

STUDY REGULATION



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PREAMBLE

This Regulation was approved by the decision of the 182nd/29-12-2023 Meeting of the Assembly of the Department of Sports Organization and Management and are posted in the "STUDENTS" section of the website of the MSc (<https://sportjournalism.uop.gr>):

1. ACADEMIC PROFILE OF THE MSc

1.a. Subject analysis

The cognitive object "Contemporary Sports Communication, Journalism and Photojournalism" refers both to the general scientific field of sports communication in the context of the operation of sports clubs, federations, governmental and intergovernmental organizations, and to the more specific field of sports journalism and photojournalism which in the modern labor market may operate as a single or as distinct fields. The main objective of the programme is to promote knowledge and develop research in the specific scientific fields and in the related disciplines of Sport Management and New Technologies. The present programme, through specialized teaching, the research work of students under the supervision of the lecturers and the transfer of experience on behalf of professionals in the market who have received high distinctions in their field, aims to prepare executives with excellent education, capable of promoting academically and professionally the development of the above subject in Greece and internationally.

In particular:

1) In the area of "sport communication", the programme aims at the acquisition by postgraduate students of academic knowledge and professional skills in a series of intrinsic functions of discourse and socially determined semiotic systems that shape the public and private spheres in sport. In the international literature, Communication is among the basic tools of Sports Management and Olympism and is linked both to the Micro-environment of sports and Olympic organizations (financial resources, natural resources, technological resources, human resources) and to their Macro-environment (Economy, Technology, Culture, Political Environment, Globalization, Demographic factors). Particular emphasis is placed on Knowledge as an intangible capital for the sport organisation or business, as well as on the ways in which the Internet can be used to create the necessary internal and external leverage that will lead to the transformation of Knowledge, information and interactions through the web into Knowledge Assets for organisations and businesses and through them to the formation of Knowledge Capital, which is an intangible capital of organisations and businesses. Sport communication' also deals, among other things, with (a) the structuring of psychosocial relationships in order to implement more effective methods of communication between athletes, coaches and those directly involved in sport, (b) the personality of the athlete and coach, (c) the role of communication and the media in the formation of sporting norms, (c) the role of Communication and Media in the formation of sporting images, the role of

Sport, the role of Communication and Media in the formation of sporting norms, quality of life through sport, body image and sporting behaviour (an area linked to the sporting violence aspect); (d) the theories of motivation in sport; (e) the psychological management by the athlete of the social image of the athlete formed by the media and the set of expectations they foster for his/her performance, (f) the psychological factors which influence the perception and work of sports editors; (g) the legal framework for the organisation and management of sport; (h) the institutionalisation of specific sports programmes for individual social groups, i) the framework for the exercise of the profession of sports editor/reporter in sports venues through the regulation of issues related to journalistic coverage (management of the athlete's image, protection of personality and personal data, violence, doping, etc.); and j) the multiple dimensions of the 'sports industry' which Forester (2009) classifies into three categories: Performance, Production and Promotion.

2) In the field of sports journalism and photojournalism, the programme aims at the acquisition of academic knowledge and the development of professional skills for the production, collection, textual formulation and presentation/distribution of sports material for the media. This material can be published in sports, political, economic and varied newspapers and magazines in the country, and/or promoted in electronic media (TV, radio) and/or distributed using new Information and Communication Technologies on websites of traditional media companies, websites of news companies operating exclusively on the Internet, web TV, web radio, news agencies, digital platforms, podcasts, etc.

The program also aims at acquiring academic knowledge and forming professional skills for communicating with targeted audience groups through Social Media, using online tools to check and validate the journalistic product and identify altered videos, photos and news (fakenews), journalistic coverage of major sporting events (Megaevents), the journalistic performance of the content of official and unofficial statements and positions on issues concerning sports and the wider sports environment as well as in the formation of modernly qualified executives of the Press and Public Relations Offices of the Sports and Olympic Organizations.

1.b. Academic orientation

The MSc is committed to providing high quality higher education to its students in the fields of Contemporary Sports Communication, Journalism and Photojournalism and the related communication sciences and disciplines of Sports Science and New

Technologies. The Programme is aligned with the International Federation of Journalists (FIJ) Charter of Ethics as amended in 2019.

The orientation of the MSc is:

- 1) educator, as the cognitive subject is oriented to the new forms of sports communication, journalism and photojournalism, as they are formed in the modern digital environment which gives sports events a Multimedia and Hypermedia character, as the viewer can watch them through the tablet, smartphone or other portable computer and draw information in a non-linear way. The new digital environment has changed the organisation and operation of the media and the work of journalists and photojournalists accordingly, as it requires the combination of print, digital and mobile in the production and distribution of news content, with a high speed of dissemination (many recipients in real time) and simultaneous appeal to the cognitive and emotional receptions of the recipients (readers, viewers, listeners, users). In the new, ever-changing landscape, both traditional media and new media are constantly redefining their role and their interface with other media. Already, in major sporting events such as the Olympic Games, but also in major leagues, social media and new media platforms either buy TV rights directly from the organisers, or cooperate with TV stations that have already acquired them. Finally, the digital environment has given rise to new forms of journalism already used in sport, such as robot journalism or algorithmic journalism, drone journalism, data journalism, citizen journalism, etc. The above changes in the media are naturally shaping new forms of communication for athletes, teams, sports organisations and international bodies. Similar changes are also observed in the field of photojournalism as the application of new technologies in sports communication and the media changes the word of the image, increases professional competition and shapes the need for modern forms of photojournalism (production of journalistic text and photography by the same producer of news content).
- 2) scientific, as the proposed MSc aims to meet current and urgent needs for the preparation of well-trained executives capable of promoting the development of the above subject in Greece and internationally, through specialized teaching, research work of students under the supervision of the lecturers and the transfer of experience on behalf of market professionals who have been highly distinguished in their field. It offers a holistic approach to the subject of Communication, Journalism and Photojournalism in Sport through the development of individual fields of knowledge such as the writing and management of sports content for print and electronic media, modern forms of sports journalism and communication (multimedia, social media, data journalism, robotic journalism, etc.), photojournalism, digital platforms for sports

broadcasting, journalistic coverage of sports events and mega events and the social responsibility of betting media. In addition to the core courses, students are offered the opportunity to choose courses from the subject areas of Law, Economics, Organisation and Management, Volunteering, Ethics in Sport and Statistics in Sport.

3) professional, as in recent years in Greece and internationally, there is an increased demand for professionals with specialized knowledge and skills both in the field of sports journalism and more broadly in the field of sports communication. The aim of the proposed MSc is to meet the above mentioned needs of the Greek sports communication and media market, which in fact has specific characteristics in relation to the corresponding communication and media markets in the rest of Europe. The most basic of these is that, apart from the increased need for sports editors to staff the sports sections of the media, there is a large number of pure sports media in relation to the population of the country. In particular, the Greek pure sports media market currently includes:

- 5 daily sports newspapers in Athens
- 1 daily sports newspaper in Thessaloniki
- 4 betting weekly newspapers in Athens
- 2 exclusively sports radio stations in Athens
- 2 exclusively sports radio stations in Thessaloniki
- 3 exclusively sports TV stations with TV rights to domestic and international competitions (ERT HD, Nova, Cosmote)
- Many exclusively sports websites all over Greece.

A second important peculiarity of the Greek labour market is the high degree of involvement of sports players in the ownership of large media. The identification of high-level sports players with the ownership of large media has resulted in sports content increasingly occupying "space" in the informational content of all media. On the contrary, in the general field of sports communication, very few sports organisations and businesses in Greece make satisfactory use of digital possibilities for the formulation of their communication policy, the shaping of their positive image and the fulfilment of their social obligations. Therefore, the gradual adaptation to the digital communication environment is a continuous challenge for Greek sports organisations and businesses.

The present postgraduate programme aims to meet these specific needs. The MSc provides the possibility of choices that allow each student to develop the desired learning direction, according to his/her interests, inclinations and abilities in modern rapidly evolving subjects.

1.c. Interdisciplinary fields that make up the subject matter of the MSc

The interdisciplinary fields that make up the cognitive object of "Contemporary Sports Communication, Journalism and Photojournalism" are Communication and Media, Sports Administration, Sports Marketing, Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), Sports Law, Sports Governance and Mediation, Economics, Sociology of Sport and Statistics in Sport.

1.d. Link to the subject matter of the undergraduate curriculum of the Department of Sports Organisation and Management

The present MSc is fully linked to the curriculum of the Department of Sport Organisation and Management and the single-disciplinary School of Human Movement and Quality of Life Sciences. Communication in its general dimension but also in the more specific one of Journalism and Photojournalism, not only constitutes a basic pillar of modern sport but has also completely transformed in our times its organizational, administrative, aesthetic and ethical function. Based on the above, the Department of Sports Organization and Management has included Communication and Journalism courses in both the undergraduate curriculum and the other MSc courses offered by the Department. In particular:

-at the undergraduate level, the course "Journalism and Media in Sport" is a compulsory 4th semester course, which with the new Curriculum approved by the Department's Assembly will be offered from the next academic year as a compulsory 7th semester course.

-at undergraduate level, the course "Public Relations in Sport", which is also linked to communication and the use of the media, is a compulsory 4th semester course. With the new Curriculum approved by the Department's Assembly, it will be offered from the next academic year as a compulsory 4th semester course entitled "Communication, Advertising and Public Relations in Sports Management".

-at undergraduate level, the course "Communication and Writing Skills" is an optional course for students in the 5th and 7th semesters. With the new Curriculum approved by the Department's Assembly, it will be offered from the next academic year as a 5th and 7th semester free elective course entitled "Professional Communication and Creative Writing Skills".

-at postgraduate level : The course "Promotion, Communication and Public Relations in Sport" is taught as a compulsory course in the MSc of the Department of "Organisation and Management of Sports Organisations and Enterprises".

-at postgraduate level, the course "Communication and Public Relations" is taught as an elective course in the MSc of the Department "Organisation and Management of Sports Activities for People with Disabilities".

Based on the above, the MSc "Contemporary Sports Communication, Journalism and Photojournalism" actively contributes to the realization of the main objectives of the Department of Sports Organization and Management and the School of Human Movement and Quality of Life Science, which are: (a) to promote knowledge in the fields of sport science and the organization and management of sport institutions; (b) to provide students with the necessary skills to ensure their excellent training for a scientific and professional career, c) to organize postgraduate studies leading to the training of scientists with specialized knowledge in individual subjects of the Department, d) to contribute to the production of scientists capable of undertaking the organization and management of private and public institutions and businesses at national and international level. By achieving its objectives, the MSc contributes to the completion of the social, cultural and developmental goals of the University of Peloponnese related to the scientific areas of Humanities and Economics and Management Sciences.

2. CURRICULUM

2.a. Courses

The design of the Curriculum is based on the epistemological and scientific developments in the fields of the subjects treated by the Department as well as on the Curricula of other relevant postgraduate programmes in the international educational map.

According to the Regulations of the MSc compulsory courses are the following. a) Production and management of sports content for media, b) Modern forms of sports journalism and communication through Web, c) Categorization and description of sports, d) Betting Press, e) Research methodology, f) Digital platforms and new forms of sports broadcasting, g) Narrative Techniques and Photojournalism in Sports, h) Press and Public Relations Office organization in sports and Olympic organizations. The following are offered as free elective courses: a) Sports Law, b) Economics of Sport, c) Marketing in Sport, d) Sports Management, e) Mediation and Volunteer Management in Sports Organizations and Bodies, f) Statistics in Journalism. Since the current academic year, two courses in English are also offered as free electives: a) "Politics and Media Freedom in Global Sports" and b) "Special Topics in Sport Communication and Media". Finally, as a compulsory elective course, a 750-hour Internship is offered, which students can choose instead of the Postgraduate Diploma Thesis.

2.b. Added Learning Outcomes

The learning process within the framework of this MSc has the central aim to connect the student with the sports world and to constitute at the same time a personal and social experience. Learning outcomes are achieved when students can demonstrate that they know something they did not know before attending this programme of study or when they can accomplish something they could not accomplish before attending. In the context of this MSc, learning outcomes are measurable both for the overall programme and for the specific courses taught, and refer to the acquisition of knowledge-skills, competences and attitudes by students.

At the level of Knowledge (combination of understanding and application), students will be able, when they complete the MSc, to :

- apply innovative methods of communication in the modern sports environment, applying modern concepts, techniques and methods of content formatting,
- organise the internal and external communication of a sports body/organization/business on the basis of the principles of Knowledge management, using New Technologies,
- develop the cooperation of the sports body/organization/business with the media, using traditional and New Media,
- They highlight important news based on a set of appropriate rules and techniques, depending on the objective weight of the information provided,
- use modern techniques for writing written, broadcast and online sports text, applying the new forms of journalistic writing,
- produce and distribute sports news/information content in print, electronic or digital format, using modern communication tools,
- Compose sports material for the press, television, radio and new media (internet), using different types of creative writing,
- Participate in the organisation and control of television and radio productions, based on the requirements of the live or filmed show/event and the production specifications,
- Participate in the development of a website, using Information and Communication Technologies (ICT),
- highlight innovative functions of digital platforms for the production and distribution of informative sports product, through the tools offered by Knowledge management,
- analyse the new forms of journalism that are emerging through the development of New Technologies (multimedia, social media, data journalism, robotic journalism), using relevant examples from the international media,
- use techniques for the effective use of the different semiotic systems of traditional media and New Media, by familiarizing students with different semiotic systems and forms of multimodal texts,
- check the validity of photography and animation in sport, using the online news and photo validity checking services,
- highlight the institutional framework for the organisation and operation of betting media as well as the ethics governing their operation, underlining the social,

economic, political, sporting and legal dimensions of their content,

- produce and distribute multimodal sports texts for different media categories, using new writing, audio and video technologies,
- cover major sporting events (Mega events) through the use of modern tools for on-site and remote journalistic coverage,
- Apply effective combinations of print, digital and mobile in the production and distribution of news and other informative sports content, using new technologies.
- discuss AI issues in media and journalism through the use of case studies.

At the Competences/Skills level (transfer of acquired knowledge to new situations and problem solving)

Upon completion of the MSc, graduates will be able to :

- search, analyse and synthesise data and information, using appropriate technologies,
- design and manage innovative cognitive tools for the production and distribution of sports news/information content,
- develop creativity in the context of teamwork,
- organise their work in an international/global environment,
- adapt academically and professionally to modern standards,
- develop leadership skills in a sports environment and sports media,
- implement projects in an interdisciplinary environment,
- generate new research ideas in the broader field of sports communication and media,
- cultivate critical competence on major issues concerning the relationship between media and sport,
- highlight in an effective way social, legal, ethical and other issues related to the collection of journalistic data,
- operate digital tools to control fake news,
- participate in the organisation and control of television, radio and internet productions, using Information and Communication Technologies,

- staff the press offices of sports and Olympic organisations, using modern models for the organisation and operation of organisational departments.
- implement crisis communication management programmes in sports organisations, in cooperation with the management, using modern Crisis Management tools.
- organise and implement Corporate Social Responsibility programmes of Sports Organisations and Enterprises.

Tension Level

Upon completion of the MSc, graduates will be able to :

- They develop self-critical attitudes and behaviour as well as healthy perceptions as transmitters, channels and receivers of the sports product produced,
- support clean/ethical sports field,
- highlight and respect ethics,
- choose ethical behaviour in the exercise of their duties,
- adopt ethical attitudes in the event of ethical dilemmas,
- respect diversity and multiculturalism in accordance with the fundamental principles of Olympism,
- promote free, creative and deductive thinking in the synthesis and analysis of data and information relating to sporting events,
- encourage media coverage of the Corporate Social Responsibility programmes of sports organisations,
- reject practices that are not consistent with the professions of the broader field of communication, journalism and public relations, such as the concealment (total or partial) of the truth, the distortion of information and news, etc.
- respect the personality of the parties involved in the sporting process and their colleagues,
- cooperate constructively with other specialist groups involved in the formulation, formatting and distribution of information and news material, depending on the professional environment,
- adopt policies to protect vulnerable groups and minors from gambling,
- take initiatives through their work against gambling addiction,

- support actions against match-fixing
- promote the rights of people with disabilities to equal access to sport

3. DURATION OF STUDY

3.1 Maximum period of study

The MSc starts in the spring semester of each academic year according to the provisions of its founding decision.

The normal duration of study for the award of the Diploma of Postgraduate Studies (M.Sc.) is set at three (3) academic semesters, which includes the time required for the preparation and submission for examination of the Master's Thesis (M.Sc.) or, alternatively, the conduct of an internship.

There is the possibility of an extension, following a reasoned request by the student and approval by the Assembly, which does not exceed half of the normal duration of the MSc (9 months).

In particular, in cases of serious health reasons relating to the student or a first-degree relative by blood or marriage or a person with whom the student has entered into a cohabitation agreement, an extension beyond the above limit may be granted.

3.2. Part-time attendance

The possibility of partial attendance is given after a reasoned application by the postgraduate student and approval by the Assembly, the duration of which may not exceed twice the normal duration of the specific programme.

For part-time students, each semester shall count as half an academic semester. Such students may not register for and take more than half of the courses in the semester provided for in the programme of study.

The following are eligible to apply for part-time study:

(a) students who can prove that they are working at least twenty (20) hours per week,

b) students with disabilities and special educational needs,

c) students who are parallel athletes and during their studies belong to sports clubs registered in the electronic register of sports clubs of article 142 of Law. 4714/2020 (A' 148), kept at the General Secretariat of Sports (G.G.A.) under the following conditions:

ca) for as many years occupy distinction 1st to 8th place in national championships individual sports with the participation of at least twelve (12) athletes and eight (8)

clubs or competing in groups of two (2) higher categories in team sports or participate as members of national teams in European championships, world championships or other international competitions under the Greek Olympic Committee, or

(cb) participate, even once, during their studies in the course of the study programme for which they apply for part-time status, in Olympic, Paralympic and Deaf Olympic Games.

The documents required to support the application are the following:

A) Students who work at least twenty (20) hours per week are required to submit the relevant employment contract or employer's certificate, as well as insurance vouchers for those insured in the private sector.

B) Students with disabilities must provide a certificate of disability from a Disability Certification Center (DCC) or a seven-member health of a public hospital. Students who have registered with the special category of students with disabilities are not required to submit additional documents to those originally submitted for registration.

C) Students occupying a distinction of 1st to 8th place in national championships in individual sports with the participation of at least twelve (12) athletes and eight (8) clubs or participation in teams of the two highest categories in team sports, etc.).

The certificates of cases a) and c) should be resubmitted to the MSc Secretariat at the beginning of each academic year, in order to determine whether the reasons for part-time status are still valid.

Part-time status will be retroactive from the beginning of the semester in which the application is submitted.

Students who have been placed on part-time status may return to full-time status upon their application and the decision of the Departmental Assembly or of the MSc in the case of an interdepartmental or interdisciplinary or joint MSc.

3.3. Suspension of studies

Postgraduate students may apply for a reasoned suspension of their studies, which may not exceed two consecutive semesters. The right of suspension may be exercised once or in parts, for a period of at least one (1) academic semester. Semesters of student suspension shall not count towards the maximum period of regular study. During the period of suspension, the postgraduate student shall be deprived of his/her student status.

The decision on the suspension of studies is taken by the Assembly of the Department following the recommendation of the Board of the MSc.

The application for suspension of studies must be justified and accompanied by evidence of the reason invoked (financial, professional, force majeure, health,

military service, etc.). In this case and in order to obtain the relevant decision of the Department Assembly, students must pay the tuition fees for the period preceding the suspension, while the obligation to pay the remaining amount is suspended until the resumption of studies. Students who have been placed on suspension are entitled to discontinue their studies upon application and decision of the Departmental Assembly.

4. DETAILED STUDY GUIDE

4.1. Courses and Credit Units (ECTS)

The Guide of Studies of the MSc includes the academic profile of the programme (history, scientific field, purpose, perspectives), the course programme, the categories of courses, the Credit Units (ECTS) in all courses distributed in the semesters of study, the total number of Credit Units (ECTS) required for the award of the MSc, the learning outcomes of the MSc and of each course separately, the teaching staff of the MSc, the official language of the programme and the language of the thesis, which may differ from the Greek language.

For the award of the Master's degree, students are required to attend and successfully complete eight (8) compulsory courses and two (2) elective courses, each of which corresponds to six (6) credits and a total of sixty (60) credits, as well as the preparation of a postgraduate thesis or, alternatively, the performance of a 750-hour internship in an institution/organization/business related to the subject of the Master's degree. Both the Postgraduate Diploma Thesis and the Internship correspond to thirty (30) credit hours each and are completed in the third semester of study as long as the student has fulfilled the academic and financial obligations of the first two semesters of study. The total number of credits (ECTS) for the award of the MSc is 90 ECTS.

In order for an elective course to be taught, it must be registered by at least six (6) students. The Departmental Assembly may decide otherwise upon the justified recommendation of the Director.

The syllabus of each MSc is organized by semester and includes the titles of the courses and their brief description (syllabus), the designation of courses and the preparation of a postgraduate thesis or the carrying out of an internship, which are defined as compulsory for the successful completion of the MSc, with an indication of the number of credits (European Credit Transfer System ECTS) awarded per case.

The curriculum includes the following courses:

A' Semester			
Code	Title	Type	ECTS

MY101.	<i>Production and management of sports content for media</i>	COMPULSORY	6
MY102.	<i>Contemporary forms of sports journalism and communication via WEB</i>	COMPULSORY	6
MY103.	<i>Classification and description of sports</i>	COMPULSORY	6
MY104	<i>Betting Media</i>	COMPULSORY	6
MY105	<i>Research Methodology</i>	COMPULSORY	6
A' Semester Total ECTS			30
B' Semester			
Code	Title	Type	ECTS
MY201	<i>Digital platforms and new forms of sports broadcasting</i>	COMPULSORY	6
MY202	<i>Narrative and Photojournalism Techniques in Sports</i>	COMPULSORY	6
MY203	<i>Organization of the Press Office and Public Relations in the sports and Olympic organizations</i>	COMPULSORY	6
ME204	<i>Sports Law</i>	ELECTIVE	6
ME205	<i>Sports Finance</i>	ELECTIVE	6
ME206	<i>Sports Marketing</i>	ELECTIVE	6
ME207	<i>Sports Management</i>	ELECTIVE	6
ME208	<i>Mediation and management of volunteers in sports organizations</i>	ELECTIVE	6
ME209	<i>Statistics in Journalism</i>	ELECTIVE	6
B' Semester Total ECTS			30
C' Semester			
Code	Title	Type	ECTS
MEY301	<i>Internship</i>	<i>Optionally mandatory</i>	30
MEY302	<i>Postgraduate Thesis</i>	<i>Optionally mandatory</i>	30

4.2 Language of the programme

The official language of the programme is Greek and/or English.

If the language of the thesis is Greek, then the thesis must include an extended abstract in English. If English is chosen as the language of writing, an extended abstract in Greek is obligatory.

4.3. Academic Calendar of the Programme

At the beginning of each semester and before the beginning of the courses, the timetable for the period is posted on the website of the MSc, which includes the days and hours of teaching of the courses, the dates of other events or obligations, the dates of the beginning and end of the teaching periods, the examination periods, holidays, etc.

All educational activities shall take place within the time frame of the annual academic calendar, with the exception of internships which may take place outside the academic calendar.

4.4. Registration dates and course declarations

At the beginning of each academic semester and before the beginning of the courses, the registration dates of the students and the procedure for the registration of the courses to be selected each semester are determined and posted on the website of the MSc/Department, if a procedure for registration or selection of courses, respectively, is foreseen in the relevant semester.

4.5. Course substitutions

In case of an impediment to the conduct of an educational activity within the framework of a course of the MSc, the course will be substituted, so that the minimum number of weeks of teaching for the course is completed. The date and time of the make-up are posted on the MSc website and communicated to the students' email inboxes.

4.6. Absence limits

Postgraduate students are required to attend all activities of the MSc. The limit of absences that each postgraduate student is entitled to is up to three three-hour

lectures per course. If the student is absent for four or five (4 or 5) three-hour lectures in a course, he/she is obliged to prepare a special supplementary project in consultation with the lecturer. In case of more absences the student will have to attend the course again. Attendance and participation is established under the responsibility of the course lecturers.

4.7. Evaluation of student performance - examinations

The assessment of student performance is determined by the lecturer who may organise at his/her discretion written and/or oral examinations, mid-term progress examinations, assignments or laboratory exercises or clinical exercises or a combination of different assessment methods or other assessment methods consistent with the nature of each educational process, and in accordance with the provisions of the ECTS course description for assessment as recorded in the relevant study guide. When written or oral examinations are used as assessment methods, the integrity of the process must be ensured.

Of the alternative methods of student assessment listed in the study guide of the MSc, the lecturer shall choose the method or combination of methods that he/she considers most appropriate in relation to the specificity of the subject under examination.

If assessment is by means of a final examination, it shall be carried out either after the completion of each academic semester. The examination periods of the winter and spring semesters as well as the September re-examination period are synchronized with the examination periods of the Undergraduate Programme of Studies, as defined in the Academic Calendar of the University of Peloponnese.

The evaluation criteria are clearly defined, are communicated at the beginning of the academic semester by the lecturer (course leader/coordinator) of the course and are also indicated in the description form of each course, according to the ECTS standard (syllabus), which is posted on the website of the MSc.

When organising the MSc by distance learning methods, the assessment of students shall be carried out by means of written or oral examinations conducted face-to-face or by means of written or oral examinations conducted by distance learning methods, as well as by alternative methods such as submission of assignments, practical tests, provided that the integrity of the assessment process is ensured.

At the end of the assessment process, students shall be informed of their marks by appropriate electronic means which ensure the protection of students' personal data.

The final grade for each course is derived from the sum of the student's performance in specific areas (e.g. assignments, examinations, performance of the student's participation in the educational process, etc.), as indicated in the course outline.

The grading scale on the student's overall performance is defined from zero (0) to ten (10).

Excellent: eight and fifty (8.50) to ten (10)

Very Good: six and fifty (6,50) to eight and forty-nine (8,49)

Good: five (5) to six and forty-nine (6,49)

Passing grades are five (5) and above unless otherwise specified in the Regulations of the MSc. In all cases, the pass mark must be set at a grade above five (5). If the base is greater than five (5), the intervals corresponding to the "Excellent", "Very Good" and "Good" designations may be adjusted accordingly.

If a student fails a course, he/she may be re-examined in the September re-examination period in accordance with the provisions of the present Regulations of each MSc.

If a student fails more than three (3) times in the same course, the procedure laid down in the applicable legislation shall be followed.

In case of copying, plagiarism or any other way of falsifying the result of the examinations, no grade will be announced and, regardless of any disciplinary sanctions, the student will either receive a zero in the examination, or be referred to a re-examination in the manner and time specified by the Assembly of the University or the Board of Directors of the University (in the case of an interdepartmental or interdisciplinary MSc) and in accordance with the provisions of the Regulation of the MSc.

The way of calculating the grade of the Diploma of Postgraduate Studies is determined by the sum of the student's grade in each course and in the M.Sc. or the internship, multiplied by the educational credits/per course and then divided by the total number of ECTS (90).

4.8. Internship

After the completion of their obligations in the first and second semester of studies, students may choose to carry out an internship of 750 hours instead of completing a postgraduate thesis. The student internship is carried out in the media, sports organisations, public services, public law legal entities, local government bodies of the first and second degree, legal entities under private law and enterprises, hereinafter referred to as 'host organisations', under the supervision of the lecturer of the programme of study. The traineeship may also be carried out in foreign institutions, provided that supervision of the educational process is feasible, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the study programme.

For student internships, an internship contract is concluded between the University of Peloponnese, the student and the host institution. The successful completion of the internship implies the awarding of the number of credits (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System ECTS), which are determined by decision of the Department Assembly.

The Departmental Assembly shall decide on the details of the internship, such as its duration in calendar months, the period of its implementation in accordance with the needs and requirements of the curriculum, and the minimum academic progress requirements that must be met before the internship can begin.

By decision of the Senate of the University, the Institutional Responsible for the internship may be appointed by the University of Applied Sciences.

By decision of the Assembly of the Department or the competent body for the Postgraduate Studies Programmes per academic year, the following are appointed:

A) The Internship Supervisor, who is drawn from the members of the Department's Faculty or Faculty of Education or Faculty of Education or Faculty of Science and Technology, and is responsible for the general supervision of the educational process of the internship within the curriculum, the coordination of the Internship Supervisors and the host institutions.

b) The Internship Committee, which is composed of members of the Faculty or the Faculty of Technical Education (DEP, EDIP, EEP, ETEP of the Department, which is headed by the Internship Officer, with the purpose of evaluating the applications of students wishing to carry out an internship, if it is not compulsory, coordinating the activities related to the internship of students, solving problems, appointing a Supervisor per internship student, preparing and submitting an annual report on the implementation and evaluation of the internship program to the Department Assembly, as well as making recommendations for the modification of the program.

The Supervisor is responsible for guiding and supporting students throughout the internship process in host institutions, communicating with host institutions to achieve the intended learning outcomes and informing the Supervisor and the Internship Committee. Supervisors may be appointed as supervisors from the curriculum.

Students who carry out an internship are subject to the compulsory insurance of the National Organization for the Provision of Health Services (E.O.P.Y.Y.) through the Electronic National Social Insurance Agency (e-EFKA) (formerly the Social Insurance Foundation, the Single Fund for Employee Insurance I.K.A. E.T.A.M.), in accordance with par. 10 of article 15 of Law no. 3232/2004 (A' 48) only for the accident branch, the cost of which is borne exclusively by the host institution. The internship is checked and certified by the Scientific Director of the MSc and the person in charge of the implementing organisation, and is accompanied by an attendance record.

The supervisor evaluates the applications and recommends the placement of the students to the Board of Directors. The internship includes a relevant 5,000-word paper, the exact topic of which is determined in collaboration between the student and the internship supervisor.

The minimum acceptable grade for the PA is five (5.00), with a perfect score of ten (10.00), and is evaluated by the supervising faculty member.

The start and end dates of the internship are finalized by the Coordinating Committee.

Detailed instructions for the preparation of the internship are included in the Internship Regulations of the MSc.

5. POSTGRADUATE THESIS

5.1. Preparation of a Postgraduate Diploma Thesis

After the completion of their obligations in the first and second semester of studies, students may choose to write a Postgraduate Diploma Thesis instead of carrying out an internship.

The postgraduate student who has successfully completed the courses of the previous semesters has the right to apply for the assignment of an M.D. topic. The application shall include the proposed title of the thesis, the proposed supervisor (with his/her agreement) and a short summary of the thesis.

The Departmental Assembly, on the recommendation of the Coordinating Committee, shall set up a three-member examination committee for the approval of the thesis, one of whose members shall be the supervisor. With the present Regulation, the specific responsibility for the formation of the three-member examination committees is transferred to the MSc.

The M.D. Proposal and the M.D. shall be prepared in accordance with the (a) M.D. Proposal Writing Guide (b) M.D. Preparation Guide and (c) M.D. Writing Template Word file approved by the Committee and the Department Assembly and available on the website of the MSc. The word limit for writing the thesis is 18,000-20,000 words, but deviation from this number is given at the discretion of the supervisor depending on the needs of the topic and the methodology followed.

The content of the Master's Thesis should be on contemporary issues related to the field of sports communication, journalism and photojournalism and should be compatible with the mission of the Programme, as defined in the introduction to these Regulations. Postgraduate students, in collaboration with their supervisors, are encouraged to present their research data at conferences and to publish them in scientific journals.

The official language of the thesis is Greek. It is possible to write in English with the agreement of the supervisor.

Postgraduate students, after special justification, may apply to change the supervisor or to modify the title of the M.D. thesis.

5.2. Supervision of Postgraduate Diploma Thesis (M.D.E.)

The following persons are entitled to supervise theses provided that they hold a doctoral degree. :

- a) Teaching and Research Staff,, Special Education Staff and Specialized and Laboratory Teaching Staff, administrative staff, students of the Department or of other Departments of the same or another higher education institution or Higher Military Educational Institution (H.M.E.I.), with additional employment beyond their statutory obligations, if the MSc has tuition fees,
- b) Emeritus Professors or retired members of the Department or other Departments of the same or other HEI,
- c) Associate Professors,
- d) Adjunct Professors,
- e) Visiting Professors or Visiting Researchers,
- f) Researchers and special operating scientists of research and technological institutions of article 13A of Law No. 4310/2014 (A' 258) or other research centres and institutes in Greece or abroad.

By decision of the competent body of the MSc, the supervision of theses may also be assigned to members of the Department's faculty members, members of the Teaching and Research Staff,, Special Education Staff and Specialized and Laboratory Teaching Staff who have not undertaken teaching work in the MSc, provided that they are holders of a doctoral degree.

The members of the committee must have the same or a related scientific specialisation as the subject of the MSc.

In exceptional cases of objective inability to perform supervisory duties for a long period of time or for other good cause, the Coordinating Committee, assessing the circumstances, may replace the supervisor or a member of the Examination Committee.

The maximum number of theses that each faculty member may supervise per academic semester is five (5).

Instructions for writing the Master's Thesis are included in the Thesis Regulations of the MSc.

5.3 Examination of the Postgraduate Diploma Thesis (M.D.)

After the end of the period of writing the Master's Thesis (M.D.) and after the agreement of the supervisor, students deliver an electronic copy of the thesis to the members of the Examination Committee. The supervisor, with the agreement of the members of the Examination Committee, determines the time for supporting the thesis, based on the provisions of the Regulations of the MSc.

Please note that the submission of the Master's thesis to the members of the Committee should be made at least fifteen (15) days before the date of the thesis

support. Otherwise, the members of the Examination Committee have the option of referring the examination to a later date in order to ensure the 15-day period between the submission of the thesis and its support.

At the University of Peloponnese, in order to ensure the correct and ethical use of sources and to prevent plagiarism phenomena, the textual match report from the plagiarism detection software "Turnitin", which is submitted by the postgraduate student to the Secretariat, under the responsibility of the supervisor, must be attached to the submission of the M.D. thesis.

The support of the M.D. is public and is carried out by means of face-to-face presentation. Distance support is possible if there are special reasons (justified impossibility of the student's physical presence, reasons of force majeure, etc.). In this case, all the necessary measures will be taken to ensure the transparency and public nature of the presentation.

After the support of the M.D., the Examination Committee of three members draws up and signs a Record of Presentation of the M.D. in which comments or remarks as well as the final grade are recorded.

In the case of a negative evaluation of the M.D. by the Examination Committee, the student is given precise instructions to make corrections within a specified period of time from the date of its support.

In the case of a new negative evaluation of the M.D. (i.e. after the second submission), the Assembly or R.P.S. in the case of an interdepartmental or interdisciplinary M.D., decides whether the student repeats the procedure with the same or a new subject, provided that he/she has not exceeded the maximum duration of study as defined in the Regulations of the M.D., or if he/she is permanently deleted from the programme without having successfully completed his/her studies.

In case of acceptance of the thesis, if the supervisor determines that any improvements have been incorporated, the final text of the thesis is submitted in five (5) electronic copies (one for the library, one for the Secretariat and one for each member of the Examination Committee) to the Department's Secretariat.

Students who have successfully passed the exam, log in to the "Amitos" institutional repository with their institutional account and deposit their work.

The detailed depositing procedure by the student is detailed in the guide posted on the BIKEP website.

The responsibility for the validity and authenticity of the documents deposited in @mitos rests solely with the authors of the M.D.s.

After the above steps, the student completes the deposit, but the work is not published in the repository and is not yet visible to the general public. In the next step, the data (metadata) is checked by the MSc Secretariat. Once the student completes the self-deposit, an email is automatically sent to the Secretariat's account, informing that there is a paper

submitted and awaiting verification. The secretariat staff checks the records of the assignment and if the assignment has been graded, and the metadata set as mandatory is correctly listed, it is approved.

If, for any reason, the work is not suitable for final deposit in the repository, the secretariat staff fills in the reason for rejection in the special box and automatically the application sends an email to the student, informing him/her of the reason for rejection so that he/she can make corrections.

Once the secretariat has established the correctness of the metadata of the thesis, it proceeds to "Accept" it and the library is automatically updated.

Library staff check the accuracy of the remaining metadata (e.g. topics, keywords, etc.) and compliance with the standards, and accept or reject the work accordingly. If the work is 'accepted', it becomes visible to all users and can be searched.

Then, the authorisation to make the document available electronically - the deposit certificate - is issued, which certifies the process of depositing the work in the institutional repository. The certificate is presented by the depositor to the MSc secretariat and proves the completion of this obligation of the student for the completion of his/her course of study.

Upon completion of the procedure, the postgraduate student is obliged to deposit his/her thesis in digital format (CD-ROM) and one copy in the Library.

The deposit of postgraduate theses is done by attaching the report on plagiarism by the plagiarism detection software "Turnitin".

Please note that the acceptable percentage of text similarity should not exceed 20%.

In case of non-acceptance, it is returned to the student for corrections and the procedure from the stage of its submission by the student is followed again.

Once the submission to the Amicos has been completed and approved for registration and publication, no changes can be made to the assignment.

Withdrawal and deletion is not possible as the work is the intellectual property of the Institution.

All approved postgraduate theses that have been submitted to the University of Peloponnese's Institutional Repository are posted on the website of the MSc. Instead of posting each individual thesis, the website of the MSc may refer to an appropriate page of the institutional repository where the theses of the MSc are catalogued.

In the event that it is established after the award of the diploma that a postgraduate thesis is the product of plagiarism, the Departmental Assembly or the PES may revoke the postgraduate degree by a subsequent decision.

Detailed instructions for the preparation of the Postgraduate Thesis are included in the Postgraduate Thesis Regulations of the MSc.