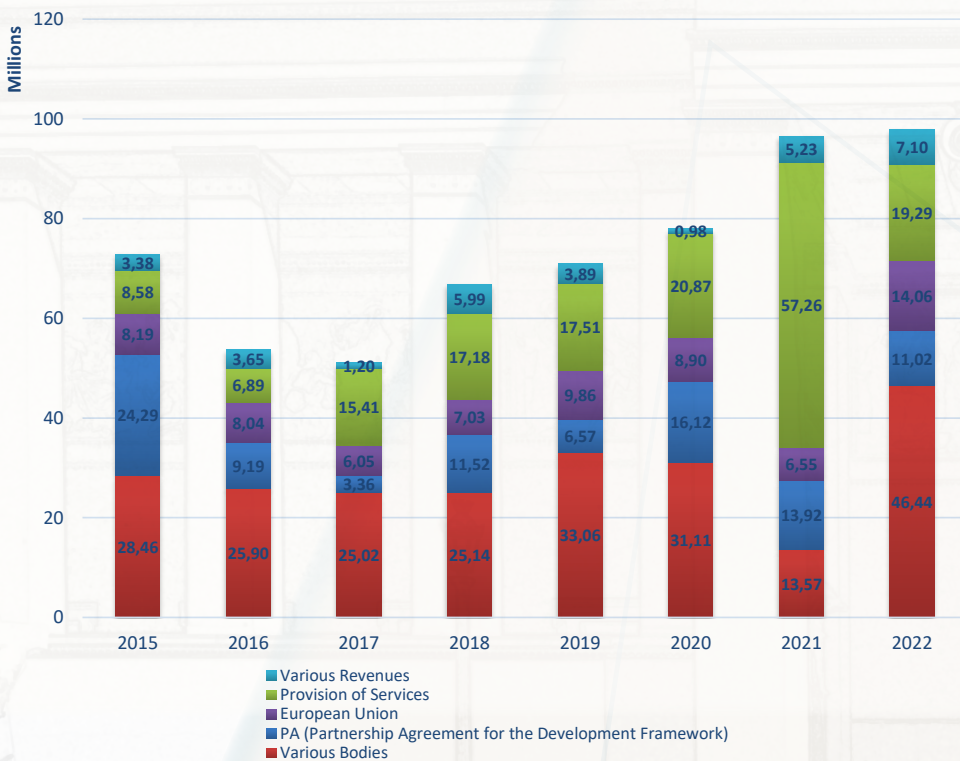


Diagram 1: Total Annual revenues and funding resources of SARG in millions



Diagram 2: Personnel employed in projects per year

Currently, the Special Account for Research Grants manages more than 4.000 active projects. The trend of change of the newly approved SARG programs per year for the last seven-year period is presented in diagram 3.

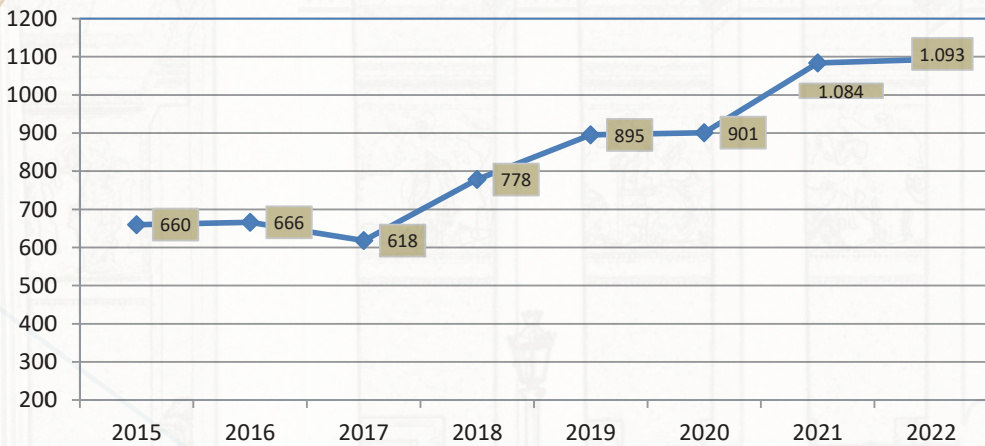
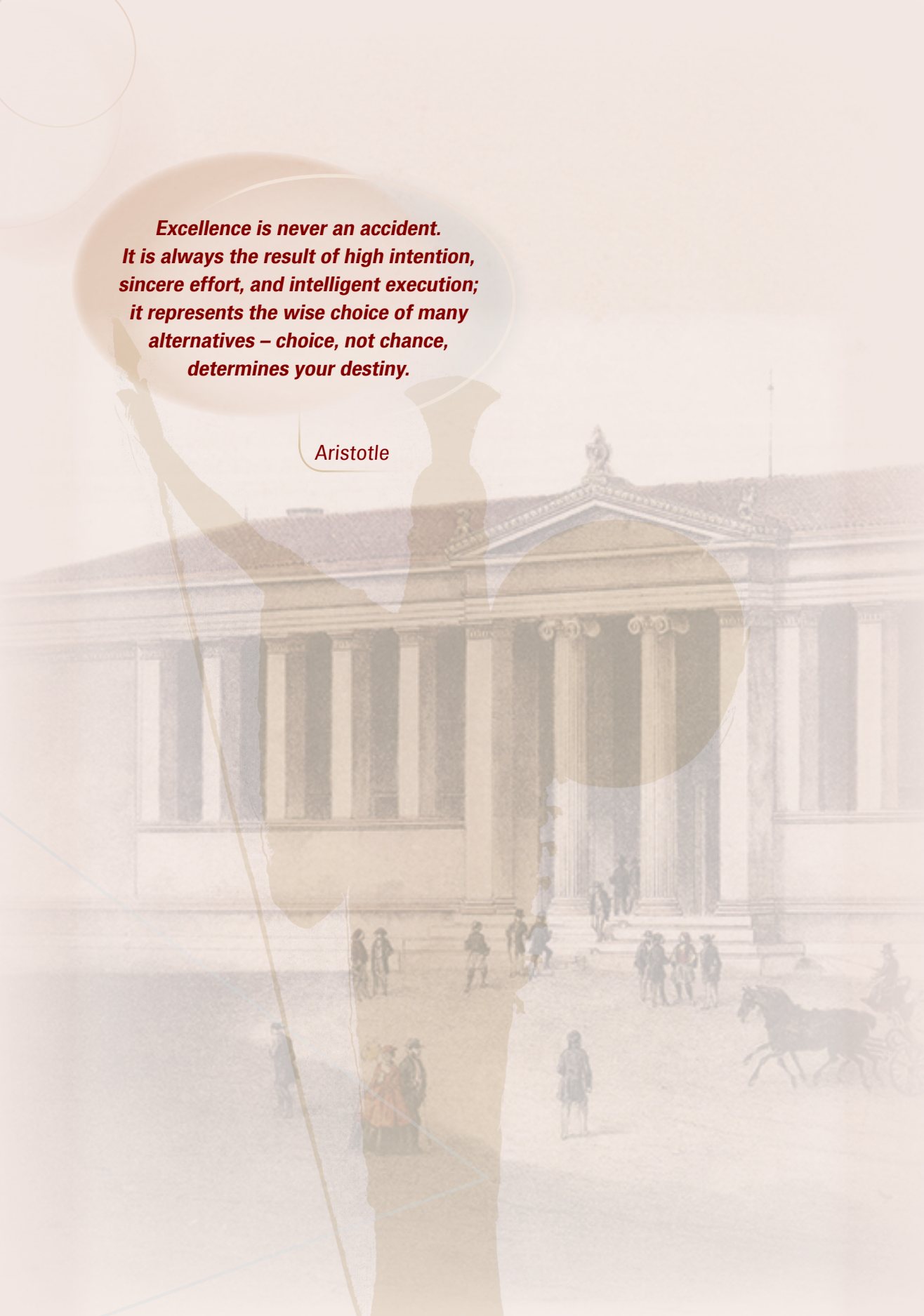


Diagram 3: Trend of change of the newly approved SARG programs per year

***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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