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ENTITLED 'HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY:
THEORY AND PRACTICE'

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**CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE
SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR
PARTICIPATION IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE
INTER-INSTITUTIONAL - INTERDEPARTMENTAL POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME**

"HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY: THEORY AND PRACTICE"

**OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES AND SOCIAL WORK, UNIVERSITY
OF PATRAS, DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY EDUCATION
UNIVERSITY OF THE AEGEAN
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL POLICY, UNIVERSITY OF
PELOPONNESE
for the academic year 2024-2025**

The Interinstitutional - Interdepartmental Postgraduate Studies Program (I.I.P.S.P) of the Department of Education and Social Work of the University of Patras, the Department of Primary Education of the University of the Aegean and the Department of Social and Educational Policy of the University of Peloponnese, offers a Diploma of Postgraduate Studies entitled "Higher Education Policy Theory and Praxis (MaHep) " (Government Gazette 1343 / B' / 26-02-2024). The duration of studies is two (2) academic semesters, including the postgraduate thesis. **Attendance is compulsory.** Courses are held on Mondays and Wednesdays (3 hours each day) and Saturdays (6 hours), at a **distance** in accordance with the legislation in force. **All examination procedures and the colloquium are carried out at the end of each semester by means of written or oral examinations at a distance or by means of assignments throughout the semester. All examination procedures by written or oral examinations at a distance or by means of essays, the colloquium and the interviews will be conducted by zoom.** The program will start in February 2025. The seat of courses and other educational activities is Patras.

Title awarded

Diploma of Postgraduate Studies in **Higher Education Policy Theory and Praxis (MaHep)**. The I.I.P.S.P has two specializations. Only the first one is advertised in this call:
1. Strategic Planning and Quality Assurance.
2. Teachers Education (will not take place for 2024-2025).

Number of students

The number of admissions to the Master's degree (level 7 of the European Qualifications Framework) is set at up to one hundred (100) for the academic year 2024-2025.

Conditions for participation in the selection procedure:

Necessary requirements for the participation of postgraduate students in the selection process for the I.I.P.S.P are the following:

(a) Candidates for the I.I.P.S.P must be higher education graduates from foreign institutions.

Applications may also be submitted by graduates of the above institutions, provided that they have submitted a Certificate of Completion of Studies by January 30, 2025 and in any case before the date of validation of the list of successful candidates. In this case, a copy of their degree or diploma shall be submitted before the start date of the program. In any case, those selected must provide all the necessary supporting documents by the closing date for registration.

Applications may also be submitted by graduates of foreign institutions that are not yet included in the National Register of Recognized Institutions of Foreign Countries of the DOATAP (<https://www.doatap.gr/anagnorish/ethniko-mitroo-anagnorismenon-idrymaton-anotatis-ekpaidefsis-tis-allodapis/>). In this case, applicants must submit a solemn declaration of possession of a degree. In all cases, applicants will be required to provide evidence that they have taken the necessary steps to ensure that their qualifications and the institution concerned are included in the DOATAP's National Register of Recognized Foreign Institutions by the end of their period of study. Otherwise, the student will be de-registered, with no claim by the student for a refund of the money deposited and no certificate will be issued.

(b) have a recognized qualification in English at a level of at least C1 or a qualification higher education from an English-speaking program.

Selection procedure for candidates

The selection process for postgraduate students is based on a merit-based selection process. The grading system is described in detail in the annex below and on the website of the I.I.P.S.P (<https://mahep-upatras.gr>).

Submission of the application file

Candidates for the Postgraduate Studies Program must submit the application form in pdf format via the platform:

https://matrix.upatras.gr/sap/bc/webdynpro/sap/zups_pg_adm# from 15-10-2024 to 01-12-2024. Selected candidates must register by 13/12/2024.

The documents that candidates must submit electronically in pdf format via the above

platform are as follows:

1. Application form (electronic and/or paper),
2. A copy of a degree from an educational institution of higher education,
3. Certificate of analytical score,
4. A detailed curriculum vitae in the europass form, (detailing studies, teaching and/or professional experience, scientific activity) (<https://europa.eu/europass/eportfolio/screen/profile-wizard?lang=en>),
5. Evidence of research or professional activity, (if any),
6. A copy of other Master's degree (if available),
7. Scientific publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals and proceedings of scientific conferences with a selection procedure (if any),
8. Internship certificates (if available),
9. A photocopy of two sides of the identity card or passport,
10. Students who do not have an undergraduate degree from an English-speaking program, the certification of English language is confirmed by a copy of a certificate of English language (level -at least- C1), certified by a First Certificate in English, - Toefl certificate with a score of at least 50 points, - IELTS certificate with a score of 7.0 and above, - State Certificate of Attainment (level C1).
11. In case of selection, the obligation to submit a declaration that: "I have read and accept the study regulations of this postgraduate program"
12. In case of a request for a scholarship, submission of the supporting documents as mentioned in the relevant decisions of the Greek Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports.
13. Knowledge of a second foreign language will be taken into account.

For graduates of Foreign Institutions:

- Certificate of equivalence from the D.O.A.T.A.P. (if available).
- Otherwise, the application with the required supporting documents based on the Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) of Greece and the public research centers supervised by the General Secretariat for Research and Innovation are bound by the Registers of article 304 of Law No. 4957/2022, as in force, in order for their competent bodies to determine whether a foreign institution or a type of foreign institution's qualification is recognized for the acceptance of an application and registration for admission to a postgraduate course of study or the preparation of a doctoral thesis. The competent body of the university or research center, if the qualification is included in the list referred to in Article 307, shall, in addition to the other supporting documents it specifies, require a Certificate of Place of Study issued and sent by the institution which carried out the studies or carried out the research project. If the place of study or part of the studies is confirmed as being

in the Greek territory, the qualification shall not be recognized, unless the part of the studies undertaken in the Greek territory is at a public higher education institution.

Exemption from tuition fees

1) Registered students of a Postgraduate Program of Studies of a Postgraduate Degree Program may study free of charge in a Postgraduate Degree Program, if the payment of tuition fees is provided for, provided that they meet the financial or social criteria of article 86 of Law No. 4957/2022. A prerequisite for the granting of the right to attend free of charge on the basis of economic or social criteria is the fulfilment of excellence requirements during the first cycle of studies, which corresponds at least to the possession of a grade equal to or higher than seven and a half with a perfect score out of ten (7,5/10), provided that the evaluation in the basic degree presented for admission to the D.If the basic degree has been awarded in accordance with the 10-point evaluation scale of a higher education institution (HEI) in the country, otherwise this criterion is applied proportionally in accordance with the evaluation scale, if the degree has been awarded by a foreign institution.

2) The total number of students attending free of charge may not exceed the number corresponding to thirty percent (30%) of the total number of enrolled students per academic year. If, in the numerical calculation of the number of beneficiaries of exemption from tuition fees, a decimal number is obtained, it shall be rounded to the nearest whole unit. If the number of beneficiaries of the exemption exceeds this percentage, the beneficiaries shall be selected in descending order until the number is reached.

3) The submission of applications for free attendance per MSc takes place after the completion of the registration process and the payment of the first instalment of the tuition fees of the students to the MSc and within a period to be determined by the MSc itself.

The financial situation of the candidates is in no case a reason for not being selected for the I.I.P.S.P

4) A student of the I.I.P.S.P. who fulfils the requirement of par. 1, provided that the following criteria apply:

a) The average of the sum of the taxable incomes of the last two (2) financial years of all family members of the applicant for exemption from tuition fees, i.e. the applicant himself, his parents, regardless of whether they file a joint or separate tax return, and his siblings up to twenty-six (26) years of age, if they are unmarried and have the same taxable income within the meaning of article 7 of Law No. 4172/2013 (A' 167), does not exceed seventy percent (70%) of the national median disposable equivalent income, according to the most recently published data of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (EL.STAT.), if the applicant has not reached the twenty-sixth (26th) year of age and is unmarried or has not entered into a cohabitation agreement,

b) the average of the applicant's personal taxable income of the last two (2) financial years does not exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the national median disposable income equivalent, according to the most recently published data of the National Statistical Office, if the applicant has reached the age of 26,

c) the average of the sum of the taxable income of the last two (2) financial years of the applicant for exemption from tuition fees and his or her spouse or partner, if married or in a civil partnership, regardless of whether they submit a joint or separate tax return, does not exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the national median disposable equivalent income, according to the most recently published data of the National Statistical Service.

5) If the applicant for exemption has not reached the age of 26 and is a child of a family with three or more children or a child of an unmarried parent or an orphan of at least one (1) parent or a person with a disability or a member of a household with a person with a disability, he/she may apply for exemption from half (50%) of the obligation to pay tuition fees, provided that the average in paragraph a) of par. 4 exceeds seventy percent (70%) and does not exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the national median disposable equivalent income.

6) The examination of the criteria for exemption from tuition fees is carried out by the Curriculum Committee of the I.I.P.S.P and a reasoned decision is issued on the acceptance or rejection of the application.

7) The possibility of exemption from the obligation to pay tuition fees is granted exclusively for attendance at one (1). The right to apply for the payment of tuition fees for one (1) MSc.

8) Those who receive a scholarship from another source are not entitled to an exemption. In this case, an application must be submitted, which serves as a Declaration of Responsibility, and the Department may request any other supporting documents it deems necessary.

9) This does not apply to citizens of third countries.

At the end of each semester an evaluation of each course and each lecturer is carried out by the postgraduate students.

Additional supporting documents

1. Additional foreign language certificates (if available).
2. Photocopy of passport.
3. Internship certificates in Higher Education (if available).
4. Certificates of professional experience in jobs in Higher Education or the European Union and in fields related to the subject of the I.I.P.S.P. (if available).

Marking is based on the attached annex.

In order to be admitted to the I.I.P.S.P., a candidate must obtain at least 30 points according to the grading table of article 5 of the I.I.P.S.P. regulation.

Tuition fees

Tuition fees are set at €4,000 (EUR) and are payable in two instalments. The first instalment (€2,000) shall be paid within ten (10) calendar days of the postgraduate student's registration and the second instalment (€2,000) shall be paid at the beginning of the second academic semester. The payment of the tuition fees is made to the Special Account for Research Funds (ELKE) of the University of Patras, which is responsible for their administration.

The sustainability of the I.I.P.S.P. is ensured by the enrolment of at least 10 students.

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General information about the D.I.P.M.S. <https://mahep-upatras.gr>,
https://www.facebook.com/HigherEducationPolicyMaster/?notif_t=page_user_activity

Annex

According to article 5 of the PPMS regulations.

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| 1. Higher Education Degree (no Greek institutions) | Yes-No |
| 2. Certificate of English language level C1 or the degree higher education from English-language programme | Yes-No |
| 3. Degree level (any rating scale adapted to Greek) | 5-6: 2 points 6-6,49: 3 points 6,5-7: 4 points 7-7,49: 5 points 7,50-7,99: 6 points 8-8,49: 8 points 8,5-10: 12 points |
| 4 Degree in undergraduate courses on education policy, European policy, higher education, sociology of education | For each course from 2 points and up to 10 points |
| 5. Bachelor thesis | 5 points. If it is relevant to educational policy, European policy or higher education, sociology of education 10 points |
| 6. Dissertation from another MSc | 5 points If it is relevant to educational politics, European politics or higher |

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| | education, sociology of education 10 points |
| 7. Certified research experience | 5 points. If it is relevant to educational politics, European politics or higher education 10 points |
| 8. Publications in scientific journals peer-reviewed journals or peer-reviewed conferences | 2 points for each task and up to 8 points in total |
| 9. Work experience in job involving higher education institutions or bodies related to higher education or the European Union | For each semester of work 3 points and up to 30 points |
| 10. Internships in positions related to higher education or the European Union | For each quarter of practice 2 points and up to 10 points |
| 11. English above C1 | English C2: 5 points Other language B2: 3 points Other language C1 and C2: 5 points |
| 12. Interview | 20 points |

The Director of the I.I.P.S.P

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