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***ACADEMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT***

***BETWEEN***

***UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO***

*Department of Cultures, Politics and Society*

***AND***

***ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI***

*School of Political Sciences*

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**Establishing a structured mobility programme for students' exchange leading to a double degree in  
"International Studies - specialization in European Studies"**

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**Having regard to** the Italian Ministerial Decrees DM 509/99 and DM 270/04 allowing Italian Higher Education Institutions to develop joint study programmes with other Italian and non-Italian institutions;

**Having regard to** the Ministerial Decree of 14 October 2021 No. 1154 "Self-assessment, Evaluation, Initial and Periodic Accreditation of Places and Courses of Study" as amended or added;

**Having regard to** the Decree No. 2711 of 22 November 2021 on the definition of the contents, operation, and deadlines for the compilation of the *SUA-CdS* database for the initial accreditation of courses of study from the 2022-2023 academic year;

**Having regard to** law 4957/2022 (O.G. 141 A') and in particular article 80 of the above;

**Considering** that the structured mobility programme for students' exchange leading to the double degree is accredited by the Italian Ministry of Education and by the Hellenic Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs and that once approved, the programme is not subject to expiry.

**Considering** that the acquired *second* cycle degree gives access to *third* cycle studies.

The parties

Università degli Studi di Torino (UniTO), *Department of Cultures, Politics and Society*, represented by the Rector Prof. Stefano Geuna, on one side

AND

*Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH), School of Political Sciences*, represented by the Rector Dimitrios S. Koveos, on the other.

AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

## 1. Purposes

Università degli Studi di Torino (UniTO), Department of Cultures, Politics and Society and Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH), School of Political Sciences, agree to cooperate for realising a structured mobility programme for students' exchange leading to the double degree in:

### **International Studies – Specialization in European Studies**

The parties will jointly define in a technical annex (Annex 1 here below) and in the Program's internal regulation (Annex 2 here below) modules, seminars, exams, and related credits of the joint programme, as well as any other useful technical detail.

## 2. Contacts

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### 3. Administrative management

The competent Bodies for the administration, organisation, and operation of the Program "International Studies – Specialization in European Studies" are:

- The Senates of both institutions.
- The Curriculum Committee.
- The Director of the Program.

The competences of each body shall be defined in the Program's regulation in accordance with the relevant legislation of each country.

The Curriculum Committee shall be composed by two members of the teaching staff from each university, to be appointed by the respective Senate. With this agreement, the Senate of the Università degli Studi di Torino approves Professors Giovanni Finizio and Anna Caffarena as members of the Curriculum Committee, as appointed by the Department's Board, for the duration of the agreement. With this agreement the Senate of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki appoints Professors Ioannis Papageorgiou and Georgios Andreou as members of the Curriculum Committee for the duration of the agreement.

Each party shall undertake, manage, and bear the costs for all administrative tasks (such as preparing the integrated study plan, the recognition of credits awarded and the conclusion of the student's career) pertaining to their side in accordance with the legislation in force in each country. The Curriculum Committee shall determine, if need be, the distribution among the administrative support of the Program of any joint task.

### 4. Programme and mobility management

#### 4.1. Duration of the program

The total duration of the Program is four (4) academic semesters. During the first and second semesters, the courses take place at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki under the administrative control and supervision of the School of Political Sciences of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. During the third and fourth semesters, the courses take place at the Università degli Studi di Torino under the administrative control and supervision of the Department of Cultures, Politics and Society. The fourth semester includes the completion of the postgraduate dissertation. Details on the duration and the terms of studies shall be determined in the Program's regulation (annex 2).

#### 4.2. Participants' selection

Each University will select the students who will attend the international mobility programme. UniTO will start the participants' selection process by publishing a call within the year preceding the beginning of the mobility.

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki will select the participants through a call within the semester preceding the beginning of the mobility.

- As for the students of Università degli Studi di Torino students willing to join the structured mobility programme must have obtained before the mobility a first cycle degree, according to article 6 of the Ministerial Decree 270/2004.
- As for the students of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, students willing to join the structured mobility programme must have obtained before the application process a degree of first cycle (Ptychio).

Each party is responsible for verifying that outgoing students possess the required degree, as well as all the requirements mentioned in the call, in order to attend the study programme at the host Institution. Language courses shall be available in the host country for foreign students joining the programme.

#### **4.3. Students' administrative management**

Students involved in the structured mobility programme are enrolled in both institutions since the first academic year of the mobility programme.

Both institutions involved guarantee to participants access to the courses and the issue of the final diploma. The Home Institution will recognize courses and examinations attended by the student at the Host Institution in order to obtain the Degree.

Students will attend part of their degree courses at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and part at the Università degli Studi di Torino according to the attached technical annex and the Program Regulation.

At the end of the structured mobility programme participants will write a final dissertation (*in Italian "tesi" and in Greek "diplomatiki ergasia"*) to be followed by an oral defence in one of the two Institutions as planned in the technical annex and the Program Regulation.

Students that complete successfully the study programme will obtain two national degrees from the two Institutions. In addition, each student will receive the *Diploma Supplement* that details the participant's academic programme and the academic achievements.

#### **5. Teachers and administrative staff mobility**

The Institutions regulate hosting and activities of teachers and administrative staff participating in the mobility programme, according to this agreement and the law and rules in force.

Staff involved in this agreement is subject to the contractual obligations of the home university, receives the due remuneration and benefits from the relevant rights, according to the home country law.

Teachers and researchers can hold modules, courses, seminars, conferences, as well as take part in research activities, within the limits of the Regulations in force at the home University.

#### **6. Financial management of the structured mobility programme, fees and ancillary contribution**

Both Parties commit to find, whether necessary, the financial resources in order to achieve the abovementioned purposes.

Both Parties agree that all financial obligations should be negotiated in advance and will depend on funding availability.

Any financial burden related to the activities covered by this cooperation agreement will be charged on the single Department directly involved in the initiative, unless otherwise agreed.

Mobility students are exempt from paying enrolment fees at the Host Institution and must pay fees exclusively at the Home Institution.

Nevertheless, ancillary contribution, whether it is provided by internal regulations, is due for the total extent of the degree course at the host institution.

#### **7. Student Services**

Students taking part in the mobility programme are subject to the rules and norms in force at the hosting institution.

All students enrolled in the mobility programme will receive the same services offered to students enrolled in ordinary study programmes at both Institutions involved. The parties will provide students with any useful information in order to assisting their stay during the mobility period.

Costs related to expatriation procedures, accommodation and staying will be at the expense of students, unless otherwise agreed.

## **8. Insurance coverage**

Each person involved in the activities set out in this agreement must be covered by an insurance for civil liability.

Within the limits of the policy general and specific conditions, the insurance provides protection for accidents connected to institutional activities and duties previously authorized, in accordance with internal existing regulations, and carried out inside the university premises or third parties' premises.

This agreement does not provide coverage for medical and health costs. Each person involved must assume the related financial burdens.

## **9. Quality assurance of the degree course**

Institutions commit to guarantee the quality of the mobility programme, according to their national standards.

As for UniTO, the degree course is subject to quality assurance national regulations, according to the standards of the National Agency for the Evaluation of the University and Research Systems (ANVUR) for self-evaluation, evaluation, and accreditation.

As for AUTH, the degree course is subject to quality assurance national regulations, according to the standards of the Hellenic Authority for Higher Education (HAHE) for self-evaluation, evaluation, and accreditation.

## **10. Dispute resolutions**

Any conflict that may arise between the signing Institutions, regarding interpretation, non-validity, execution, modification, termination of this agreement, will be settled amicably and by negotiation.

If the parties cannot achieve an agreed solution, the dispute should be submitted to the unappealable decision of an Arbitration Committee. This will be appointed ad hoc and it will be composed by at least three members. Each Party will appoint one of the members; these, in turn, will appoint by mutual agreement a third member acting as President.

## **11. Intellectual property**

Technical and scientific results obtained within this agreement and the related rights will be owned by the Party generating them. Should the Parties reach such results jointly, the royalties will be co-owned. Each Party shall grant a free non-exclusive licence to the other Party for the non-commercial use of the joint results.

A Party intending to publish any results generated in the framework of this agreement shall duly mention the name and participation of the other Party. Publication activities shall be compatible with the protection of intellectual property rights, confidentiality obligations and the legitimate interests of the owner(s) of the results.

At least 30 days prior notice of any publication activity shall be given to the other Party concerned, including sufficient information concerning the planned publication activity. The notification shall be given, via email, to the scientific Responsible of the Agreement.

Within 15 days of the notification the other Party may object to the envisaged publication activity if it considers that it can damage its legitimate interests.

In such cases, the publication activity may not take place unless appropriate steps are taken to safeguard these legitimate interests.

## **12. Confidentiality**

Unless otherwise expressly authorised, and according to the current agreement obligations, each partner institution agrees to keep strictly confidential all information provided and marked as confidential.

The applicable law on privacy and personal is the General Data Protection Regulation of the European Union (EU) 2016/679 and all incorporated modifications to it.

## **13. Duration, modification, and renewal**

This agreement is valid for five years starting from the date of last signature by the Legal representatives of the contracting Institutions and upon approval of competent Academic Bodies. Both Institutions must approve any amendment to this agreement in writing.

This agreement can be renewed for an equal period, by mutual written approval of the competent academic bodies, at least three months before the expiring date.

Any modification or updating of the technical annex could be also agreed after the signature of this agreement, according to the regulations in force at the moment of the mobility.

## **14. Drafting and signature**

This agreement, written in English, Italian and Greek languages, is signed in three equivalent texts. Each Institution will keep at least one copy in each language.

Torino, *[Date]*  
Università di Torino  
The Rector  
Prof. Stefano Geuna

*Thessaloniki, [Date]*  
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki  
The Rector  
Prof. Dimitrios S. Kovaïos

## Annex 1: TECHNICAL ANNEX

**Programme title:** International degree course to be implemented through a structured incoming-outgoing programme leading to the award of the Postgraduate degree in “International studies - specialization in European Studies”.

“Scienze Internazionali (LM-52) Profilo Studi Europei” in Italian for the Università degli Studi di Torino, and

“Διεθνείς Σχέσεις – εξειδίκευση σε Ευρωπαϊκές Σπουδές” in Greek for the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

**Institutions involved:** Università degli Studi di Torino, Department of Cultures, Politics and Society and University of Thessaloniki, School of Political Sciences

**Curriculum Committee:** Professor Giovanni Finizio (Torino), Professor Anna Caffarena (Torino), Professor Ioannis Papageorgiou (Thessaloniki), Professor Georgios Andreou (Thessaloniki)

**Start date:** September 2023

**Official length of study programme:** 2 years

### **Programme Structure:**

A limited number of students can participate in the programme.

Up to 20 persons from the Università degli Studi di Torino

Up to 20 persons from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

The exact number will be defined annually by the Curriculum Committee.

Academic mobility within the program respects the following structure:

- students involved in the program spend the first and second semester of the first year at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the third and fourth semester (second year of studies) at the University of Studies of Turin.

**Mode of study:** full time students

### **Students’ mobility flows:**

Home Institution	Host Institution	Subject area name	Cycle of Studies	1st year		2 <sup>nd</sup> year	
			II cycle	Students’ Mobility for Studies	Total months of mobility	Students’ Mobility for Studies	Total months of mobility
Università di Torino	University of Thessaloniki	Political sciences and civics	X	20	200		
University of Thessaloniki	Università di Torino	Political	X			20	200



		sciences and civics					
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### Degree Structure:

The Università degli Studi di Torino, in order to award the double degree, regarding both students enrolled at UniTO and at AUTH, is required to specify the correspondence between exams/credits obtained from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in the first year, and exams/credits from the Italian degree (LM-52).

The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, in order to award the degree regarding both students enrolled at UniTO and at AUTH, is required to verify that they have completed the first academic year and obtained 60 ECTS in AUTH and completed the second academic year and obtained 60 ECTS in UniTO.

The activities detailed by both Università degli Studi di Torino and Aristotle University of Thessaloniki may vary according to the academic offer of the relevant academic year.

YEAR ONE		ECTS		ECTS
	<b>All students in University of Thessaloniki</b>		<b>Recognition for Unito students</b>	
1	European Constitutional Law	10	<i>Regola 14</i> Opinione pubblica e politiche europee	9
2	History and institutions of European integration	10	<i>Regola 3</i> Dinamiche istituzionali, rappresentanza politica e democrazia nell'UE	9
3	Euro-scepticism: parties, policies, and people	10	<i>Regola 8</i> Diritto dell'integrazione europea	6
4	EU Area of Freedom, security, and justice	10	<i>Regola 9</i> Discourse Strategies in contemporary English	9
5	EU governance and policies	10	<i>Regola 10</i> Geografia dei sistemi economici mondiali	9
6	<i>Elective (2 out of 4 courses, 5 ECTS each;</i> Politics and Government in Southern Europe. A Comparative Analysis (elective) Fundamental Rights in Europe (elective) Political Systems in the Balkans (elective) EU-Africa relations (elective)	10	<i>Regola 11</i> Europa culture e identità  <i>Regola 12</i> Tesi (ricerca)	9  9 su 18
	<b>Total ECTS</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>Total ECTS</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>YEAR TWO</b>	<b>All students in UniTo</b>			
1	<i>Regola 1</i> The International Role of the EU (Compulsory, 1st Semester)			9

2	<i>Regola 2</i> The Economics of European Integration (Compulsory, 1st Semester)	9
3	<i>Regola 7</i> Region Europe Lab (Compulsory, 1st Semester)	6
4	<i>Regola 6 Electives (1 out of 3 courses), 9 ECTS, 1st or 2nd Semester:</i> - Arabic Language (basic or advanced) - Chinese for Economics and International Relations (basic, intermediate or advanced) - Stratégies Discursives en Français Contemporain	9
5	<i>Regola 4</i> Global Political Economy: Regions and Networks (2nd Semester)	9
6	<i>Regola 5</i> Comparative European Societies (2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester)	9
7	<i>Regola 12</i> Thesis preparation + Thesis Defence	9
	<b>Totale ECTS</b>	<b>60</b>

#### **Final dissertation (Tesi/diplomatiki ergasia)**

After completion of programme of international mobility, the student is required to write a final dissertation (in Italian “tesi” and in Greek “διπλωματική εργασία» or “diplomatiki ergasia”) under the supervision of a member of the academic staff of one of the two participating universities.

The dissertation will be discussed through an oral examination in one of the two Institutions. The dissertation will be written and discussed in English.

#### **Grading system**

The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki shall grade the students in accordance with the rules in Greece (from 1-10, 6 being the lowest passing grade) including half grades. The grading for the Diploma Supplement will follow the grading agreed upon by the university in its relations with other universities.

The Università degli Studi di Torino shall grade the students in a scale from 18 to 30.

The equivalence of the grades are as follows:

Grade in Italy	Grade in Greece	Grade in ECTS level
30	10	A
29	9.5	A
28	9	A
27	9	A
26	8.5	B
25	8	B
24	8	B
23	8	C
22	7.5	C
21	7	D
20	6.5	E
19	6	E

18	6 LAST PASSING GRADE	E LAST PASSING GRADE
<18	5.5 FAILING GRADE	FX FAILING GRADE

**Awarded Title:** at the end of the second year

Postgraduate degree in International Studies – specialization in European Studies.

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### **Programme Regulations.**

#### **Entry Requirements**

As for students from Università degli Studi di Torino: before the mobility, they must have obtained a first cycle degree.

As for students from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki: before the application process, they must have obtained a first cycle degree (*Ptychion*) or equivalent, according to the Greek legislation in force. Students who do not possess a degree from a Greek university must, before the end of the MA period, have it recognised through the appropriate procedure according to Greek legislation

#### **Programme requirements**

In order to be awarded the Postgraduate degree in International studies -specialization in European Studies, students must acquire 120 ECTS (in Italian: CFU) according to the terms of the regulation of the Degree Course.

## Annex 2: Regulation of the Programme

**REGULATION OF THE JOINT ENGLISH-LANGUAGE POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM "International Studies – Specialization in European Studies"  
(According to the provisions of Law 4957/2022)**

**DECISION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND INTERNAL REGULATION OF THE JOINT ENGLISH-LANGUAGE INTER-INSTITUTIONAL MASTER "International Studies – Specialization in European Studies"  
BY  
THE SCHOOL OF POLITICAL SCIENCES OF  
THE ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI  
AND  
THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURES, POLITICS AND SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO**

### Article 1

#### Title, purpose and learning outcomes of the Program

1. With the present decision of the Senate of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (decision dated April 5, 2023) it is hereby established a Joint English-language Inter-institutional Postgraduate Program (henceforth the Program) by the School of Political Sciences of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in "International Studies – Specialization in European Studies" following a recommendation by the School of Political Sciences of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the opinion of the Postgraduate Studies Committee.
2. The Program is jointly organized by the School of Political Sciences of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the Department of Cultures, Politics and Society of the Università degli Studi di Torino as a joint Postgraduate Program in accordance with the provisions of article 80, paragraph 6 of Law 4957/2022. The cooperation of the two institutions for the present Program is described in the Special Cooperation Protocol approved by the Senate of the A.U.Th. (decision dated April 5, 2023).
3. The Program leads to the awarding of two separate diplomas, namely a master's degree in "International Studies – Specialization in European Studies" awarded by the School of Political Sciences of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and a degree in "**International Studies – Specialization in European Studies**" awarded by the Department of Cultures, Politics and Society of the Università degli Studi di Torino.
4. The Program shall be operative as of the academic year 2023-2024 and up to the academic year 2028 – 2029.
5. The purpose of the Program is:
  - a. To train university graduates and to enrich their special knowledge on the issues of European integration and to provide interdisciplinary training on the functioning of European institutions and the formulation and implementation of European policies, with emphasis on the external policies of the Union (the Mediterranean and Africa, the Balkans and Asia).
  - b. To provide its graduates with a supranational and multinational analysis of European Union policies, in order to enable them to create a strong international academic environment of skills in European studies and a competent professional employment framework in the field.
  - c. To train scientists and professionals who will have a particularly high level of specialized knowledge and skills in European studies so as to be able to meet the needs of the public and private sector, at national and international level. For this purpose, the Program is shaped in such a way so as to provide knowledge to

its graduates which will facilitate their subsequent professional employment in the area of European policies and will be a useful tool for the understanding and formulation of national policies that are influenced or dictated by participation in the EU.

d. To foster cooperation with the wide European academic community and to promote research in the field of European studies.

6. In this context, the Program seeks to provide its graduates with a complete picture of the institutional and legal framework of the European Union and its relations with the rest of the world, the policies it adopts and implements, the impact of these policies on the Member States and the dynamic relations that are formed between the EU institutions and the Member States in a multilevel governance framework.

7. The learning outcomes and the profile of the graduates of the Program include:

- a. excellent knowledge of the subject of European institutions and policies
- b. knowledge of research methodology
- c. ability to independently conduct research and write academic work
- d. ability to analyze, synthesize and interpret information
- e. Ability to take decisions quickly and in an informed manner
- f. Applicability of knowledge in practice
- g. ability to adapt to new situations
- h. improving communication skills
- i. possibility of autonomous and collaborative work
- j. developing interdisciplinarity, and the ability to generate new research ideas
- k. acquiring social, professional, and ethical responsibility and
- l. sensitivity to issues of gender, diversity and interculturalism.

8. The Department of Cultures, Politics and Society of the Università degli Studi di Torino already has an MA in International Studies, part of which will be integrated with the present Program.

## Article 2

### Organs of the Joint English-language Inter-institutional Postgraduate Program European Studies

1. The competent Bodies for the administration, organization, and operation of the Program "International Studies – Specialization European Studies" are:

- **The Senates of the two Institutions**, as defined by the laws and the provisions in force in the two countries (Italy and Greece).
- The **Curriculum Committee (CC)** has the responsibilities set out in article 82 of Law 4957/2022. The exact number of members of the Committee and the representation of the two Departments is determined in the Special Cooperation Protocol in accordance with article 80 of Law 4957/2022.
- **The Director of the Program** is a member of the CC and is appointed by decision of the latter for a renewable two-year term. The Director is not entitled to any additional remuneration for his administrative work. The responsibilities of the Director are defined by the law and specified in the Special Cooperation Protocol. When the Director belongs to the partner Department of the University of Turin, the Curriculum Committee appoints a member who comes from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and is responsible to the Special Account for Research Funds (ELKE) of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki for all financial issues and in general for the management of the project on the part of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

2. All meetings of the collegiate bodies of the Program may take place online, in accordance with the applicable provisions.

## Article 3

### Categories of candidates to study at the Program

1. The selection procedure for candidates is determined by each of the two Departments in accordance with the provisions in the respective legislation of each country. In any case, all candidates must be holders

of a first-cycle degree from a domestic or foreign higher education institution.

2. Candidates to study at this Program can apply either to the School of Political Sciences of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki or to the Università degli Studi di Torino. In the former case, candidates are considered candidates to the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the selection procedures are defined by AUTH in this Regulation. If they apply to the Università degli Studi di Torino, they are considered candidates of the latter and their selection procedures are determined by the Università degli Studi di Torino.

3. Candidates who apply for admission to the Program through the School of Political Sciences of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki must hold a degree of the first cycle of studies of a higher education institution from a Greek university or holders of first cycle degrees of similar institutions abroad.

4. No Postgraduate Diploma is awarded by the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki to any student whose first-cycle degree from a foreign institution which has not been recognized by D.O.A.T.A.P (the Hellenic National Academic Recognition and Information Center or Hellenic NARIC) according to Law 3328/2005 (A' 80).

#### **Article 4**

##### **Number of admitted students, criteria, and selection procedure**

1. The number of postgraduate students admitted per year through the Aristotle University is set at a maximum of 20 students. The number of postgraduate students admitted per year through the Università degli Studi di Torino is set at a maximum of 20.

2. Every academic year, at a period that it decides, the Curriculum Committee announces an open procedure for admission to the Program. The announcement is made simultaneously by both collaborating departments and is published by any appropriate means on the internet and in the relevant university institutions in Greece and abroad. It shall include the admission conditions, the qualifications of applicants and number of admitted students, the selection criteria etc. deadlines for applications and the required documents, as well as details for the written exams.

3. Candidates can apply for admission to the Program to the secretariat of either Department, at their choice. They may not apply to both on the same academic year. The Curriculum Committee determines the required documents that must accompany the application. In any case, however, the following documents must be included:

a) a copy of the applicant's first-degree diploma,

b) a transcript of records for all his/her studies,

c) a complete curriculum vitae, in English, and a dossier with any published papers or works of the applicant, and

(d) an English language qualification (level C1) or a certificate of previous university studies in English.

The documents under points (a) and (b) must be submitted in the original language and, in case they are not issued in Greek for the AUTH or in Italian for UniTo, with an official translation in English.

4. The evaluation and ranking of prospective postgraduate students who have applied to the Università degli Studi di Torino shall be carried out by that university in accordance with the provisions laid down by that university and described in the Special Cooperation Protocol. The evaluation and ranking of prospective postgraduate students who applied to the AUTH takes place after examination of their CV and the dossier, written exams in Greek or in English, as by choice from each candidate, and a personal interview in English of each candidate. The grading of applications takes place as follows, the total score for each candidate being 100 points:

1. First degree grade (calculated at 20% of the overall mark). Any score that does not include only integer numbers is calculated up to two decimal points. In the case of foreign degrees where the grade of the degree is not on the scale of 10, the grade is awarded as a percentage of the corresponding top grade. If a candidate presents more than one first degrees, the grade shall be the average of the grades of the first degrees.

2. Grade of another or other master's degrees (calculated at 10% on the total score). In case a candidate presents more master's degrees, the grade is the average of the grades of all postgraduate grades.

3. Scientific work (calculated at 10% of the overall mark). Published monographs and publications in peer-reviewed journals are credited with two points, each publication in non-peer-reviewed journals is credited with one unit and articles on electronic pages with half a point. All publications must be included as hyperlinks or as files in the application. The credit for this point does not exceed 10 points.
4. A two-hour written examination on the topic "European institutions" (calculated by a factor of 40% on the total score). The written exam shall be answered in Greek or in English as the candidate prefers.
5. An interview of the candidate in English (calculated at 20% on the total score). The interview aims to understand the candidate's knowledge of both the working language (English) and the content of the master's degree.
  1. The dates of submission of applications, of written examinations and interviews are announced in a timely manner by the secretariat of the School of Political Sciences.
  2. Successful candidates are the top 20, if they have received at least the basis (50 out of 100 points). This number may be exceeded in the event of a tie between the last ones.

## **Article 5**

### **Duration and Terms of Study**

1. The total duration of the Program is four (4) academic semesters. During the first and second semesters, the courses take place in Thessaloniki, at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki under the administrative control and supervision of the School of Political Sciences of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. During the third and fourth semesters, the courses take place in Turin, at the Università degli Studi di Torino under the administrative control and supervision of the Department of Cultures, Politics and Society. The fourth semester includes the completion of the postgraduate dissertation.
2. The maximum time allowed for the completion of studies is set at two years (4 semesters). If a postgraduate student fails in the examination of a course or courses, s/he is re-examined in the next examination period. If s/he fails again, s/he is considered not to have successfully completed the program and is erased from the Program. The student who fails shall receive a certificate that includes the courses in which s/he has succeeded.
3. Postgraduate students may be granted, upon application, a temporary suspension of their studies. Given the nature of Program, the suspension can only be granted for two (2) consecutive semesters so that the applicant can continue his/her studies at the same stage as the one s/he left. During the suspension, the graduate student loses his status as a student. The time of suspension does not count towards the maximum duration of normal study.
4. A student who, for any reason, does not complete his/her studies after the lapse of three years (six semesters) from the date of first registration, is erased from the Program.
5. A postgraduate student is removed from the Program by decision of the Curriculum Committee, for the following reasons:
  - a. insufficient study progress as evidenced by non-participation or inadequate participation in the educational process, such as exceeding absence limits, not participating in exams or failing a course;
  - b. improper fulfillment of other obligations laid down in this Regulation, in particular exceeding the maximum duration of studies;
  - c. conduct that offends academic ethics such as plagiarism, and
  - d. upon his/her request.
6. The registration of the admitted postgraduate students begins after an announcement by the Secretariat of the Program which includes the duration of the registration period and the supporting documents required for it.
7. Postgraduate students of the Program from both universities have all the rights, benefits and facilities provided for students of the first cycle of studies except for the right to be provided with free textbooks. Each Department must provide facilities to postgraduate students with disabilities or special educational needs (e.g. examination method, access to the premises, teaching laboratories, etc.). These facilities are appointed on a case-by-case basis by decision of the Curriculum Committee upon request of the interested student.

## Article 6

### Curriculum - Knowledge evaluation

1. The Program is jointly organized by the School of Political Sciences (AUn) and the Department of Cultures, Politics and Society (CPS) of the University of Turin (Università degli Studi di Torino). The first two semesters take place at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the latter two in Turin.
2. The courses of the Program cover the widest range of studies of European integration and its institutions, as well as the relations of the European Union with the rest of the world. It seeks to equip its graduates with the knowledge and methodology to analyze the European phenomenon from every perspective to provide them with a competent professional framework for their employment in the field after the end of their studies.
3. The total number of credit units (ECTS) for obtaining the Diploma of Postgraduate Studies is 120, 60 per academic year. In detail, the course schedule is as follows:

#### Semester A: Compulsory courses only

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS
	European Constitutional Law	10
	History and institutions of European integration	10
	Eurocepticism: parties, policies, and people	10
<b>TOTAL ECTS FIRST SEMESTER</b>		<b>30</b>

#### Second semester: 2 compulsory courses and two selective (out of four)

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS
	EU Area of Freedom, security, and justice (compulsory)	10
	EU governance and policies (compulsory)	10
	Politics and Government in Southern Europe. A Comparative Analysis (selective)	5
	Political Systems in the Balkans (selective)	5
	Fundamental Rights in Europe (selective)	5
	EU-Africa relations (selective)	5
<b>TOTAL ECTS SECOND SEMESTER</b>		<b>30</b>

#### Third semester: three compulsory courses and one foreign language course (selective out of three)

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS
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	The economics of European integration	9
	The international role of the European Union	9
	Region Europe	6
	<u>Foreign language (choose one)</u> - Arabic (basic or advanced) - Chinese for Economics and International Relations (basic, intermediate, or advanced) - Stratégies Discursives en Français Contemporain	6
<b>TOTAL ECTS FOR THE THIRD SEMESTER</b>		<b>30</b>

#### Semester D: Compulsory

Course Code	Course title	ECTS
	<u>Foreign language (choose one, unless chose at the previous semester)</u> - Arabic (basic or advanced) - Chinese for Economics and International Relations (basic, intermediate, or advanced) - Stratégies Discursives en Français Contemporain	3
	Global Political Economy: Regions and Network	9
	Comparative European Societies	9
	Elaboration of the dissertation (Master's thesis) preparation and defence	9
<b>TOTAL ECTS FOR THE FOURTH SEMESTER</b>		<b>30</b>

**In the first semester**, to take place in Thessaloniki, students acquire the basic knowledge about European studies through three compulsory courses: the constitutional foundations of EU, its history and institutions and the programmatic positions of parties and stance of European citizens regarding the European enterprise. These three courses provide the basic background and the appropriate epistemological and empirical level of knowledge to advance to the next semesters. In particular the two former course provide students with the basic historical and institutional background about the EU, while the latter familiarizes them to a more empirical approach, as well, regarding the various dimensions of Euroscepticism.

**In the second semester**, also offered in Thessaloniki, students follow two compulsory courses and two elective courses. The compulsory courses offer a consolidation of knowledge in important and different aspects of European policies (the logic of multilevel governance and the EU policies and the consequences, at national and European level, of the creation of an EU area of freedom, security, and justice). Elective courses offer the possibility of deepening the role of European integration in more specific areas, either geographical areas (Southern Europe, Balkans, or Africa) or thematic (fundamental rights) facilitating students to direct their research to where they are most interested.

**During the third semester** that will take place in Turin, delve deeper into the economic dimension of European integration as well as on EU's role in the global context. In addition, they can choose, depending

on their interest, a foreign language (Arabic, Chinese or French). At the same time, they begin the preparation of the dissertation.

**The fourth semester**, which will also take place in Turin, includes a foreign language course (chosen by the student, as in the third semester if the student has not taken this course during the third semester), two compulsory courses which look, through a comparative analysis, the functioning of European societies and the way the world economy operates today. In addition, this semester includes the completion and defense of the dissertation. The dissertation is written in the language of instruction of the program.

**The language of instruction** of the Program is English.

**Courses and examination periods** begin, and end, based on the academic calendar of each institution. In case of postponement of a course, its replacement is made within a reasonable time, which is announced through the website of the Program and by any other appropriate means.

The method of examination and grading for each course is proposed by the instructor and approved by the Curriculum Committee.

The evaluation in the individual courses is done through written or oral examinations, elaboration of assignments or a combination of the above.

**The grading scale for the evaluation** of the performance of postgraduate students for the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki is set from zero (0) to ten (10), as follows:

Excellent (8.5 to 10)

Very Good (6.5 to 8.5 not included)

Good (6 to 6.5 not included).

The passing grade is six (6) and upwards. Half-points are allowed. The Special cooperation protocol with the Dipartimento di Culture, Politica e Società stipulates the correspondence of the grading scale between the two departments.

The Curriculum Committee, at the request of the student who proposes the title of his/her dissertation, the supervisor and attaches a summary of the relevant proposal, shall appoint the dissertation supervisor and shall establish a three-member Examination Committee for the approval of the dissertation, one member of which shall be the supervisor. The members of the Examination Committee must have the same or related scientific specialization as the subject of the Program.

The dissertation must be approx. 15.000 words, along with any footnotes or endnotes, not including the cover page and the bibliographic list at the end and must be written in English. The defense of the dissertation takes place before the Examination Committee on a date and place specified by the Curriculum Committee, in accordance with the academic calendar of the Universities involved, either in person or online. Following its approval by the Committee, it must be posted on the website of the relevant Department.

In exceptional cases, when there is an objective incapacitation or any other important reason, it is possible to replace the supervisor or member of the Examination Committee upon his/her request and by decision of the Curriculum Committee.

The dissertation is submitted to the library of each department in electronic form and in any other way specified by each Department. The dissertation file should be in conventional font, fully aligned, 1.5 line spacing, numbering at the bottom of the page, margins of 2.5 cm from all sides of the page. The Program's website shall provide a model cover of the dissertation.

The final grade of the Program is calculated based on the weighted average of each Program course and the dissertation. The weighting is made based on the credit units of each course and the dissertation and is calculated, with an accuracy of second decimal place, in the following way: the grade of each course, and of the dissertation is multiplied by the corresponding number of credit units (ECTS) and the sum of the products is divided by the minimum number of credits required to receive the degree.

## **Article 7**

### **Scholarships**

1. It is possible, by decision of the Curriculum Committee and depending on the income of the Program to grant scholarships to postgraduate students. Scholarships are awarded based on academic objective criteria (such as academic performance based on an average score of a previous semester) or the provision

of services to the Program and must be entered in the approved budget of the Program. The conditions for granting, the obligations and the rights of the scholarship holders are determined by a decision of the Curriculum Committee.

2. Postgraduate students who meet the criteria referred to in article 86 of Law 4957/2022 as in force are exempt from tuition fees. Exempt students should not exceed the percentage of thirty percent (30%) of the total number of students admitted to the Program. The application for exemption of tuition fees is submitted by the interested student to the Secretariat of the School after the completion of the selection process of the students at the Program. In no case is financial weakness a reason for non-selection to the Program.

## **Article 8**

### **Teaching staff**

1. The teaching of the Program courses can be undertaken, as far as the courses provided at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki are concerned, by:

- Faculty members of the School or other Departments or Schools of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the collaborating Department as well as emeriti professors or retired faculty members of the School or other Departments of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki or another University
- Members of the other teaching categories of the School or other Departments or Schools of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, if they hold a doctoral degree,
- Associate teachers, if they hold a doctoral degree,
- Designated teachers if they hold a doctoral degree,
- Visiting professors or visiting researchers
- Scientists of recognized prestige, who have specialized expertise in the subject of the Program even if they do not hold a doctoral degree

2. The assignment of the teaching work of the Program is carried out by decision of the Curriculum Committee.

3. Any member of the teaching staff in the Program (both faculty and other teachers) have the right to supervise a master's dissertation if they are in possession of a doctoral degree. That same goes for other faculty members of the School or of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki with a subject related to the subject of the dissertation.

4. The obligations of the teaching staff include, among others, the description of the course or lectures, the provision of relevant literature, the way of examining the course, and the communication with the postgraduate students.

5. Teaching follows the timetable of courses drawn up under the responsibility of the Director of the Program.

6. The curriculum is published and posted on the website of the Program, on the responsibility of the Secretariat of the School. The distribution of the teaching work among semesters is made so that the timeframes for the teaching of the courses (lectures, lectures, seminars), for the practical exercises or for research as well as for the elaboration of the master's dissertation are known in advance.

7. The Secretariat of the School keeps a record of an individual file for each postgraduate student, where the courses s/he attends and his/her grades are recorded, as well as any other information related to the course of his/her studies.

8. At the beginning of the first year of study, each student is appointed a teaching staff member of the Program as supervisor and academic advisor. His/her role is to monitor the progress of the students' studies, to be informed by other teachers of any continuous absences of the students under their responsibility, as well as other relevant information (through the Secretariat) that such absence may lead to failure of the course. Students should contact their supervising academic advisor for any problem that may affect the smooth course of their studies.

## **Αρθρο 9**

### **Program Revenues - Financial Management Process**

1. The revenues of the Program come, as far as the activities related to the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki are concerned, from:

1. tuition fees;
2. donations, sponsorships and all kinds of financial support;
3. legacies;
4. resources from research projects or programs, in particular from the European Union;
5. e) AUTh's own resources
6. the state budget or the public investment program
7. any other legitimate cause

2. The tuition fees imposed on students enrolled in the Program through the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki are decided by the Curriculum Committee each year. For the first two years of operation of the program, the tuition fees amount to 1500 Euro per semester and are due for each of the two semesters of study at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. No tuition fees are required for the two semesters held in Turin, but students are required to pay such ancillary contribution such as duty stamps as required from Italian Law. Students enrolled in the Program through the Università degli Studi di Torino do not pay the above tuition fees to AUTh, but only any fees or other participation costs provided by the collaborating university. The management of the revenues of the Program in terms of revenues and expenses related to the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki is carried out by the Special Account for Research Funds of the Aristotle University, which withholds the statutory percentage of the fees.

3. The fees are payable from the 1st to the 15th of October for the winter semester and from the 1st to the 15<sup>th</sup> of March for the spring semester. Students who do not complete their studies in the time provided by this Regulation (four semesters), pay for each additional semester that extend the studies the amount of €250. Refund of tuition fees per semester is allowed only in case that there is an extremely serious reason for interruption at the request of the student and if the student adequately justifies the reasons for this interruption to the Curriculum Committee no later than 25 days from the beginning of the course.

4. The Program publishes **annually**, by posting on its website, a statement of income and expenses, with an indication of the distribution of expenses per category and in particular of the salaries of the teachers in the Program and the number of teachers who received them.

#### **Article 10**

##### **Administrative Support - Logistics**

1. The administrative and technical support provided to the Program is provided by the School of Political Sciences or by staff recruited for this purpose and integrated into the secretariat of the School of Political Sciences.

2. The classrooms of the School of Political Sciences are sufficient to meet the teaching needs of the courses of the Program as well as for supporting the needs and obligations of students towards their courses (elaboration of assignments, research, etc.). At the same time, the School has the necessary informatics equipment and teaching resources for the smooth operation of the Program.

#### **Article 11**

##### **Graduation Ritual**

1. The graduation ritual is defined by a decision of the Curriculum Committee.

#### **Article 12**

##### **Type of Postgraduate Diploma awarded**

1. The Program provides two separate diplomas: a Postgraduate Diploma in "International Studies – specialization in European Studies" awarded by the School of Political Studies of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and a Postgraduate Diploma in "International Studies – specialization in European Studies" awarded by the Dipartimento di Culture, Politica e Società of the Università degli Studi di Torino. The Diploma is a public document.

2. The Diploma of Postgraduate Studies awarded by the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki is issued by the Secretariat of the School of Political Sciences. The Diploma lists the title of the Program, the Departments participating in it, the emblem of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, the details of the postgraduate student and the evaluation grade (Good, Very Good, Excellent), the date of completion of the studies and the issuance of the diploma and the graduation protocol number.

3. The graduate of the Diploma of Postgraduate Studies may be issued, before the award, a certificate of successful attendance and completion of the Program.

4. In addition to the Postgraduate Diploma, the Diploma Supplement is granted by law, which is an explanatory document that provides information on the nature, level, general framework of education, content and status of the studies, which have been successfully completed and does not replace the official degree or the transcript of courses awarded by the Institutions.

### **Article 13**

#### **Plagiarism**

1. By submitting any postgraduate paper or dissertation, the postgraduate student is obliged to indicate whether s/he has used the work and the views of others.

2. Plagiarism is considered a serious academic misconduct. Plagiarism is defined as the copying of someone else's work, as well as the use of someone else's work – whether published or not - without proper reference. The citation of any documentation material, even from studies of the candidate himself/herself, without a relevant reference, may constitute a reason for the Curriculum Committee to exclude him/her from the Program. To this end, all dissertations as well as semester course assignments are submitted for review to the Turnitin system or its equivalent.

3. In the above cases - and following a reasoned recommendation by the supervising professor - the Curriculum Committee may decide to exclude him/her.

4. Any misconduct or violation of academic ethics is referred to the Curriculum Committee for further action. As violations are also considered the misconduct of copying or plagiarism and in general any violation of the provisions on intellectual property by a postgraduate student during the drafting of papers in the context of the courses or the preparation of a thesis dissertation.

### **Article 14**

#### **Final and transitional arrangements**

1. This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the Government Gazette in Greece. The Program begins operating after the completion of the legally required procedures in the two states (Greece and Italy).

2. As mentioned in Article 1, the duration of the Program is five years. After the academic year 2028-29, the Program will continue its operation until the completion of the studies of the students already registered at the end of the above academic year. The two parties may decide to continue their cooperation. This requires the issuance of a new Government Gazette of re-establishment of the Program. In such a case, the two Parties may, if they so wish, maintain the same special cooperation protocol or revise it.

3. Any issue that arises in the future which is not covered by the relevant legislation or the present Regulation, will be addressed by decisions of the Curriculum Committee and the Senates of the two institutions with an amendment of the Regulation and publication in the Government Gazette.