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General Provisions

The second cycle of studies consists of the attendance of a Postgraduate Studies Programme (P.M.S.) and is completed with the award of the Diploma of Postgraduate Studies (D.M.S.).

The present Regulation for Postgraduate Studies supplements the provisions of Chapter I [Organization and Operation of Second and Third Cycle Programmes] of Law 4957/2022 (Government Gazette 141/τ.Α'21-7-2022): 'New Horizons in Higher Educational Institutions: Strengthening the quality, functionality and connection of higher education institutions with the society and other provisions', as well as the Regulation of Postgraduate Studies Programmes of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

Article 1 - Object, Purpose of the MSc.

The Department of Medicine of the Faculty of Health Sciences organizes and operates a Postgraduate Studies Programme (hereinafter referred to as the MSc Programme) entitled: "Forensic Medicine - Psychiatry" (**MSc-Forensic Medicine - Forensic Psychiatry**) full-time, the successful completion of which leads to the award of a Diploma of Postgraduate Studies (MSc) in the field of "Forensic Medicine, Psychiatry".

The **scientific subject** of the Postgraduate Studies Programme is to educate postgraduate students in the developments in the scientific field of Forensic Medicine and Psychiatric Forensic Science, as well as in the legal issues that arise from the interdisciplinary nature of the two fields of study and govern the application of the principles of the two above-mentioned fields.

The **aim** of the Postgraduate Studies Programme is to educate postgraduate students in the latest scientific developments in forensic science, psychiatric forensics and their practice. The above purpose is fulfilled through the education of all those health professionals, legal and security officers who are involved in monitoring the physical and mental health of individuals and are responsible for ensuring the peaceful and unhindered social life of citizens.

The learning outcomes and qualifications of those who have successfully completed the Programme are:

- They acquire skills for the organization of the theoretical and empirical investigation of what was taught in the courses of the MSc, which promote scientific knowledge in the field of "Forensic Science - Psychiatric Forensic Science" and in legal issues arising from the interdisciplinary nature and governing the application of the principles of the two above-mentioned fields of knowledge.
- Gain knowledge and skills in managing risk, violence and related behaviours of people with mental illness.

- It enhances the qualifications and skills required for successful careers in the private, public and academic sectors.

Article 2 - Awarded Title of the MSc.

The MSc awards a Diploma of Postgraduate Studies (MSc) with the title: "Forensic Medicine - Psychiatric Forensics".

Successful completion of the studies leads to level seven (7) of the National and European Qualifications Framework according to article 47 of Law No. 4763/2020 (A' 254).

Article 3 - Organs of the Postgraduate Studies Programme

The competent bodies for the administration, organisation and operation of the postgraduate programmes are:

1. **The Senate of the Foundation:** is the competent body for the academic, administrative and organisational issues of the MSc, and exercises all the competences related to the MSc that are not assigned by law to other bodies.
2. **The Committee for Postgraduate Studies:** is constituted by decision of the Senate and consists of the competent Vice Rector, who acts as the President, as well as one (1) member of the Teaching and Research Staff from each School of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, and one (1) member from the categories of Special Teaching Personnel (S.T.P.), Laboratory Teaching Personnel (L.T.P.) and Special Technical Laboratory Personnel (S.T.T.P.) of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. The term of office of the Committee is two (2) academic years.
3. **The Assembly of the Department :** It has the powers defined by law 4957/2022, article 81. It is responsible for the organization, administration and management of the MSc and in particular:
 - a. establishes Committees for the evaluation of applications of prospective postgraduate students and approves their enrolment in the programme,
 - b. assigns the teaching work to the lecturers of the MSc,
 - c. recommends to the Senate the amendment of the decision to establish the MSc, as well as the extension of the duration of the MSc,
 - d. sets up examination committees for the examination of the theses of postgraduate students and appoints the supervisor for each thesis,
 - e. determines the successful completion of the course of study in order to award the degree of the MSc,

- f. approves the report of the programme, following the recommendation of the Coordinating Committee (CC).

By decision of the Assembly of the Department, the responsibilities of a) and d) may be transferred to the Coordinating Committee (CC) of the MSc.

4. The **Coordinating Committee (SC) of the MSc**: consists of the Director of the MSc and four (4) faculty members of the Department who undertake teaching work in the MSc. Emeritus Professors of the Department or of the collaborating Departments may participate in the SC, if they provide teaching work in the MSc.

The responsibilities of the SC are:

- a. prepares the initial annual budget of the MSc and its amendments, if the MSc has resources according to article 84 of Law 4957/2022, and recommends its approval to the Special Account for Research Funds (SACR),
 - b. prepares the report of the MSc and recommends its approval to the Assembly of the Department,
 - c. approve the expenditure of the MSc,
 - d. approves the awarding of scholarships, contributory or not, in accordance with the provisions of the decision establishing the MSc and the Regulations for Postgraduate and Doctoral Programmes of Studies,
 - e. recommends to the Assembly of the Department the allocation of teaching work, as well as the assignment of teaching work to the teaching categories of article 83 of Law 4957/2022,
 - f. recommends to the Departmental Assembly the invitation of Visiting Professors to cover the teaching needs of the programme,
 - g. draws up a plan for the modification of the curriculum, which is submitted to the Assembly of the Department,
 - h. recommends to the Department Assembly the reallocation of courses between academic semesters, as well as issues related to the qualitative upgrading of the curriculum.
5. **The Director of the MSc** is selected from among the faculty members of the Department, with priority to the rank of Professor or Associate Professor, and is appointed by decision of the Assembly of the Department for a three-year term, renewable without limitation.

The Director shall have the **powers** provided for in Article 82 par. 4 of Law 4957/2022 and any others specified in the decision establishing the MSc.

- preside over the SC, draw up the agenda and convene its meetings,
- recommends issues concerning the organization and operation of the MSc to the Assembly of

the Department.

- recommends to the Board and the other bodies of the MSc and the A.E.I. issues related to the effective operation of the MSc,
- is the Scientific Manager of the programme according to article 234 of Law 4957/2022 and exercises the respective responsibilities,
- monitors the implementation of the decisions of the institutions of the MSc and the Internal Regulations for postgraduate and doctoral programmes, as well as the monitoring of the implementation of the MSc budget.

The **secretarial support of the MSc** is provided by the Department of Medicine of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. The Secretariat of the MSc is responsible for maintaining the files and grades of postgraduate students. It also informs the postgraduate students on issues related to the organisation and operation of the Programme. Finally, she is responsible for the preparation of the issues to be introduced to the Departmental Assembly.

Article 4 - Categories of candidates to the P.M.S.

The MSc entitled "Forensic Medicine, Psychiatric Forensic Medicine" is open to holders of first cycle degrees of the first cycle of studies of the Departments of Higher Education Institutions of the Greek and foreign countries and in particular:

- Graduates of the Departments of Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Nursing, Nutrition, Law, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work, Social Policy, Physical Education and Sports, as well as graduates of TE or PE Humanities, Military, Police and Fire Academy Schools, holders of first cycle degrees from universities in the country, or recognized similar institutions abroad.
- Candidates for the MSc can also be final year students of the above Departments, provided that they have graduated before the approval of the final list of candidates, who are admitted to the MSc.

The recognition of foreign qualifications for admission to a postgraduate programme is carried out by the Department of Medicine. In case the first course of study has been completed abroad, the candidate is not required to present the equivalence of qualifications from the I.O.A.T.A.P. Even if he/she presents an equivalence, the recognition is still done by the Department of Medicine.

The Department of Medicine is responsible for the academic recognition of qualifications and not for their equivalence. The responsibility for the equivalence of qualifications remains with the IOATAP.

Those who have already applied for or are studying in an MSc, subject to the submission of an individual act of recognition by the D.O.A.T.A.P., are exempted from this obligation and their application or continuation of their studies is examined on the basis of the criteria of the new law.

How to check the general type of first cycle general qualification:

1. the authenticity is certified:
 - 1.1. with the Hague seal,
 - 1.2. by submitting the degree and simultaneously informing the Foreign University of the person concerned. The notification is accompanied by an official email from the University of the foreign country, giving the Secretariat of the respective Academic Department the opportunity to check the authenticity,
2. in case the speciality awarded by the qualification is required, the check is made by its indication on the diploma and the analytical score or the Diploma Supplement,
3. in case we are interested in the grade, we use the mapping with the procedure notified by the IOATAP,
4. the academic recognition concerns only the specific procedure, it is guaranteed by a decision of the Assembly of the Department and is not given to the person concerned. If the candidate wants a relevant certificate, he/she should apply to IOATAP for Equivalence.

For the evaluation and selection of candidates, additional criteria, which are defined by the competent bodies as provided by law, are taken into account.

Article 5 - Number of entrants, criteria and selection process of entrants

The **annual number of students admitted to the MSc "Forensic Medicine, Psychiatric Forensic Medicine"** is set **at a maximum of forty-five (45)** postgraduate students, with priority in the following composition/ratio: (12) from the field of the Schools of Health Sciences (Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine, Pharmacy, Nutrition), (12) from Law, (12) from Security Forces or graduates of Military Schools and (9) graduates of Schools other than the above (Psychology, Social Services) or officers from other social services other than the above.

The minimum number of students admitted to the programme is twenty (20) postgraduate students. **In case of a tie**, the candidates who are tied with the last successful candidate, according to their ranking, will be admitted to the MSc, **until the number (45) is reached**. If there are more candidates with the same total number of points, then the final ranking will take into account the highest grade of the diploma or degree of the first cycle of studies and will be given priority in the following order (as above).

If no applications are received from candidates in any of the above (4) categories, the number of candidates in that category will be distributed among the other categories.

If the annual number (45) of admissions is not filled by the above groups, it may be filled by the other categories of graduates.

In the event of vacancies, the replacement will be carried out, following a recommendation of the Coordination Committee and a decision of the Assembly of the Department concerned, and will be covered, with priority, by graduates of the Schools of Health Sciences (Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine, Pharmacy), Law and the other categories.

Selection is based on the candidates' CVs (evaluation of the supporting documents) and the interview by the Admission Selection Committee. The Committee is appointed by the Assembly of the Department of Medicine of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and consists of the Director of the MSc and two (2) faculty members of the same or related subject belonging to the Board of the MSc.

Each year and by March 1st the Assembly of the Department of Medicine announces how many postgraduate student places are available for the next academic year.

Every year and by the end of June, following the proposal of the Board of the MSc and the decision of the Assembly of the relevant Department, **a notice of these positions is published** and the candidates are invited to submit their applications accompanied by the necessary documents to the Department's Secretariat, either in hard copy or in electronic form. The announcement is published on the website of the Department and of the MSc.

Candidates must submit the following **supporting documents**:

- Application form for participation in the MSc (available in hard copy from the MSc secretariat and in electronic form from the MSc website).
- Short memorandum on the reasons for selection and participation in the MSc.
- A copy of the first cycle of diplomas in Greece or abroad (recognized).
- A curriculum vitae detailing the candidate's studies, any teaching and/or professional experience, scientific and social activity.
- A document proving the candidate's previous experience.
- For the participation of candidates in the selection process of the MSc, knowledge of a foreign language is taken into account, which is certified either by a degree of a corresponding foreign language university department or by possession of at least recognized diplomas of proficiency. The level of language proficiency in a foreign language is demonstrated in the following ways. State Certificate of Language Proficiency (State Certificate of Language Proficiency of the State of Language of the Republic of Cyprus, as replaced by par. 2740/1999) Article 19 of Article 13 of Law No. 2740/1999, as amended by Article 13 of Law No. 2740/1999, as amended by Article 13 of Article 19 of Law No. 2740/1999. 3149/2003, b) A degree in Foreign Language and Literature

or a degree in Foreign Language Translation and Interpreting of the domestic language or equivalent and equivalent foreign language schools, c) A Diploma, undergraduate or postgraduate diploma or doctoral degree of any recognized higher education institution abroad, d) With a diploma equivalent to the Greek Secondary Education Schools, if obtained after at least six years of regular study abroad. The foreign language teaching licence does not prove knowledge of a foreign language (Decree 347/2003). Candidates who hold the relevant licence must provide a certified copy and an exact translation of the diploma on the basis of which the foreign language teaching certificate was issued.

- Photocopy of both sides of your identity card/passport.

For the evaluation of candidates, the following are graded:

- The degree grade (multiplied by a factor of 1, maximum **10** points),
- Recognised postgraduate studies (postgraduate degree 3 points, doctoral degree 7 points, maximum **10** points),
- The oral interview (maximum **30** points).
The oral interview will assess the candidate's scientific training (maximum **10** points), research experience (maximum **10** points), relevant extra-university activity and related scientific interests (maximum **10** points).
- Presentations in Greek conferences (maximum **5** points, 1 point/presentation),
- Papers presented at international conferences (maximum **10** points, 2 points/per paper),
- Publications in Greek journals (5 points/publication, maximum **15** points),
- Publications in international journals (10 points/publication, maximum **30** points),
- Recognised professional experience (5 points/year, maximum **30** points),
- Knowledge of any foreign language, B2 level seven (7) points, C1 level eight (8) points, C2 level nine (9) points, as a native speaker or obtaining a higher education degree from a foreign language university ten (10) points, maximum **ten (10)** points.

The candidates who obtain the most marks in each category will be invited to the **oral interview**.

The maximum mark that candidates can obtain is **150 points**, determined by the above criteria.

The selection criteria described above may be modified following a proposal by the Programme Committee, ratification of the proposal by the Assembly of the Department of Medicine of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and approval by the Senate of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

The **final selection process of the candidates** to the MSc is carried out by the three-member Admission Selection Committee, which is appointed each year by decision of the Department Assembly, following the recommendation of the Board of the MSc, which ranks the candidates based on the total number of credits they have accumulated. The Committee draws up a complete list of all candidates and,

after the relevant check, rejects those who do not meet the minimum criteria set by the Department concerned and invites for an interview, where applicable, the qualified candidates who have met the prerequisites. Once the procedure has been completed (assessment on the basis of the supporting documents and interview), the final list of successful candidates will be drawn up.

The **final list of successful** candidates and any runners-up is confirmed by the Assembly of the Department concerned. The procedure for selecting candidates, issuing the results and registering successful candidates must be completed by 31 January of each academic year.

Objections to the results may be lodged within five (5) working days from the notification of the results, with a written request to the Secretariat of the MSc.

The registration of the successful candidates is carried out upon notification by the secretariat of the MSc within five (5) days, with the submission of any necessary documents.

If you fail to register within the deadline, you will be deemed to have refused to accept the post and it will be filled by the next successful candidate.

Article 6 - Duration and conditions of study in the MSc.

The duration of the course of study leading to the award of the Diploma of Postgraduate Studies is **three (3) semesters** of full-time study, including the preparation of the Postgraduate Thesis.

The programme of each semester course is thirteen (13) weeks long and is developed in one / two / three / four hour lectures per week, in intensive seminars with assignments, depending on the requirements of the course and the choice of the lecturer.

All courses **of** both the 1st and 2nd semester of study are conducted **90% remotely**, through the zoom application and with the use of ICT, with the logistical infrastructure and support of the Electronic Government Centre (E.G.C.) of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. The K.E.D. is the Digital Governance Unit of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki according to article 210 of Law 4957/2022. **10%** of the **courses** are conducted in **person**, depending on the needs of the courses and the lecturers and in special cases, upon the student's choice / acceptance, the student can attend a post-mortem examination / autopsy in the clinics of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (with the student's verbal consent).

Postgraduate students must successfully complete their studies, including the writing of a thesis, by the end of the third semester.

The MSc does not offer the possibility of part-time study.

Only in exceptional cases such as: illness, workload, serious family reasons, military service, reasons of force majeure, may be granted a suspension of studies for up to one year, following a reasoned recommendation of the Board of the MSc and a decision of the Departmental Assembly. Postgraduate

students who have not exceeded the normal duration of study are entitled to the suspension of studies, which is granted upon submission of a fully justified application and may not exceed two (2) consecutive semesters. During the period of suspension, the postgraduate student shall lose his/her student status. The period of suspension shall not count towards the maximum period of regular study. Upon resumption of studies, postgraduate students shall return to the status of regular students with all the rights and obligations provided for in the MSc.

In addition, upon reasoned application and before the completion of the normal period of study, the postgraduate student may apply for ***an extension of studies***, which concerns the completion of studies or the preparation of the postgraduate thesis, up to one (1) year . After the end of the extension of studies, the postgraduate student is removed from the MSc by decision of the Departmental Assembly.

Applications by graduate students for suspension or extension of studies are made before the start of the academic semesters.

For matters of course review in due courses or withdrawals for reasons such as:

- a) insufficient progress of the postgraduate student (documented by lack of participation in the educational process: attendance, examinations),
- b) the manifestation of behaviour that violates academic ethics, such as plagiarism; and
- c) an application by the postgraduate student himself/herself,

the Assembly of the Department, on the recommendation of the Steering Committee, decides on the terms of the review and the reasons for the deletion.

Article 7 - Rights and obligations of attendance - Complaints Management Procedure

Within the framework of the social policy of the MSc, in cooperation with the Department of Medicine, it ensures facilities for postgraduate students with disabilities or special educational needs. Access to examination rooms and teaching laboratories is facilitated by special barriers and special lifts. The buildings of the Department of Medicine have sanitary facilities for people with disabilities. The examinations/presentations of the students who fall into the above case, are conducted either remotely orally or in a room with accessibility for the disabled.

Postgraduate students are enrolled and participate in the MSc under the terms and conditions provided in this Regulation. Postgraduate students have **all the rights**, benefits and facilities provided for students of the first cycle of studies, **except for** the right to free textbooks. The Department of Medicine must ensure facilities for postgraduate students with disabilities and/or special educational needs, in the case of face-to-face education, with more disability-friendly infrastructure and better accessibility in all areas, which facilities promote meritocracy and contribute to the improvement of the quality of the services provided.

There is also provision for people with learning difficulties and disabilities who cannot be examined through the conventional procedure to be examined orally through the platform by a committee composed of the lecturer and two other members of the teaching staff dealing with the same or a related subject.

Postgraduate students admitted to the MSc must:

1. Attend all courses in the curriculum online or face-to-face (if necessary) without interruption. (Attendance/attendance of courses and exercises is compulsory). Exceptions are allowed only for serious and justified reasons. No absences exceeding 20% of the teaching hours of each semester are allowed.
2. To monitor the announcements posted and to regularly check their electronic correspondence, in the context of communication with the Secretariat and the teaching staff of the MSc.
3. Participate in all educational and research activities.
4. Submit the assignments required for each course within the deadlines.
5. Attend exams/public presentations.
6. Submit to the Secretariat, together with their thesis for evaluation, a declaration that no plagiarism is contained in the thesis.
7. Pay the tuition fees within the dates specified (before the beginning of the 1^{ou} and 2^{ou} semester of study).
8. Have settled all their financial obligations, as well as any other obligations to the Foundation, before the swearing-in ceremony. Otherwise, they will not be entitled to take the oath and/or receive the postgraduate diploma.
9. If they have been awarded a scholarship, they should offer their services, if this is foreseen (tutorials, contribution to the library and research and, where necessary, to the services of the University).
10. It is possible to study simultaneously in an undergraduate and a postgraduate programme of study or in two (2) Postgraduate Programmes of Study of the same or another Department of the same or another HEI.
11. Respect and comply with the decisions of the postgraduate institutions and academic ethics. Failure to comply with the above, without documented justification, may result in failure of a course or exclusion from the programme.

Failure to comply with all of the above without a serious and documented justification is grounds for the graduate student's withdrawal from the program.

In the context of strengthening the student-centred educational process, but also the principles of transparency and accountability, the **"Complaints Management Procedure" of the postgraduate**

students of the Department of Medicine of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki **has been adopted**. This procedure concerns all complaints regarding the quality of the educational services provided by the MSc in Medicine and is carried out as follows:

For the recording of complaints and objections of the students of the MSc, the "Complaints Submission Form" is available in printed and electronic form, which the student fills in.

After examining the complaint, the Responsible person takes all necessary actions and informs the institutions of the specific MSc in question.

The Complaints Officer is a member of the teaching staff of the MSc and is appointed at the beginning of the academic year for a period of two years following a proposal of the Steering Committee and approval by the Departmental Assembly.

Article 8 - Programme of Studies - Course Contents - Knowledge Check - Postgraduate Diploma Thesis

The MSc "Forensic Medicine - Psychiatric Forensic Medicine" offers a single programme of study and is structured in two (2) academic semesters of full-time study, while the third semester is the third semester for the postgraduate thesis. **The curriculum includes seven (7) compulsory courses in the first semester and seven (7) compulsory courses in the second semester.** During the course of studies, postgraduate students are required to a) attend and successfully complete the taught courses, b) attend clinical laboratory research and clinical cases (such as pathological anatomical examinations, autopsy), c) prepare a postgraduate thesis which may be a review or a research project.

The academic programme (1^o semester) starts in February of each academic year and ends in June of the following year. During the last two weeks of the first and second semesters, the examinations for the corresponding courses in the curriculum are held. Diploma theses are written in the third semester of each academic year.

The **language of instruction** is Greek and the language of the thesis is Greek or English. All relevant procedures, such as announcements, admission selection procedure, course programme, examination procedure, are carried out in Greek.

In order to obtain the Diploma of Postgraduate Studies (D.M.S.), postgraduate students are required to complete 90 ECTS.

The academic programme of the MSc (1st semester) starts in February of each academic year and ends in June of the following year. During the last two weeks of the first and second semesters, the examinations for the respective courses of the curriculum are held. Diploma theses are written in the third spring semester of each academic year.

All courses of the first and second semester of study are conducted remotely, through the zoom application in 90% and in special cases, in person, in 10%, if deemed necessary by the teaching staff and are registered in **e-learning**, where students of the MSc have access to be informed of lecturers' announcements, educational material, dates and submission of assignments. The entries / settings in e-learning for all the above are made by the respective Director of the MSc.

Indicative curriculum

Semester A (Total 30 ECTS)				
(All courses are compulsory)				
a/a	Course Title	Type of course (compulsory)	Percentage at a distance	ECTS
1	Forensic science - General context - Histology - Pathological anatomy	Y	90 %	4
2	Classification of Psychological Disorders - Biopsychosocial Model	Y	90 %	4
3	Law and Justice Courts and Institutions Management and Response to Violence	Y	90 %	4
4	Theories of Human Behaviour Addictions and Delinquency	Y	90 %	4
5	Sexual Crimes Forensic Science - Forensic Psychiatry of Children and Adolescents - Child Abuse	Y	90 %	6
6	Ethics - Bioethical Medicine	Y	90 %	4
7	Forensic Data - Forensic Violence Endorsement	Y	90 %	4
Semester 2 (Total 30 ECTS)				
(All courses are compulsory)				
a/a	Course Title	Type of course (compulsory)	Percentage at a distance	ECTS
1	Mental Illness - Mental Disorders and Delinquency - Risk-taking	Y	90 %	4
2	Medical error-Medical negligence - Complications	Y	90 %	6

	(per Medical Specialty)			
3	Management and Response to Violence	Y	90 %	4
4	Bodily Injury Forensics and Law Animal Cruelty	Y	90 %	4
5	Personality Disorders - Crime and Aggression Theories	Y	90 %	4
6	Presence in the Court of Justice Expert witness and Trial	Y	90 %	4
7	Research in Forensic Medicine- Psychiatric Forensics Interesting Cases	Y	90 %	4
Third semester (Total ECTS 30)				
a/a	Course Title	Type of work		ECTS
1	Postgraduate Diploma Thesis	Y		30

Course content

First Semester

1. Forensic science - General context - Histology - Pathological anatomy: General and specific Theories Principles of forensic science and related disciplines from theory to practice. Several times, for known or unknown reasons, cells are diverted from their normal function or infected by exogenous agents, resulting in various diseases. These diseases appear with noisy, often noisy, clinical manifestations or are completely silent and the person dies without apparent cause. Worse still, the life cycle is very often interrupted by accidents or by murderous intentional acts.
2. Classification of psychological disorders - Biopsychosocial model: Historical development of Psychiatry, Classification of psychiatric diseases (anxiety disorders, dissociative disorders, delusional disorders, personality disorders, paraphilias, affective disorders, habit and impulse disorders, schizophrenia, schizophrenia, somatoform disorders, phobia, parental alienation syndrome, technological stress, psychosis, psychogenic bulimia, mood disorders in children and adolescents, dementia), Biopsychosocial model.

3. Law and Justice - Courts and Institutions - Management and Response to Violence: Concept and history, elementary distinction of branches of law. Elements of trial and justice system, elements of criminal law. Management and Treatment of Violence (from the pre-trial officer to the courtroom), management and treatment of violence by the forensic scientist, psychiatrist, psychiatrist.
4. Theories of human behaviour - Addictions and delinquency: Behavioural theory, cognitive theory, systems theory, personality theories. Personality disorders - crime and addiction. The drugs and substances with use and action on the human CNS are too many, for hypnotics alone it is to be mentioned that more than 3,000 proprietary preparations have been prepared. For this reason an attempt will be made to separate them into groups by describing their dependencies.
5. Sexual crimes: Forensic - Child and Adolescent Psychiatry - Child Abuse. In the largest number of these cases there is physical abuse that coexists with sexual abuse. Various theories have been developed about sexual aggression and rape. This section will discuss sexual violence (rape, epidemiology, clinical characteristics of individuals who rape, the biological background of individuals with sexual aggression paraphilias, pedophilia-internet, rape early traumatic experiences and delinquency, autistic spectrum disorders, ADHD and delinquency, parenting) the etiology and therapeutic interventions. Involuntary hospitalization.
6. Ethics - Bioethical Medicine: Aristotelian ethics and bioethics in forensic medicine - psychiatric forensics, stigma of mental disorder, general medical ethics and ethics, classical and modern directions in psychiatric ethics, development of psychiatric ethics (modern codes of medical ethics - psychiatric ethics, peculiarities of psychiatric ethics).
7. Forensic Data - Forensic Violence Consideration: Forensic and toxicological data and findings. Issues in Criminology (how crime is presented and how the criminal phenomenon is portrayed, what are the important developments and key research findings on the phenomena of female, male and juvenile delinquency in modern times. Criminology as a predominant field of borderline conflict of psychic forces and potentialities of free human existence), Ethics, Ethics in Forensic Medicine, Psychiatry, Child Psychiatry.

Second Semester

1. Mental Illness - Mental Disorders and Delinquency - Legalization: It is clear that people with mental retardation commit crimes but it is not at all clear whether this is in a higher percentage than the

general population. The male gender is typically responsible for a higher rate of offending than the female gender. In this section we will talk about risk assessment and assessment, positive symptoms and attribution, negative symptoms and attribution, victimization, emotional disorders and offending, PTSD, anxiety disorders, dementia and victimization, sexual offending, arson, self-destructive behaviour, anger and aggression. Freedom of private will as the foundation of legal capacity presupposes the natural capacity of a person to freely form his or her will. Autonomy of private will, free self-determination and the person's capacity to act (legal capacity, legal incapacity, capacity to make a will).

2. Complications - Medical Error - Medical Malpractice by Medical Specialty: Negligence and Error in Medical Practice. In any organized society, human relations and transactions are very often subject to harmful consequences, which may arise from acts or omissions in the exercise of any professional activity, which, depending on the circumstances, may constitute the liability of the professional in our case of the medical practitioner. In such cases, the patient suffers "damage" due to medical error resulting from "negligence" on the part of the practitioner. Many times, however, a complication can also occur that is documented by various scientific organizations and communities for each medical specialty. This section will discuss Complications - Medical Errors - Medical Malpractice by Medical Specialty, each separately from different medical specialties and with examples of specific cases.
3. Management - Dealing with violence: Violence against minors and adults is a widespread phenomenon in all societies. Violence is defined as physical, verbal, sexual, psychological/emotional or emotional injury or damage to the health of a person, neglect and coercion. This section is about the management of violence in the family context. Management in the context of Psychiatric Clinic, Profiling, Terrorism.
4. Bodily Injury - Forensic Medicine and Law - Animal Cruelty. Impulse control disorders and imputation, Somatoform disorders. Blunt, naked, cutting organ injuries and the bodily injuries caused. Examples of forensic cases.
5. Personality Disorders - Crime and Aggression Theories: Antisocial Disorder, Borderline Disorder, Comorbidity - Risk. Psychoanalytic approach (basic principles of the psychoanalytic approach, the instincts of life and death, the structure of the mental apparatus with the distinction between conscious, subconscious and unconscious - analysis of ego defence mechanisms), Neurobiological approach to paranoid spectrum disorders. According to modern taxonomic systems, which

conceptually approach the diagnostic entities (of paranoid schizophrenia, delusional disorder and paranoid personality disorder), genetic data which contain information unique to each individual and his/her psychosynthesis - Hereditary, genetic causes.

6. *Presence in Court - Expert and Trial:* The Role of the Expert Witness at Trial, Imputation/Minor Imputation in Criminal Trial. Drafting an Expert Witness for a Civil Trial. Drafting of Expert Witness in Child Custody Disputes. Drafting of Expert Opinion for drug law cases. Examination and formulation of opinion by an expert. Expert witness: a person capable of giving an opinion on a matter relevant to his or her speciality or expertise. The latter means that you must be an experienced and competent expert with many years of practice in your subject matter. The expert opinion must be based on the adequacy of scientific and technological methods - laboratory tests in this case. As in every case in medicine you start or have to take into account the history of the patient or the deceased.
7. *Research in Forensic Psychiatry - Interesting Cases:* Thesis Writing Guidelines. Presentation of forensic and psychiatric cases with the proviso that their cases have been passed and finalized. Research methodology in forensic medicine.

Knowledge check - Student assessment

The postgraduate student is required to attend all courses every semester. The teaching of the courses consists of an in-depth presentation of specific topics in the field of knowledge, either through development by the instructor, or in the form of an interactive discussion, or through the preparation of papers, or through the development of a research project and/or any other method which, in the judgment of the instructor, may best contribute to the acquisition of scientific knowledge and assist in learning. Postgraduate students of the MSc are required to participate in the programme on a continuous basis. If there are serious reasons which make it impossible for them to attend the course physically, they are allowed to be absent for a maximum of 20% of the teaching hours of the course. Otherwise, the postgraduate student is obliged to attend the course again in the following academic year. This issue is examined by the SC, which gives its opinion to the Departmental Assembly.

The examinations for the courses of the 1^{ou} and 2^{ou} semesters are held in person. However, in cases of emergency or force majeure, examinations may be conducted by electronic means via the zoom platform, provided that the integrity of the assessment process is guaranteed.

In cases of illness, the lecturer is recommended to facilitate the student in any way he/she deems appropriate (e.g. oral or remote examination).

If a postgraduate student fails more than (2) times in the examination of a course or courses and is deemed not to have successfully completed the program, he/she shall be examined, upon his/her request, within a period of ten (10) days from the last day of the examination of the semester in which he/she failed, by a three-member committee of members of the Department's faculty, who have the same or related subject matter to the course under examination and are appointed by the Assembly of the Department. The lecturer responsible for the examination shall be excluded from the committee.

For the final evaluation and grading of the performance of the postgraduate course, the following are taken into account:

a) remote connection/attendance to the course.

b) his/her performance in a test deemed by the teacher, either in oral or written examinations or in a bibliographical or research paper or in a combination of the above.

The grading scale for the evaluation of graduate student performance is defined from zero (0) to ten (10), as follows: Excellent (8.5 - 10), Very Good (7 - 8.49), Good (6 - 6.49). **A passing grade** in the examinations for the MSc courses and the thesis is defined as a **grade** equal to or greater than 6.

Postgraduate Diploma Thesis

The preparation of the Master's Thesis is governed by the Code of Academic Ethics of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Every author or co-creator of any intellectual work is entitled to be referred to and recognized as such, enjoying the property and moral rights/authorities arising from the work. Exceptionally, if the original intellectual creation ("work") is the final output of a paid research project commissioned by an entity outside the UAS, the property rights of the author or co-creators may be limited under the terms of the contract under which the research project in question is commissioned, while the moral rights remain with the author, subject to the contractual restrictions necessary for the exploitation/economic exploitation of the intellectual creation produced.

The **Postgraduate Diploma Thesis** in the MSc "Forensic Medicine - Psychiatric Forensic Medicine" is assigned by the Departmental Assembly, following a recommendation of the Board (after a request by the candidate, on fixed dates, in which the proposed title of the postgraduate thesis, the proposed supervisor and the abstract of the proposed thesis are indicated), which appoints the supervisor of the thesis. At the same time, it shall set up a three-member Examination Committee for the approval of the thesis. The members of the Tripartite Examination Committee may be members of the faculty, lecturers or visiting lecturers (national or foreign) with the same or related scientific specialization as the subject of the MSc.

A change of supervisor can be made in exceptional cases with the request of the supervisor or the postgraduate student to the P.M.S. Committee and a decision of the Assembly of the relevant department.

If the three-member examination committee has been constituted, the supervisor is replaced by one of the remaining members of the three-member committee, otherwise by another member of the faculty with the proposal of the Board of the MSc and the decision of the Assembly of the Department.

The **Master's Thesis** may be a research or systematic review study, up to 40 pages in length, including the Annexes. In both cases, there will be a detailed account of how the specific literature references were selected and the formulation of a specific research question based on the identification of a gap in the literature. Acceptable files are word, PDF and image files. The presentation of the thesis is done with a Power Point type file. Calibri font size 11 and 1.5 font size. The **structure of the thesis** is indicatively as follows:

Cover story

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, School of Health Sciences, Department of Medicine, MSc in Forensic Medicine - Psychiatric Forensics

Job title

full name of student

Thessaloniki, Month, Year

Supervisor (name and capacity)

Members of the Committee (names and capacity)

Summary

Introduction

Main part

Literature review

Methodology

Results

Conclusions

List of references / Bibliography

Annex

The theses are submitted to the elearning platform , where the plagiarism check is carried out.

The writing of the thesis in English is encouraged in order to have the possibility to submit it for publication in a peer-reviewed foreign language journal.

To be approved, a Master's Thesis must meet the **following requirements**:

- a) The topic and content of the thesis must be relevant to the subject of the MSc.
- b) The work must be original.

By decision of the Assembly of the Department it is **possible to extend by one (1) semester the time for the preparation and submission** of the postgraduate thesis. The submitted thesis shall be judged

within three months of its submission at the latest. If this deadline expires, the subject shall be removed from the list and the course of study shall be deemed not to have been completed.

It is not possible to **change the topic of** a candidate, except with the recommendation of the P.M.S. Committee, after a reasoned recommendation of the supervising professor and a decision of the Department Assembly. A change in the topic of a Master's Thesis is a reason for extending the above deadlines only after approval by the Departmental Assembly.

When the preparation and writing of the thesis is completed, it is submitted to the Secretariat of the MSc, with the agreement of the supervising professor that it meets the requirements to be admitted for evaluation and the **date of the oral examination / support is** set by the Board.

The presentation of the Postgraduate Diploma Thesis (M.D.D.) is supported before the Examination Committee on a date and place determined by the Coordinating Committee, with physical presence or online. After its approval by the Examination Committee, it is obligatory to be posted on the website of the relevant School. The postgraduate student may attend the support of the postgraduate thesis provided that he/she has successfully passed the examinations in all courses and has settled the payment of the tuition fees.

The M.D.E. is graded by the supervisor and the two members separately and the grade is communicated to the Secretariat of the MSc. The average of the three graders is the final grade of the M.D.E.

After the support of the M.D.E., a protocol is drawn up in which the individual grade of each member of the Tripartite Examination Committee, the average grade and any comments or remarks are indicated.

If the assessment of the M.D.E. is negative, the postgraduate student may submit his/her thesis incorporating the remarks for its improvement within a period of time determined by the Tripartite Examination Committee. If the second review is negative, the postgraduate student loses the right to be awarded the Diploma of Postgraduate Studies.

The postgraduate student, who has passed all the examinations of the courses and has been successfully evaluated in the presentation of his/her thesis, receives the Master's degree with the title "Forensic Medicine, Psychiatric Forensic Medicine".

The grade of the Diploma of Postgraduate Studies (D.M.S.) is the weighted average of the courses of the P.M.S. The grade of each course and of the Postgraduate Diploma Thesis is calculated, to the second decimal place, in the following way: the grade of each course and of the Postgraduate Diploma Thesis is multiplied by the corresponding number of credit points (ECTS) and the sum of the products is divided by the minimum number of credit points required for the award of the degree.

The mathematical formula is as follows:

Degree of D.M.S. = (Course grade 1 x ECTS of course 1 + Course grade 2 x ECTS of course 2 + ...+ Postgraduate thesis grade x ECTS of postgraduate thesis) / Total number of ECTS.

The mark sheet is submitted to the Secretariat of the MSc immediately after the completion of the evaluation process of the postgraduate students' performance.

The **right to supervise dissertations** is granted to lecturers of the categories described in article 83 of Law No. 4957/2022:

- members of Teaching Research Staff (D.R.P.), Specialised Teaching Staff (S.T.P.), Laboratory Teaching Staff (L.T.P.) and Specialised Technical Laboratory Staff (S.T.L.Specialised Technical and Vocational Staff of the Department or other Departments of the same or another Higher Educational Institution (HEI) or Higher Military Educational Institution (SMEE),
- Emeritus Professors or retired faculty members of the Department of Medicine or other Departments of the same or other universities,
- cooperating teachers,
- appointed teachers,
- visiting professors or visiting researchers,
- researchers and special operational scientists of research and technological institutions of Article 13A of Act No. 4310/2014 (A' 258) or other research centres and institutes in Greece or abroad.

Article 9 - Scholarships

In the MSc "Forensic Medicine - Psychiatric Forensic Medicine", the granting of scholarships to postgraduate students is provided based on academic and objective criteria, following the recommendation of the Board of Directors and the decision of the Department Assembly, as in the following cases:

- Up to (3) scholarships per year, full-time, with 100% tuition fee waiver, in case the Admission Selection Committee considers the candidate's pre-selection interview excellent and the concentration of points is the highest among the candidates, according to the admission requirements.
- A scholarship for excellence, with 50% of the tuition fees waived, will be awarded to a student who completes the first semester of studies in the prescribed time and achieves the highest performance score. In the event of a tie, the scholarship will be awarded to all those with the highest and equal marks.

The conditions of granting, the obligations and rights of the scholarship holders are determined following a proposal by the Board and a decision of the Departmental Assembly.

Article 10 - Teaching Staff of the MSc - Academic Advisor

The teaching work of the Postgraduate Studies Programme (M.Sc.) is assigned, upon recommendation of the M.Sc. Coordinating Committee and decision of the Department Assembly, with additional employment beyond their legal obligations, as the M.Sc. has tuition fees, to the following categories of lecturers:

- Faculty members of the relevant Department and the Departments of Law and Veterinary Medicine of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki as well as faculty members of other universities in Greece, of relevant subject matter.
- Members of the category R.E.P., R.D.I.P. and R.T.E.P. of the relevant Department, holders of a doctoral degree, unless the subject is of exceptional and undeniable specificity for which it is not possible or usual to prepare a doctoral thesis.
- Emeritus and Retired Members of the Faculty.

Taking into account the recommendation of the Director of the MSc, renowned scientists, who possess at least the qualifications required for the election to the position of Assistant Professor in a Higher Educational Institution (HEI) of the country or researcher of the third grade, according to par. 2 of Article 18 of Law No. 4310/2014 (A' 258) or hold a professorship or researcher in a research center, or scientists of recognized prestige or persons with specialized knowledge or relevant experience in the subject of the MSc from the country or abroad.

In any case, the assignment of the teaching of the courses, seminars, lectures and exercises of the MSc is decided by the Assembly of the Department, following the recommendation of the Board.

The obligations of the lecturers include, among other things, the description of the course or lectures, the way of examining the course, the communication with postgraduate students.

The Assembly's decisions on the allocation of teaching work must include the following elements:

- α. the full name of the teacher,
- β. his status,
- γ. the type of teaching work assigned per teacher (course, seminar, lecture), and
- δ. the number of teaching hours per course or seminar or lecture.

It is the obligation of the guest lecturer to adhere to the weekly teaching schedule, as determined by the Board, and to follow the examination and evaluation conditions as described in these Regulations.

Teaching in the MSc is carried out according to the timetable of courses that is drawn up under the responsibility of the Director of the MSc.

Upon the recommendation of the Coordinating Committee of the MSc or the Director and with the decision of the Departmental Assembly, doctoral candidates may be assigned auxiliary teaching work, under the supervision of a professor of the MSc. The auxiliary work is defined as the assistance of the members of the Teaching Research Staff (D.R.S.) in the exercise of their teaching duties, the training of students, the conduct of tutorials, laboratory exercises, the supervision of examinations and the correction of exercises. By decision of the Assembly of the Department, either ancillary work may be assigned or a call for expressions of interest may be published in subjects offered in the Programme of Studies of the MSc.

Lecturers, during the period they are on sabbatical leave or suspension, may provide teaching work for the MSc, if they consider that their programme allows it, provided of course that under the circumstances this is practically and practically feasible, a matter which must be decided by the competent authorities on a case-by-case basis.

Academic Advisor

Upon commencement of the programme, a permanent member of the Teaching and Research Staff of the programme is appointed for each postgraduate student as an Academic Advisor.

Its role is to provide the postgraduate student with the necessary advice to cope with the requirements of the Postgraduate Studies Programme, in the form of meetings at regular intervals and to monitor the progress of the students' studies, to be informed by the lecturers of any persistent absences of students who are their responsibility, and to inform them (through the Secretariat) that such absence may result in failure in the course. In addition, the Academic Advisor will provide assistance with regard to the selection of the postgraduate thesis, taking into account the research interests of the postgraduate student. Postgraduate students are required to contact their academic advisor for any problem that may affect the smooth progress of their studies.

Article 11 - Revenue P.M.S. - Fees - Financial Management Procedure

The resources of the Postgraduate Studies Programmes may come from:

- a. tuition fees,
- b. donations, sponsorships and financial aid of any kind,
- c. legacies,
- d. resources from research projects or programmes, in particular those of the European Union,

- e. own resources of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki,
- f. the state budget and the Public Investment Programme; and
- g. any other legitimate reason.

The income of the MSc in "Forensic Medicine, Psychiatric Forensic Medicine" comes exclusively from the tuition fees.

Tuition fees

A total of four thousand (4,000) € is paid for the study of the MSc. The amount of the tuition fees is set and modified by a decision of the Senate of the relevant Institution. The method of payment may be adjusted by proposal of the Board of the MSc and decision of the Assembly of the relevant Department.

The payment of the tuition fees is made by the students themselves (or by a third natural or legal person on their behalf) to a bank account held by ELKE AUTH, in two equal instalments: The first instalment upon enrolment and the second instalment before the beginning of the second semester. After the payment of the tuition fees, a receipt of payment is issued and the student is informed electronically.

In application of Law 4957/2022, postgraduate students whose income (individual or family income) does not exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the national median equivalent income (70%) are exempted from the tuition fees. The exempted students should not exceed thirty percent (30%) of the total number of students admitted to the P.M.S. and should be for participation in a single P.M.S. If the beneficiaries exceed the above percentage, they are selected in order of ranking starting from those with the lowest income.

Those postgraduate students who meet the criterion of excellence in the first cycle of studies, which corresponds at least to a grade equal to or higher than seven and a half with a perfect score out of ten (7.5/10), are entitled to free tuition due to financial or social criteria. The specific terms and conditions of the right to free study in the MSc programmes are described in the legislation in force and in the decision of the Minister of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports. The exempted students should not exceed the percentage of thirty percent (30%) of the total number of students admitted to the P.M.S. and it concerns participation in only one P.M.S. If the beneficiaries exceed the above percentage, they are selected in order of ranking starting from those with the lowest income.

A decision of the Minister of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports, which is published in the Government Gazette, defines all matters related to the implementation of the law. By a similar decision, the amount corresponding to the national median disposable income equivalent (the individual and seventy percent (70%) of the family income), according to the data of the National Statistical Office, shall be determined annually. The income of the last tax year for which, at the time of selection for the MSc, tax clearance has been completed, in accordance with the provisions of the Income Tax Code, shall be taken into account by the Committee established.

The application for exemption from the tuition fees is submitted by the applicant to the Department, after the completion of the selection process for postgraduate students in the P.M.S. The possibility of exemption from the obligation to pay tuition fees is granted exclusively for the attendance of one (1) MSc programme organised by a domestic higher education institution. The financial situation of a candidate is in no case a reason for not being selected for a MSc.

Financial Management Procedure

The revenue of the MSc is managed by the Special Account for Research Funds of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and is distributed 70% to the operating costs of the programme and 30% to the operating costs of the Foundation.

The operating costs of the MSc include the fees of the lecturers, the visiting professors and those who supervise the theses.

The amount of the fees is determined after the decision of the Director of the MSc and in accordance with the rules governing the H.L.C.E. of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki regarding contracts for the remuneration of the staff of the Institution, external collaborators, etc.

The resources of the MSc are distributed as follows:

- α. An amount corresponding to thirty percent (30%) of the total income from tuition fees is withheld by the E.L.K.E. This amount includes the percentage of the withholding in favour of the E.L.K.E. for the financial management of the P.M.S.L.L.K.E. is transferred to the regular budget or is allocated for the creation of projects/programmes through the L.L.K.E. in order to cover, on a priority basis, the needs of P.M.S. that operate without tuition fees and to cover the research, educational and operational needs of the U.E.I. The income of the P.M.S. of paragraphs b) to d) of par. 1 shall be subject to the same deduction in favour of the National Research Council as is applicable to revenue from the corresponding funding sources,
- β. the remaining amount of the total income of the MSc is allocated to cover the operating costs of the MSc.

Article 12 - Administrative support - technical and logistical infrastructure

The Department of Medicine of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki has extensive experience in the organization and operation of postgraduate programmes and undertakes the administrative and technical support of this MSc. The secretarial support of the administrative operation of the MSc is provided by the Secretariat - MSc Office of the Department of Medicine of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

In case the existing administrative staff is not sufficient, the employment of external collaborators in the Secretariat of the MSc is foreseen, in order to handle the needs of the operation of the MSc. The Secretariat of the MSc is responsible for the registration of students, the maintenance of grades, the evaluation of lecturers, the maintenance of attendance records per course, the awarding of degrees, certificates and attestations and deals with current issues concerning lecturers, postgraduate students, communication with the various administrative services and collaborating institutions as well as issues of promotion and promotion of the objectives of the programme.

The technical support for the operation of the distance learning program is provided centrally by specialized technical staff of the Electronic Governance Center of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, the existing technical staff of the General Directorate of Technical Services and Computerization of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the technical staff of the Department of Medicine of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

For the implementation of the teaching of the courses of the MSc "Forensic Medicine - Psychiatric Forensic Medicine" the existing building and logistical infrastructure of the Department of Medicine of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki is used. The observation of clinical cases is carried out upon selection / acceptance of the students with physical presence in the facilities of the Laboratory of Forensic Medicine <https://www.med.auth.gr/content/ergastirio-iatrodikastikis-kai-toxikologias> (Government Gazette of foundation no. 94.21.4.1942), is under the supervision of the lecturers and includes the analysis of the relevant cases.

Article 13 - Graduation Ritual

The oath is not a constituent type of successful completion of studies, but it is a necessary condition for the award of the written title of the diploma. The graduation takes place within the framework of the Faculty Assembly, in the presence of the Director of the MSc, the President of the Department, the Dean of the Faculty or his/her deputy and according to the availability of the Rectorial Authorities of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

Postgraduate students, who have successfully completed the MSc, in exceptional cases (studies, residence or work abroad, health reasons, etc.), can apply to the Secretariat of the School/Department for exemption from the obligation to be specified.

Article 14 - Type of Diploma (D.M.S.)

The Diploma of Postgraduate Studies is a public document, **entitled "Forensic Medicine - Psychiatric Forensic Medicine"** and is awarded to students by the Department of Medicine of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

The Diploma is issued by the Secretariat of the MSc. The Diploma includes the Department of Medicine of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the Foundation, the emblem of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, the date of completion of the studies, the date of issue of the Diploma, the graduation protocol number, the title of the MSc, the details of the postgraduate student and the evaluation classification Good, Very Good, Excellent.

The graduate of the Diploma of Postgraduate Studies may be granted, before the award, a certificate of successful completion of the programme.

In addition to the Diploma of Postgraduate Studies, a Diploma Supplement [article 15 of Law 3374/2005 and Y.A. Φ5/89656/BE/13-8-2007 (Government Gazette 1466 Vol.B)] is issued, which is an explanatory document that provides information on the nature, level, general educational framework, content and status of the studies that have been successfully completed and does not replace the official degree or the detailed course grades awarded by the institutions.

Article 15 - Plagiarism

When submitting any postgraduate thesis, the postgraduate student is required to indicate whether he/she has used the work and opinions of others, as well as the bibliography in accordance with the standards of a scientific paper.

Copying is considered serious academic misconduct. Plagiarism is considered copying someone else's work, as well as using someone else's work - published or not - without proper attribution. The citation of any documentary material, even from the candidate's own studies, without proper reference, may constitute grounds for a decision by the Departmental Assembly to remove the candidate from the course.

In the above cases - and after a reasoned recommendation of the supervising professor, the Assembly of the Department may recommend and decide on his/her deletion.

The course lecturers **check** either in the **Turnitin** platform **or in e-learning** all the submitted student assignments for plagiarism rates, in order to decide and grade them.

Any misconduct or violation of academic ethics is referred to the Coordinating Committee of the MSc for judgment and recommendation for addressing the problem to the Department Assembly. Offences of copying or plagiarism and, in general, any violation of the provisions on intellectual property by a postgraduate student during the writing of coursework or the preparation of a postgraduate thesis are also considered as offences.

For violations of ethical rules and quality of studies, the Ethics Committee of the Foundation is responsible.

Article 16 - Certification - Evaluation of the P.M.S.

After the adoption of the decision to establish a MSc and before the start of its operation, the accreditation of the MSc by the National Authority for Higher Education (NEA) is required, in accordance with paragraph c) of par. 1 of article 8 of Law No. 4653/2020 (A' 12). After their establishment, the P.M.S. are periodically accredited, according to sub-paragraph bb) of paragraph b) of Article 8 of Article 8 of the Law 4653/2020 (A' 12). 1 of Article 8 of Law No. 4653/2020, in the context of the evaluation of the academic unit to which they are affiliated.

In case the foundation decision is amended, a re-certification of the MSc is required by the N.I.A.A.E., if the amendment concerns elements such as the subject matter, the purpose of the programme, the learning outcomes and the qualifications acquired through successful completion of the programme, as well as the specialisations that award a different diploma.

For the MSc "Forensic Medicine - Psychiatric Forensic Medicine" the Department of Medicine of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki undertakes the administrative support and is evaluated in the framework of the periodic evaluation/ accreditation of the academic unit by the National Authority for Higher Education. In particular, the overall assessment of the work performed in the MSc, the degree of fulfillment of the objectives set at its establishment, its sustainability, the absorption of graduates in the labour market, the degree of its contribution to research, the internal evaluation by postgraduate students, the feasibility of extending its operation, as well as other elements related to the quality of the work produced and its contribution to the national strategy for higher education are evaluated.

If, during the evaluation stage, the MSc is deemed not to meet the conditions for its continued operation, its operation is completed with the graduation of the already registered students in accordance with the founding decision and the regulations for postgraduate and doctoral programmes of study.

Internal Evaluation of the PMO

In order to ensure and improve the quality of the MSc, the Quality Assurance Unit of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Quality Assurance Unit - Aristotle University of Thessaloniki) carries out a periodic internal evaluation of the MSc within the framework of the Internal Quality Assurance System of the Institution and in accordance with the instructions and guidelines of the H.A.A.E.

The obligations of the Management Bodies and the lecturers of the MSc include all the procedures foreseen, based on the instructions and guidelines of the MOHIP-AUTH for the internal and external evaluation and accreditation of the Programmes of Studies and the academic units.

Evaluation of teachers and courses by students

With the sole purpose of improving the level of studies of the MSc and with absolute assurance of anonymity, students are invited to evaluate the courses and the lecturers of each semester.

For the sake of uniform statistical data and the possibility of drawing conclusions that can be used for the educational work of the Departments and the Foundation as a whole, the evaluation questionnaires are prepared by the MODIP and may be partially differentiated, based on the particular characteristics and needs of each academic unit and/or each course. They are completed electronically.

The evaluation is carried out under the responsibility of the Internal Evaluation Team (IEG) of the Department concerned, in collaboration with the Department of Internal Evaluation of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, and is carried out through the Quality Management System (QMS) of the latter. The Administration and the Department's OMA must take systematic steps to encourage students to participate in the assessment, in accordance with the guidelines of the OMA and the relevant decisions of the Senate.

The QM.E.A. of each Department monitors, through the Quality Management System (QMS), the degree of student participation in the evaluation process, analyses the relevant results and informs the Management Bodies of the MSc and the respective academic unit. The evaluation questionnaires relate to each taught course and to each lecturer individually.

The administrative bodies of the MSc and the academic unit, in cooperation with the respective O.M.E.A., must study the results of the evaluation, announce their findings, decide to publish the summary results of the evaluation, when necessary and in any case after the announcement of the grades of the courses of the semester, in accordance with the current legislation on the protection of personal data, and undertake actions to address any problems or improve the MSc.

Article 17 - Guide of the MSc.

The MSc publishes a Guide to Studies in Greek and/or English in order to inform postgraduate students about its operation. It is published on the website of the Department and of the MSc and is updated. The Study Guide includes:

1. General Information as well as useful electronic information about the Institution and the Department, especially about administrative services or collective bodies that the postgraduate student can contact for the successful completion of his/her studies.
2. The purpose, the subject of the MSc and the qualifications acquired after the award of the Diploma of Postgraduate Studies (D.M.S.).
3. The academic calendar, which includes the start and end dates of academic semesters, examination periods, holidays, periods for the presentation of postgraduate theses and any other obligations such as seminars, conferences, etc.
4. The course programme, the credit units, the conditions of attendance, the teaching staff, the rights and obligations of postgraduate students.
5. The official language of teaching and preparation of the postgraduate thesis.
6. The administration of the MSc.
7. Databases.
8. Use of the Library, Clinics and Laboratories of the Department of Medicine, depending on the needs of the courses of the MSc.
9. Learning outcomes and qualifications, after graduation.
10. Services provided by the Institution to postgraduate students.

Article 18 - Transitional arrangements

Any issue that arises during the operation of the MSc, which is not covered by the relevant legislation or the Regulations for Postgraduate Studies, is dealt with by decisions of collective bodies, by amending the Regulations.