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## Organization and Structure of the Department

The Department of Philosophy and Social Studies was established in 1983. It consists of two Divisions: the Division of Philosophy and the Division of Theory and Methodology of Social Sciences.

## Contact information

[http://www.fks.uoc.gr/\\_pw/en/administration/](http://www.fks.uoc.gr/_pw/en/administration/) <sup>[1]</sup>

## Study Programme Overview

### Undergraduate Studies Programme

Programme of Philosophy and Social Studies

### Admission procedures

Students are admitted to the Department according to the standard procedures for entry into the Higher Education State Institutions, as these are determined by the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs. Students who already hold a Bachelors degree may also be admitted to the Department through a process of written examination administered by the Department.

### Official Duration of Programme

Eight (8) academic semesters.

### Attendance

Full attendance. One academic year of full studies corresponds to 60 ECTS, while one academic semester of full studies corresponds to 30 ECTS.

### Division - Specification

The Programme provides two areas of specialisation:

- Specialisation in Philosophy

- Specialisation in Theory and Methodology of Social Sciences

## Requirements for Graduation

To complete the Programme students need to complete 240 ECTS. In particular, to obtain the Degree in Philosophy and Social Studies students need to attend and complete successfully 42 courses, compulsory and free-choice (or 46 courses, including Foreign Language courses for those students that do not hold a Proficiency in a Foreign Language). Students may opt for an undergraduate thesis (corresponds to three courses) and/or practical training (it corresponds to one course).

## Course Classification

Courses are divided in lecture-type, seminars, and reading-exercise classes, with the last ones attended only by the students of the Philosophy Division. Seminars and reading-exercise classes are open to students who have completed at least 4 semesters of study and attendance is compulsory.

## Course structure diagram with credits

Type of Courses	No. of Courses	ECTS Credits	ECTS total/Type of Courses
Lecture Type	36	5	180
Seminars/ Reading -Exercise	6	10	60
Foreign languages*	4	2	8*
Total	42 or 46		240 (minimum)

\*ECTS for Foreign Languages are not counted in the minimum total credits required for graduation.

## Educational, research and professional goals

The fundamental purpose of the Department is to promote the study of Philosophy and the Social Sciences both on their own right and in their interconnections, through high-level research and teaching in both academic fields. The curriculum has been designed so as to grant its students broad knowledge in the humanities and the social sciences, as well as to acquaint them with a range of different research methodologies and equip them with strong research skills. This cause is further promoted through a lively program of research events, including seminars and colloquia throughout the academic year as well as frequent international workshops and conferences. Graduates of the Department can find employment in Secondary Education, in Libraries and Archives, in Research Centres, in the Media, in the Public Sector etc.

## Student Coursework Evaluation

There are three examination periods, i.e. in January, June and September. According to the type of course attended, examinations may be written, oral, written and oral or presentation and submission

of an essay.

### Rescoring:

Students may take additional courses to replace successfully completed courses, the grades of which they may consider unsatisfactory. However, the replacement course needs to be a different course (i.e. a course having a different code) from the one it replaces.

## Grading system and requirements for students' graduation

The grading system is structured as follows: Excellent (from 8.50 to 10), Very good (from 6.50 to 8.49), Good (from 5 to 6.49), Fail (from 0 to 4.99). A student graduates once s/he has successfully completed all courses that are specified by the curriculum as necessary for obtaining the degree.

## Degrees

Bachelor Degree in Philosophy and Social Studies – Specialisation in Philosophy

Bachelor Degree in Philosophy and Social Studies – Specialisation in Theory and Methodology of Social Sciences

## Access to further studies

Graduates of the Department can continue their studies in a Postgraduate Studies Programme, in Greece or abroad. The Department offers two MA Programmes: (i) *Philosophy: Science, Values and Society*, and (ii) *Culture, Education and Human Development*. In addition, it administers a Joint Postgraduate MA Programme in *Bioethics* (in co-operation with the Departments of Biology, Medicine, Sociology of the University of Crete and the School of Law of the University of Athens). It is also one of the collaborating Departments in the interdisciplinary MA Programme *Brain and Mind*, administered by the Department of Medicine of the University of Crete. Doctoral Degrees (Ph.D.) are also offered in all the above fields.

## Indicative Curriculum

### 1. BASIC COURSES (MANDATORY AND COMPULSORY ELECTIVE COURSES)

Courses	Number of Courses		ECTS per Course	Total Units per Course Category
	Mandatory	Compulsory Elective		
Lecture Courses	14	10	5	120
Foreign Languages*	4		2	8

## 1. SPECIALIZATION COURSES (COMPULSORY ELECTIVE COURSES)

Courses	Number of Courses		ECTS per Course	Total Units per Course Category
	Philosophy Division	Theory and Methodology of Social Sciences Division		
Lecture Courses	6		5	30
Seminars	3	6	10	60
Reading Exercise Courses	3	-		

## 1. FREE CHOICE COURSES

Courses	Number of Courses	ECTS per Course	Total Units per Course Category
Lecture Courses	6	5	30
Total	42 or 46		240 **

\*Students with a certification of proficiency in the foreign languages offered by the Faculty are not required to attend the corresponding courses.

\*\* *ECTS for foreign languages are not counted.*

## Student mobility

Students of the Department can conduct part of their studies in other European higher education Institutions through the Erasmus programme. The Department currently collaborates, at undergraduate and postgraduate level, with akin departments of 36 European Universities. For further information, see: [http://www.fks.uoc.gr/\\_pw/en/erasmus/](http://www.fks.uoc.gr/_pw/en/erasmus/) [2]

## Internships

Students of the Department have the opportunity of practical training through the Programme of Internship. For more information contact Prof. Katerina Dalakoura: [praktiki@fks.uoc.gr](mailto:praktiki@fks.uoc.gr) [3]

## Financing and other opportunities for Undergraduate students

Scholarships and prizes are awarded to undergraduate students by the State Scholarships Foundation (IKY), for which information is provided by the Department's Secretary. Students can also be informed by the Careers and Liaison Office of the University for those scholarships and awards which are offered by individuals and institutions intermittently and are available in a running academic year.

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