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ACCORDING TO LAW 4957/2022

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DECISION

Update of decision no. 20184596/17-7-2018 of the Senate of the University of Piraeus (Government Gazette B' 3490), as amended and in force by decisions no. 20202671/30-4-2020 (Government Gazette B' 1880) and 20205471/1-9-2020 (Government Gazette B' 3977) of the Senate regarding the approval of the Regulation of Postgraduate Studies of the Postgraduate Program (MSc) of the Department of Industrial Management and Technology of the School of Shipping and Industry of the University of Piraeus, titled "Industrial Management and Technology" (Industrial Management and Technology), in accordance with Law 4957/2022 (Government Gazette A' 141)

THE SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PIRAEUS

Taking into consideration:

1. Referring to the provisions of articles 3, 16, 63, 79 to 89, and 455 of Law 4957/2022 "New Horizons in Higher Education Institutions: Enhancement of Quality, Functionality, and Integration of HEIs with Society and other provisions" (Official Government Gazette A' 141)
2. The provisions of Law 3374/2005, especially articles 14 and 15 (Official Government Gazette A' 189) "Ensuring Quality in Higher Education. Credit Transfer and Accumulation System – Diploma Supplement," and Ministerial Decision Φ5/89656/B3/13-8-07 (Official Government Gazette B' 1466)
3. Law 4386/2016 "Regulations on research and other provisions," as amended and in force (Official Government Gazette A' 83)
4. The clarifying circulars of the Ministry of Education, Research, and Religious Affairs under reference numbers 119929/Z1/30.09.2022 and 135557/Z1/1.11.2022
5. The act number 20227639/28-11-2022, Determination of the Rector "Election of the Rector and appointment of four (4) Vice-Rectors of the University of Piraeus", ADA: ΨΝΘ7469B7T-ΨΣΨ, (Government Gazette 1121/τ.Υ.Ο.Δ.Δ./5-12-2022)
6. Act number 20228080/13-12-2022 by the Rector "Reconstitution of the Senate of the University of Piraeus for the academic year 2022-2023" (ADA: ΡΔ2Κ469B7T-X6Ο)
7. The Act of Reconstruction of the Postgraduate Studies Committee of the University of Piraeus
8. The decision of the Postgraduate Studies Committee of the University of Piraeus dated February 7, 2023 (27th session)
9. The decision of the Senate of the University of Piraeus
10. Decisions of the Senate of the University of Piraeus with registration numbers 20184239/3-7-2018 (Official Government Gazette B' 3124) and 20205470/1-9-2020 (Official Government Gazette B' 3999)
11. The decision of the Assembly of the Department of Industrial Management and Technology
12. The fact that the implementation of the provisions of this decision does not incur additional expenses to the regular budget or state funding of the University of Piraeus

DECIDES

The updating of the decision of the Senate of the University of Piraeus, with number 20184596/17-7-2018 (B' 3490), as amended and is in force by the decisions with numbers 20202671/30-4-2020 (B' 1880) and 20205471/1-9-2020 (B' 3977) of the Senate, regarding the approval of the Regulation of Postgraduate Studies of the Postgraduate Program (MSc) of the Department of Industrial Management and Technology of the School of Shipping and Industrial Studies of the University of Piraeus, titled "Industrial Management and Technology," in accordance with Law 4957/2022 (A' 141), is hereby decided as follows:

Article 1 General Provisions

The Department of Industrial Management and Technology of the School of Maritime and Industry at the University of Piraeus organizes and operates, starting from the academic year 2018-2019, a Master's Program (MSc) titled "Industrial Management and Technology" in accordance with the provisions of this regulation and the provisions of Law 4957/2022 (Official Gazette A'141).

Article 2 Object – Purpose

The object of the Master's Program (MSc) in "Industrial Management & Technology" is advanced education and scientific training in the subjects of (a) Logistics Management, (b) Energy and Environmental Management, and (c) Project Management. Through its overall operation, the MSc program serves the promotion of scientific knowledge and the satisfaction of the educational, research and developmental needs of the country, with an emphasis on the aforementioned subjects. The central goal of the MSc program is the training of modern administrative executives and their high-level professional specialization, enabling them to leverage new technologies in the business sector and add value to the contemporary job market. The curriculum of the MSc program functions as the means of achieving this goal and provides balanced knowledge between the necessary theoretical background and practical application in each of the three subjects, as well as in a combined manner.

The structure of the program harmoniously supports the managerial, economic, and technological dimensions and extensions of complex industrial and business systems. It cultivates the science of Industrial Management and Technology through three distinct yet simultaneously complementary subjects. Through the successful completion of the study program, graduates can effectively address complex and multidimensional managerial and economic-technical problems encountered in today's and future business and social environments.

The overall structure and specializations offered by the MSc reflect the deeper need of the modern Greek and global economy to shape professionals with high scientific competence in the business world. These professionals should be capable of aligning economic and technological development with respect for the environment and responding to the crucial demand for sustainable growth. Specifically, the MSc is organized into the following three specializations:

- (a) Logistics Management
- (b) Energy and Environmental Management
- (c) Project Management

The main scientific focus of each specialization is briefly described below:

- (a) **Logistics Management:** The objective of this specialization is to provide advanced and targeted knowledge in the field of Logistics based on a contemporary scientific background. The program is designed to offer participants the technologically focused knowledge and managerial skills required by the job market, leading to a successful professional career.
- (b) **Energy and Environmental Management:** The objective of this specialization is to create a managerial workforce capable of meeting the current and future needs of businesses and organizations in the areas of organization, operation and support of energy management and environmental protection systems. This specialization aims to transfer scientific knowledge and appropriate practical methods and tools to students so that they can effectively manage issues related to energy and environmental problems through modern holistic and interdisciplinary methods.

- (c) **Project Management:** The subject of this specialization is to provide comprehensive and extensive knowledge in the organization, management, administration and optimization of projects using internationally recognized, acceptable and effective techniques and methodologies that cover every aspect of Project Management, such as the physical object, time, cost, production factors, communications, etc. The educational program incorporates the use of modern Project Management software and encourages collaboration and a critical approach to common project problems. The specialization focuses on addressing the real needs of the job market and developing project managers capable of contributing to the national economy and business development, understanding in-depth the value of modern Project Management in implementing corporate strategy and achieving business goals.

The courses of the MSc are organized and structured in such a way as to support the development and transmission of knowledge, technical expertise, methodologies, functional tools and overall research results in the respective scientific field. This is achieved by applying innovative teaching approaches. During lectures, basic and advanced theoretical concepts are presented in combination with their practical extensions in addressing and solving real-world problems in businesses and organizations. Enrichment with contemporary research results, case studies, exercises using specialized software, etc., encourages active student participation and facilitates the understanding of scientific concepts, transforming them into knowledge and skills. Furthermore, students are required to study relevant articles in reputable scientific journals and use scientific databases to understand the utility and connection of research methodologies with the challenges and problems of modern businesses and organizations

The MSc program includes the completion of master's theses, whose topics follow scientific developments in the contemporary business environment and the current research fields of the instructors in the MSc. These theses provide opportunities for students to participate in research projects. The MSc program allows for the possibility of presenting the results of these theses at international scientific conferences, provided that the submission of the work has been accepted. This encourages creativity and the development of analytical skills among the students.

Article 3 Postgraduate Diploma

1. The MSc awards a Master's Degree (MSc) in "Industrial Management and Technology" with the following specializations:
 - (a) Logistics Management
 - (b) Energy and Environmental Management
 - (c) Project Management
2. The Master's Degree (MSc) is a public document. Its format is determined by decision of the Senate. The MSc is written in the Greek language.
 1. The Master's Degrees lead to a qualification at level 7, according to the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) and the National Qualifications Framework (NQF).
 2. The Master's Degree awarded by the Master's Program organized by a Department is signed by the Rector, the President of the Department and the Secretary of the Department.
 3. The degree classification is as follows: from 5 to 6.49 - SATISFACTORY, from 6.50 to 8.49 - VERY GOOD, and from 8.50 to 10 - EXCELLENT.
 4. The book of postgraduate students is signed by the Secretary of the Department, the President of the Department and the Rector of the University.

5. The Annex to the Diploma is attached in Greek and English according to the provisions of Article 15 of Law 3374/2005 (Government Gazette A' 189) and Ministerial Decision Φ5/89656/B3/13-8-07 (Government Gazette B' 1466).

Article 4 Structure and Bodies of the MSc

1. Competent bodies for the establishment, organization and operation of the MSc according to Law 4957/2022 are:
 - (a) the Senate of the Institution
 - (b) the Assembly of the Department
 - (c) the MSc Steering Committee
 - (d) the Director of the MSc.
2. The Senate is the competent body for academic, administrative and organizational matters of the MSc Programs. The Senate has the following responsibilities regarding both the MSc Programs and the Institution:
 - (a) Establishes the Postgraduate Studies Committee of the Institution,
 - (b) Approves the establishment of a MSc Program or the modification of the Decision of Establishment of the MSc Program,
 - (c) Approves or modifies the internal regulations governing the operation of the MSc Programs,
 - (d) Approves the establishment of collaborations with universities within the country or abroad, as well as research centers, institutes and technological entities according to Article 13A of Law 4310/2014 (Government Gazette A' 258). This includes the organization of interinstitutional postgraduate programs as well as protocols for academic or research collaboration with entities within or outside the country,
 - (e) Approves the extension of the duration of operation of the MSc Programs,
 - (f) Establishes the Curriculum Committee in case of interdepartmental, interinstitutional, or joint MSc Programs,
 - (g) Decides on the abolition of the MSc Programs offered by the University,
 - (i) Exercises any authorities related to the MSc Programs that are not explicitly assigned by law to other bodies.
3. The Department Assembly is responsible for the organization, administration, and management of the MSc Program and has the following authorities:
 - (a) Proposes to the Senate, through the Postgraduate Studies Committee, the necessity for the establishment/modification of the MSc Program, as well as the extension of the duration of the MSc Program,
 - (b) Appoints the Director and the members of the Steering Committee of the MSc Program,
 - (c) Establishes committees for the evaluation of applications from prospective graduate students and approves their enrollment in the MSc Program,
 - (d) Assigns the teaching responsibilities among the instructors of the MSc Program and may assign supplementary tasks to MSc Program candidates pursuing a Ph.D. within the Department or School, under the supervision of a MSc Program instructor,
 - (e) Forms examination committees for the evaluation of the MSc students' theses and appoints the supervisor for each thesis,
 - (f) Verifies the successful completion of the studies to confer the MSc Degree,

- (g) Approves the MSc Program budget following the recommendation of the Steering Committee,
- (h) Assigns postgraduate students to conduct supplementary teaching duties in first-cycle study programs of the Department,
- (i) Exercises any other authority provided for by the present Regulation.

By decision of the Department Assembly, the authorities of cases (c) and (e) may be transferred to the Steering Committee of the MSc Program.

4. The Steering Committee consists of the Director of the MSc Program and four (4) members of the Faculty of the Department and Emeritus Professors, engaged in teaching activities in the MSc Program and have expertise related to the subject of the MSc Program. The members of the Steering Committee are determined by the Department Assembly for a two-year term, concurrently with the term of the Director. The Steering Committee is responsible for monitoring and coordinating the operation of the program, particularly:
 - (a) Prepares the initial annual budget of the MSc Program and any modifications, provided that the MSc Program has resources, and proposes its approval to the Research Committee of the Special Account for Research Funds,
 - (b) Compiles a detailed report, an analytical account of the research and educational work and other activities of the MSc Program. This report is submitted for approval to the Department Assembly,
 - (c) Approves the expenditure of the MSc Program,
 - (d) Approves the granting of scholarships, whether merit-based or not, in accordance with the provisions set forth in the establishment decision of the MSc Program and the regulations for postgraduate and doctoral studies,
 - (e) Proposes to the Department Assembly the distribution of teaching duties, as well as the assignment of teaching tasks,
 - (f) Proposes to the Department Assembly the invitation of Visiting Professors to meet the teaching needs of the MSc Program,
 - (g) Drafts a plan for the modification of the curriculum and submits it to the Department Assembly for approval,
 - (h) Proposes to the Department Assembly the redistribution of courses among academic semesters, as well as matters related to the qualitative improvement of the curriculum,
 - (i) Proposes the withdrawal of postgraduate students to the Department Assembly,
 - (h) Examines student-related matters, such as requests for suspension of studies, withdrawal requests, extension of study requests, recognition of courses from previous postgraduate education, replacement of courses from the current program with courses from other MSc Programs, etc. and makes relevant proposals to the Department Assembly,
 - (i) Exercises any other authority stipulated by the provisions of this Regulation.
5. The Director of the MSc Program comes from the members of the Faculty of the Department, with priority given to the rank of Professor or Associate Professor. The appointment is made by the Department Assembly for a two-year term, with the possibility of renewal without limitation. The Director of the MSc Program has the following responsibilities:
 - (a) Presides over the Steering Committee, prepares the agenda, and convenes its meetings,
 - (b) Proposes matters concerning the organization and operation of the MSc Program to the Department Assembly,

- (c) Proposes to the Steering Committee and other bodies of the MSc Program and the Institution issues related to the effective operation of the MSc Program,
- (d) Acts as the Scientific Coordinator of the program and exercises the corresponding responsibilities,
- (e) Monitors the implementation of decisions made by the bodies of the MSc Program and the Internal Regulations for Postgraduate and Doctoral Programs, as well as overseeing the execution of the MSc Program budget,
- (f) Exercises any other authority specified in the establishment decision of the Master's Program.

The Director of the MSc Program, as well as the members of the Steering Committee, are not entitled to any remuneration or compensation for the execution of the responsibilities assigned to them related to the performance of their duties.

By decision of the Research Committee, a Deputy Scientific Coordinator of the project/program may be appointed if deemed necessary, following the decision of the Department Assembly.

6. Secretarial Support for the MSc Program

- (a) The administrative and secretarial support of the MSc Program is provided by the Department's Secretariat.
- (b) The Secretary of the Department appoints an employee or employees according to the workload as responsible for the MSc Program.
- (c) In case the MSc Program has its own resources, it may hire external collaborators for administrative and secretarial support, in accordance with the applicable legislation. These external collaborators, however, remain under the supervision of the Department's Secretariat.
- (d) Administrative staff supporting the MSc Programs outside their regular working hours at the University, as well as those assigned tasks related to the Master's Programs, may receive compensation for the services they provide.

Article 5 Instructors in the MSc Program – Teaching Assignment

1. The teaching duties of the MSc Programs are assigned by the decision of the Assembly, following a proposal from the Coordinating Committee, to the following categories of instructors:

- (a) Faculty members, Specialized Teaching Staff, Laboratory Teaching Staff and Specialized Technical Laboratory Staff of the Department or other Departments or Schools of the same or another Higher Education Institution or Higher Military Institution may be assigned additional teaching duties beyond their legal obligations if the MSc Program charges tuition fees,
- (b) Emeritus professors or retired members of the faculty of the Department or other Departments of the same or another Higher Education Institution,
- (c) Collaborating Instructors,
- (d) Appointed Instructors,
- (e) Visiting professors or visiting researchers,
- (f) Researchers and specialized operational scientists from research and technological organizations referred to in Article 13A of Law 4310/2014 (Government Gazette A' 258) or other research centers and institutes, either domestic or foreign,

- (g) Scientists of recognized prestige who possess specialized knowledge and relevant experience in the subject matter of the postgraduate program.
2. All categories of teaching staff may be remunerated exclusively from the resources of the postgraduate program. The payment of fees or any other benefits from the state budget or public investment program is not allowed. By decision of the competent body of the postgraduate program regarding the assignment of teaching duties, the amount of remuneration for each instructor is determined. Specifically, instructors who hold the status of faculty members may receive additional compensation for work they contribute to the postgraduate program, provided they fulfill their minimum legal obligations as stipulated in paragraph 2 of Article 155 of Law 4957/2022. The last paragraph is applied proportionally to members of the Specialized Teaching Staff, Laboratory Teaching Staff and Special Technical Laboratory Staff, provided they fulfill their minimum legal obligations. The exclusive employment of faculty members solely in postgraduate programs of the Department or the School is not allowed.
 3. The assignment of teaching duties for the postgraduate program is carried out by decision of the Department Assembly, following a proposal from the Coordinating Committee of the postgraduate program.
 4. The distribution of teaching duties is carried out before the commencement of the academic year, both for the fall and the spring semester. In cases where the distribution of teaching duties cannot be performed simultaneously for both semesters, the decision will be made before the start of each academic semester. With a reasoned decision by the Department Assembly, the assignment of teaching duties may be modified during the academic year.
 5. By decision of the Department Assembly, auxiliary teaching duties may be assigned to doctoral candidates of the Department or School, under the supervision of a lecturer from the MSc program.
 6. In the period during which instructors are on educational leave or duty suspension, they may provide teaching services to the MSc program if they believe that their schedule allows for it, provided, of course, that, based on the prevailing conditions, this is practically feasible. The feasibility of this is determined on a case-by-case basis by the Department Assembly.
 7. The person responsible for teaching a course in the MSc program must:
 - (a) Faithfully adhere to the schedule for delivering the course.
 - (b) Determine the content of the course in accordance with current developments, as derived from the use of internationally established textbooks and scientific articles from the international literature, within the scope of the course material.
 - (c) Ensure the correlation of the theoretical part of the teaching with high-level practical application, as applied in modern businesses. This effort can be enhanced through the use of case studies, utilizing guest speakers recognized for their experience and expertise, or a combination of both.
 - (d) Maintain sufficient office hours to facilitate uninterrupted communication with students regarding matters related to their studies and the specific course.
 8. At the beginning of each semester, instructors are obligated to submit to the Secretariat of the MSc Program the Course Outline (according to the standard form of the Quality Assurance System). This document should include, among other things, a detailed weekly schedule, the content for each section of the course, relevant bibliography and articles, grading scheme, etc.
 9. Instructors in the MSc Program may have access to educational material developed at or intended for the University of Piraeus. This material is strictly limited to covering the needs of

the MSc Program, either in the courses of the curriculum or in parallel educational activities, such as special seminars or workshops for administrative executives, etc. The use of this educational material by instructors or collaborators in their individual activities outside the scope of the program or in activities or programs competitive to it, whether by organizations or businesses, is prohibited. Violation of this fundamental ethical rule applies to everyone and constitutes grounds for revoking teaching assignments and exclusion from the program's activities, with the reservation of other civil or criminal penalties.

Article 6 Supervision of Postgraduate Theses

1. The right to supervise diploma theses is granted to the following instructors, provided that they hold a doctoral degree:
 - (a) faculty members, Specialized Educational Staff, Laboratory Teaching Staff and Special Technical Laboratory Staff of the Department or other Departments or Schools of the University of Piraeus or another Higher Education Institution or Higher Military Education Institution, with additional employment beyond their legal obligations, if the MSc program charges tuition fees,
 - (b) emeritus professors or retired faculty members of the Department or other Departments of the University of Piraeus or another Higher Education Institution,
 - (c) Collaborating Instructors,
 - (d) Appointed Instructors,
 - (e) Visiting professors or visiting researchers,
 - (f) Researchers and specialized operational scientists from research and technological organizations referred to in Article 13A of Law 4310/2014 (Government Gazette A' 258) or other research centers and institutes, either domestic or foreign.
2. By decision of the Assembly, following the recommendation of the Steering Committee of the MSc program, the supervision of dissertations may be assigned to faculty members, Special Teaching Staff (STS), and Laboratory Teaching Staff of the Department who have not undertaken teaching duties in the MSc program, provided that they hold a doctoral degree.

Article 7 Financial Support / Resources of the MSc Program

1. The resources of the MSc program may come from:
 - (a) tuition fees,
 - (b) donations, sponsorships, and financial support of any kind,
 - (c) bequests,
 - (d) resources from research projects or programs,
 - (e) own resources of the Higher Education Institution and
 - (f) the state budget or the public investment program.
2. The payment of tuition fees, if provided, is made by the student personally or by a third party, whether a natural or legal person, on behalf of the student, if stipulated in the decision establishing the MSc program.
3. The management of the resources of the MSc programs of the University is carried out by the Special Account for Research Funds of the University.
4. The resources of the MSc programs are allocated as follows:

- (a) 30% of the total revenue derived from tuition fees is retained by the Special Account for Research Funds. This amount includes the percentage retained for Special Account for Research Funds financial management of the MSc programs. When the income of the MSc programs comes from donations, sponsorships, financial aid of any kind, legacies, or funding from research projects or programs, the same retention in favor of Special Account for Research Funds applies as for income from corresponding funding sources,
- (b) The remaining amount of the total revenue of the MSc program is allocated to cover the operational expenses of the MSc program.

Article 8 Categories of Candidates

1. In the MSc program, holders of a bachelor's degree from Greek Universities (Universities and Technological Educational Institutes) or equivalent institutions from abroad are accepted.
2. In the case of candidates holding a bachelor's and/or master's degree from a foreign institution, the Secretariat of the MSc program, in accordance with the current legislation, verifies whether the institution of origin is listed in the National Register of Recognized Foreign Institutions and if its type is included in the National Register of Types of Degrees from Recognized Institutions, maintained and updated by the Hellenic National Register of Recognized Foreign Institutions. Additionally, if the candidate is accepted, they must provide a Certificate of Place of Studies issued and sent by the foreign university. If the place of study or part thereof is certified to be within the Greek territory, the degree is not recognized, unless the place of study in the Greek territory is a public Higher Education Institution. Degrees from foreign institutions are submitted and accepted in accordance with the relevant provisions. Additional supporting documents are specified in the Regulations of the MSc program.

Article 9 Criteria for Determining the Upper and Lower Number of Admissions to the MSc Programs

The upper and lower number of admissions to the MSc program is determined by the Department through a decision of the Assembly, taking into consideration the specificity of the subject matter, any specializations, the number of instructors in the MSc program, the student-instructor ratio, the infrastructure, classrooms, as well as the absorption of graduates by the job market.

Article 10 Admission Criteria and Selection Process for the MSc Program

1. Admission to the MSc program is conducted in accordance with the provisions and regulations of this MSc Degree Regulation.
2. Upon the decision of the Assembly, a call for the admission of postgraduate students to the MSc program is published and posted on the Department's and the Institution's website. The announcement includes all relevant details (deadline for application submission, method of application, required supporting documents, etc.). The applications, along with the necessary documents, are submitted electronically or deposited at the Department's Secretariat within a deadline specified in the announcement, which may be extended by the decision of the Department's Assembly. In case of submitting applications for all three specializations of the MSc, each application is assigned a unique number indicating the preferred order of priority.
3. The admission requirements for the MSc program are as follows:

- (a) Academic criteria, such as the undergraduate degree grade, grades in courses related to the subject matter of the MSc program, performance in a bachelor's/master's thesis, where applicable in the first cycle of studies, possession of a second-degree qualification (Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctorate), etc.
 - (b) Knowledge of the English language at least at level B1, in addition to the language of instruction of the MSc program
 - (c) Relevance of the Department of origin to the MSc program
 - (d) Type and extent of any work and/or research experience of the candidate
 - (e) Any scientific publications and/or participation in conferences
 - (f) Recommendation letters from faculty members of universities and/or employers
 - (g) The candidate's performance during the interview
 - (h) Verification of the academic degree from abroad
 - (i) A sufficient, verified by the Selection Committee of the MSc program, knowledge of the Greek language or a Greek language proficiency certificate for international candidates who wish to participate in MSc programs organized in the Greek language
4. The required documents submitted by each candidate must substantiate and support the aforementioned prerequisites, and are as follows:
- (a) Application form
 - (b) Copy of identity card
 - (c) Detailed Curriculum Vitae
 - (d) Copy/copies of degree(s) or certificate of completion of studies
 - (e) Certificate of detailed academic record, including the degree grade
 - (f) Two recommendation letters from university faculty members and/or employers
 - (g) Certified language proficiency certificate in English, at B1 level.
 - (h) Brief statement outlining the reasons the candidate wishes to participate in the specific MSc program
 - (i) Any other element that, in the candidate's judgment, could be utilized during the selection process (such as copies of publications, copy of undergraduate/graduate/postgraduate thesis, certificates of work experience, participation in other training programs, etc.)
 - (j) Declaration of responsibility (through the <https://www.gov.gr> service) or with certification of the genuine signature at a Citizen Service Center or Police Department in Greece, in which the candidate states that the submitted documents in their folder are true.
- The Department Assembly, by its decision, may require additional documentation. The exact procedure is described in the announcement.
5. Candidates holding degrees from foreign institutions (first and second cycle) must submit their academic credentials for verification, in accordance with Article 8 of the present regulation.
6. The evaluation of applications from prospective postgraduate students and the selection of admitted candidates are carried out by a committee of academic faculty members (Selection Committee), established by the Department Assembly. The Assembly approves their enrollment in the MSc program.
- (a) The selection of admitted candidates is based on the evaluation of the candidate's portfolio, examinations, oral interviews, or a combination of the above. The process relies

on objective criteria that ensure principles of equality and meritocracy, as specified in the regulations of the MSc program.

- (b) Members of the categories of Faculty, Special Teaching Staff and Technical Administrative Staff, who meet the requirements of the preceding paragraph, may, upon their request, be accepted as supernumerary, and only one per year. This is applicable only for MSc programs organized by the Department of the Institution where they serve, which is relevant to the subject of their academic title and the work they perform at the respective Institution, in accordance with the Internal Regulations of the Institution.
7. The selection criteria, as well as the details of their implementation, are as follows:
 - (a) Grade(s) of the degree(s)
 - (b) Grade point average in undergraduate courses relevant to the subject of the MSc program
 - (c) Performance in undergraduate or diploma thesis
 - (d) Proficiency in a foreign language or languages
 - (e) Relevance of the Department of origin to the MSc program
 - (f) Possession of a second degree (First, Second, or Third cycle)
 - (g) Type and extent of relevant work and/or research experience
 - (h) Interview
 - (i) Recommendation letters from university faculty members and/or employers
 - (j) Additional criteria determined by the decision of the Department Assembly
 8. The implementation details of the criteria (e.g., points, weight coefficients, etc.) are determined by the decision of the Department Assembly.
 9. The Department Assembly may establish a Committee (additional) for examinations, upon the proposal of the Selection Committee, for all or some candidates. The content and timing of these examinations are determined by the Selection Committee.
 10. The selection process is conducted by the Selection Committee, which:
 - (a) Compiles a complete list of all those who have submitted an application.
 - (b) Rejects candidates who do not meet the minimum criteria in case such criteria have been set by the Department Assembly and are included in the Operating Regulations of the MSc program, or if their folder is incomplete regarding any required document.
 - (c) Invites for an interview those candidates decided to be called. The interview is conducted by the members of the Selection Committee.
 - (d) Organizes any internal examinations for candidates deemed necessary.
 - (e) Ranks the candidates based on their grades and submits its proposal for final approval to the Department Assembly.
 11. In case of a tie for the last position in the ranking of successful candidates, all tied candidates have the opportunity to enroll.
 12. The successful candidates enroll at the Secretariat of the MSc program, paying the registration fee equal to 10% of the tuition fees within thirty (30) working days from the decision of the Department Assembly.
 13. In case of non-registration of one or more students, the runners-up, if any, will be invited, based on their order in the approved evaluation list, to enroll in the MSc.

Article 11 Tuition fees

1. Postgraduate students are obliged to pay tuition fees, which amount to five thousand eight hundred euros (€5,800), as of the year of issuance of this regulation (2023). The tuition fees may be modified following a proposal by the Department Assembly and approval by the Senate.
2. The payment of the tuition fee is made in four stages, as follows:
 - Advance payment (10%) upon enrollment
 - First Installment (30%) before their registration in the MSc program
 - Second Installment (30%) no later than two (2) weeks from the start of the courses of the second semester
 - Third Installment (30%) no later than two (2) weeks from the start of the courses of the third semester.
3. Any adjustment to the amount of tuition fees can only be made for a new academic year through a decision of the competent authorities, in accordance with the applicable provisions, and is not retroactive.
4. In case of non-compliance with financial obligations, the student is notified by the Secretariat of the MSc program. Failure to settle the respective tuition fee deprives the student of the right to participate in semester exams or present the master's thesis.
5. In the event that an enrolled student requests withdrawal from the Program, 70% of the semester tuition fees are refunded, provided that the withdrawal request is made within the first two (2) weeks of the respective semester's instruction. In any other case of permanent withdrawal or deletion, the paid tuition fees are not refunded. Any paid tuition fees are non-refundable if a student chooses or is compelled to interrupt their enrollment in the program.
6. Full refund of semester tuition fees to a student who has registered and does not wish to start or continue attending the MSc program is possible following a proposal from the Steering Committee and a relevant decision of the Department Assembly, only in cases of a serious impediment to the student. The latter must be proven (with official documents submitted to the Steering Committee) to have arisen after the completion of the student's registration in the MSc program or the commencement of the respective semester. However, if the student has attended more than 75% of the semester's lectures, the semester tuition fees will not be refunded for any reason.
7. According to current legislation, the possibility of exemption from paying tuition fees is provided if the following conditions are met.
 - (a) Registered students of a Postgraduate Program who are not citizens of third countries (Clarification: A third country is any country outside the European Economic Area (EEA). EEA countries are the 28 member states of the European Union, as well as Iceland, Norway, and Liechtenstein) can attend the program for free (or with a 50% discount on tuition fees) if they meet the financial or social criteria according to the provisions of the current legislation.
 - (b) A prerequisite for granting the right to free tuition due to financial or social criteria is the fulfillment of excellence requirements during the first cycle of studies, corresponding to at least a grade equal to or higher than seven and a half (7.5/10) with distinctions on the 10-points grading scale.
 - (c) The total number of students attending free or with a 50% tuition fee reduction cannot exceed thirty percent (30%) of the total enrolled students per academic year. The submission of applications for free tuition for each MSc program takes place after the completion of the student registration process in the MSc.

8. The examination of the criteria for exemption from tuition fees is carried out by the Assembly of the MSc Program Department. This exemption is provided exclusively for enrollment in one (1) MSc program organized by domestic Universities.

Article 12 Scholarships

1. The MSc programs provide: (a) Scholarships for Academic Performance, (b) Excellence and Awards Scholarships, and (c) Reciprocal Scholarships. The specific terms and conditions are determined in the Regulations of Operation of the MSc programs.
2. The MSc program provides **Scholarships for Academic Performance** per academic semester to students who pay tuition fees, based on academic criteria and by decision of the Assembly. For the ranking of scholarship candidates, the highest average grade of all successfully examined courses in each semester of study will be taken into account. Scholarships may cover part or the entire tuition fees. The amount of each scholarship cannot exceed the amount of tuition fees for one semester. Students have the option to offset the amount of their scholarship with the payment for the next semester. Scholarships are recorded in the budget of the MSc program. Any obligations of the scholarship recipients are determined by decision of the Assembly. The Department's Assembly, following a proposal from the Steering Committee, may make modifications according to the financial capabilities of the MSc program.
3. The MSc program also provides **Excellence Scholarships**. Postgraduate students who will pay tuition fees, during the expression of interest announced by the MSc program, have the right to simultaneously apply for a scholarship for the 1st semester of studies, provided they meet the following criteria:
 - Degree grade of eight (8) and above from a Greek University/Technological Educational Institute or the equivalent of 8/10 for a degree from a tertiary education institution abroad, and/or
 - Graduation rank in the top 10% of the class (confirmed by an official document from the respective registrar's office)
4. By decision of the Department's Assembly, the participation of postgraduate students in providing supplementary teaching work in undergraduate programs is possible, with the grant of **Reciprocal Scholarships**, based on their academic performance and other criteria specified in the Regulations of Operation of the MSc program. Supplementary teaching work is defined as the assistance of members of the Teaching and Research Staff (TRS) in the exercise of their teaching duties, the guidance of undergraduate students, the conduct of tutorials, laboratory exercises, supervision of exams and the correction of assignments. The Assembly's decision determines the details regarding the selection of supplementary teaching staff, the maximum amount of Reciprocal Scholarship per student, the maximum number of hours per week of their engagement, and other details related to the grant of Reciprocal Scholarships.

Article 13 Duration of Studies

1. The duration of studies for the award of the MSc Degree is set at three (3) academic semesters, including the time for the completion of the master's thesis.
2. The educational work of each academic year is structured into two study semesters, the fall and the spring, each of which includes at least thirteen (13) weeks of instruction and three (3) weeks of examinations, with a resit examination period in September. Attendance in courses/laboratories, etc., is mandatory. In case a course cannot take place, a replacement

session is provided. The date and time of the replacement session are posted on the MSc program's website.

3. The maximum allowable time for the completion of studies is set at five (5) academic semesters. In the event that a student, after the completion of five (5) academic semesters of enrollment, has completed all the courses but has not finished the MSc thesis, he/she is entitled to request an extension of his/her enrollment in the MSc program for an additional period of up to two (2) academic semesters, solely for the purpose of completing and successfully examining the master's thesis. The application is submitted to the Steering Committee within the first week of the next semester following the expiration of the maximum allowable time for the completion of studies. The application must be accompanied by the relevant documents justifying the need for the extension of enrollment. After the expiration of this extension, a student who has not successfully completed the MSc thesis withdraws from the program and receives a certificate of attendance for the completed part of the studies.
4. A special exception to the formally specified maximum time limit of five (5) semesters can be granted by the Assembly, upon request of the concerned individual, and only for health reasons. After the expiration of the extension generally provided by law, the student withdraws from the program and receives a certificate of attendance for the completed part of the studies.
5. A student, with a reasoned request, may apply for a temporary suspension of enrollment, which does not exceed a total of two consecutive academic semesters. The semesters during the suspension of student status are not counted in the prescribed maximum duration of regular enrollment.

Article 14 Course Program

1. The MSc program starts in either the fall or spring semester of each academic year.
2. The courses are organized into semesters, take place on a weekly basis during the afternoon hours, and are conducted in both Greek and English languages.
3. Throughout the duration of their studies, postgraduate students are obligated to attend and successfully pass postgraduate courses and/or laboratories, as well as to complete a master's thesis. Additionally, they may participate in research activities, write scientific papers, and/or engage in practical training, among other activities.
4. The **Course Program**, by specialization, at the time of drafting this Regulation, is structured as follows:

Specialization: Logistics Management

1 st Semester	
CORE COURSES	Credit Units
Analytical Methods	6
Supply Chain Management	6
Logistics Information Systems	6
ELECTIVE COURSES (Select 2 out of 5)	
Computational Tools for Analysis and Problem Solving	6
Operations Cost Analysis	6
Inventory Management	6
ERP Systems for Supply Chain Management	6
Project Management	6
Personal Skills Development (Introductory Semester Activity)	-
Total Credits	30
2 nd Semester	
CORE COURSES	Credit Units
Procurement and Supply	6
Warehouse Management and Material Handling	6
Transportation and Distribution Systems	6
ELECTIVE COURSES (Select 2 out of 6)	
Financial Management	6
Environmental Standards and Certifications	6
Zero Waste Management & Circular Economy	6
Strategic Management and Entrepreneurship	6
Packaging in the Supply Chain	6
Advanced ERP Systems for Supply Chain Management - SAP Applications	6
Personal Skills Development (Introductory Semester Activity)	-
Total Credits	30
3 rd Semester	
CORE COURSES	Credit Units
MSc Thesis	12
ELECTIVE COURSES (Select 3 out of 8)	
Managing Knowledge and Organizational Change	6
Human Resource Management	6
Industry 4.0 Systems	6
Equipment and Facility Maintenance	6
Humanitarian Logistics	6
Urban-City Last Mile Logistics	6
Digital Transformation and Operations Management	6
Sustainable and Globalized Supply Chains	6
Internship	6
Research Methodology	-
Total Credits	30

Specialization: Energy and Environmental Management

1 st Semester	
CORE COURSES	Credit Units
Economics of Energy and Environment	6
Structure, Operation and Transition of the Energy System	6
Renewable Energy Sources	6
ELECTIVE COURSES (Select 2 out of 3)	
Climate Change and Sustainability	6
Computational Tools for Analysis and Problem Solving	6
Project Management	6
Personal Skills Development (Introductory Semester Activity)	-
Total Credits	30
2 nd Semester	
CORE COURSES	Credit Units
Energy and Climate Policy	6
Energy Saving and Demand Management	6
Zero Waste Management & Circular Economy	6
ELECTIVE COURSES (Select 2 out of 3)	
Environmental Standards and Certifications	6
Strategic Management and Entrepreneurship	6
Quality and Risk Management	6
Personal Skills Development (Introductory Semester Activity)	-
Total Credits	30
3 rd Semester	
CORE COURSES	Credit Units
MSc Thesis	12
Energy Markets and Regulation	6
ELECTIVE COURSES (Select 2 out of 4)	
Alternative Fuels and Applications Power to X	6
Equipment and Facility Maintenance	6
Modelling and Optimization of Energy and Environmental Systems	6
Industry 4.0 Systems	6
Internship	6
Research Methodology	-
Total Credits	30

Specialization: Project Management

1 st Semester	
CORE COURSES	Credit Units
Project Management	6
Human Resource Management	6
Operations Cost Analysis	6
Innovation Management and Product Development	6
ELECTIVE COURSES (Select 1 out of 2)	
Managing Knowledge and Organizational Change	6
Supply Chain Management	6
Personal Skills Development (Introductory Semester Activity)	-
Total credits	30
2 nd Semester	
CORE COURSES	Credit Units
Project Planning and Control	6
Strategic Management and Entrepreneurship	6
Financial Management	6
Quality and Risk Management	6
ELECTIVE COURSES (Select 1 out of 2)	
Big Data and Business Analytics	6
Procurement and Supply	6
Personal Skills Development (Introductory Semester Activity)	-
Total Credits	30
3 rd Semester	
CORE COURSES	Credit Units
MSc Thesis	12
Project Management Certification	3
Agile Project Management	3
ELECTIVE COURSES (Select 2 out of 5)	
Project Management in Practice	6
Συστήματα ERP στη Διοίκηση Έργων – Εφαρμογές με το SAP	6
ERP Systems in Project Management - Applications with SAP	6
Climate Change & Sustainability	6
Industry 4.0 Systems	6
Internship	6
Research Methodology	-
Total Credits	30

The elective course of the 3rd Semester, 'Internship,' corresponds to six (6) credit units, which are not included in the requirements for obtaining the MSc Degree. The course is included in the diploma supplement without a grade.

- For the teaching of an elective course, the corresponding number of students is set at a minimum between eight (8) and the number of students of any specialization. When this minimum

requirement is not met, the course will not be offered. In this case, postgraduate students will need to select another course.

6. The Academic Calendar as well as the Timetable are prepared within the framework of the academic calendar of the University of Piraeus and are approved by the Assembly upon the proposal of the Steering Committee. At the beginning of each period, the Timetable of the period is announced, which includes the days and hours of course instruction, the dates of other events or obligations, etc.
7. Modification of the course program and the redistribution of courses among the semesters can be done through decisions of the competent bodies (Steering Committee, Assembly and Senate), which will be included in the Postgraduate Studies Regulation.

Article 15 Organization of the Educational Process of the MSc through Distance Learning Methods

1. The organization of the educational process of the MSc Program can be carried out using distance learning methods (synchronous, asynchronous, or blended).
2. **Synchronous distance education** is the educational method through technological mediation (teleconferencing environment) where the instructor and learners interact in different locations but at the same time with the possibility of two-way communication and sharing of multimedia content (slides, videos, etc.) in real-time. **Asynchronous distance education** is the educational method through an integrated technological environment (platform) for asynchronous education, where the instructor and learners interact in different locations and at different times. Specifically, interaction occurs between: a. instructor - learner, b. learner - educational material, c. learners. **Blended Learning** is the educational method that develops under pedagogical conditions through the combination of distance education (synchronous or asynchronous) with face-to-face educational processes.
3. The organization of courses and other educational activities using modern distance education methods pertains to courses and educational activities that, by their nature, can be supported using distance education methods and do not include practical, laboratory, or clinical training of students, which requires the physical presence of students for their implementation.
4. If the educational process is carried out using asynchronous distance education methods, these cannot exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the credit units of the MSc program.
5. The organization of the educational process using distance education methods ensures the accessibility of individuals with disabilities and special educational needs.
6. Responsible for supporting distance education processes, as well as issues related to the protection of personal data, is the Digital Governance Unit of the University of Piraeus.

Article 16 Obligations and Rights of Postgraduate Students

1. Postgraduate students have all the rights and benefits provided for undergraduate students of the first cycle of studies, with the exception of the right to receive free textbooks. Benefits for postgraduate students regarding health care and hospital treatment within the National Health System, a special student card for transportation and meals are regulated based on current legislation.

2. The institution ensures equal access to its premises for students with disabilities or special educational needs, as well as accessibility to facilities, services, physical and digital infrastructure, equipment and educational materials.
3. Graduate students are invited to participate in and attend seminars of research groups, laboratory visits, conferences/seminars with a subject related to that of the MSc, lectures, or other scientific events organized by the MSc program, etc.
4. The Career Office provides counseling support to students on academic matters and professional rehabilitation.
5. Graduate students can participate in Information Literacy courses offered by the library, covering strategies for searching information sources and evaluating results (accuracy, timeliness, relevance), bibliography composition, citation standards, information ethics (avoiding plagiarism) and self-deposition of Theses in the Institutional Repository DIONE.
6. Upon enrollment in the MSc program, students are required to familiarize themselves with the Operating Regulations of the MSc program and to declare in writing that they accept the rules of the program's operation. Additionally, they are obligated to be acquainted with the Regulations of Postgraduate and Doctoral Studies and the Code of Ethics and Good Practice of the University of Piraeus, which are posted on the institution's central website.

Absence Limit in a Course

7. The postgraduate students are required to attend continuously the lectures, labs and other activities scheduled for each course. For each course, there is an upper limit of absences (justified and/or unjustified), corresponding to 30% of the total teaching hours of the course.
8. More specifically, justified absences (due to force majeure, i.e., serious and urgent health incidents, dangerous weather phenomena, emergency family situations, etc.), to which the student is entitled, are up to 20% of the total teaching hours of the course, distributed in up to two (2) lectures. The student must submit the corresponding documentation to the Department's Secretariat within ten (10) working days from the day of absence (e.g., medical certificates, medical certification, or a written statement from the student regarding the reasons for force majeure and supporting documents). If the relevant documentation is not provided, the absence is considered unjustified.
9. Unjustified absence corresponds to 10% of the total teaching hours of a course, accumulated in one (1) lecture.
10. In case this limit (30%) of total absences or the limit (10%) of unjustified absences is exceeded, the student is considered to have failed in this course and must retake it.
11. In case of exceeding the limit of absences in any five (5) courses, the student withdraws from the program and receives a certificate listing the courses in which they have been successfully examined.

Failure in a Course – Withdrawal from the Program due to Exam Failure

12. In case of failure in the examination of a course, the student is required to retake the exam in the September examination period. In the event of another failure, the student must retake the course. If the student fails again, they may request to be examined by a 3-member committee consisting of teaching staff of the MSc program with expertise in the subject matter related to the course under examination, excluding the instructor of the course. If the student fails again, the failure is considered final, and the student withdraws from the program, receiving a certificate listing the courses in which they were successfully examined.

13. In case of failure in the examination of the MSc thesis, the student may request a re-examination within two (2) months. In the event of another failure, the student receives a certificate of attendance for the courses in which they have obtained a passing grade and withdraws from the program.
14. In any case, the award of the MSc Degree requires a passing grade in the postgraduate courses and in the master's thesis. If this is not achieved within the maximum prescribed duration of studies, the student receives a certificate of attendance for the courses in which they have obtained a passing grade and withdraws from the program.

Deletion – Withdrawal from the Program

15. The Department Assembly, following the proposal of the Specialization Committee, may decide on the deletion of postgraduate students if:
 - have violated the established provisions regarding the handling of disciplinary offenses by the competent disciplinary bodies,
 - voluntarily upon request of postgraduate students,
16. In case of the deletion of a postgraduate student, a relevant certificate is provided, specifying the courses in which he/she has been successfully examined.
17. In the event of the termination of the MSc program, students have a grace period of two (2) years from the program's conclusion to settle any outstanding matters (e.g., thesis, course examinations, tuition fees, etc.). After this period, the process of their deletion is initiated.

Withdrawal from the Program Due to Non-Payment of Tuition Fees

18. In case of non-payment of the prescribed tuition fees, the student is not eligible to participate in the examinations of the courses for the respective semester.
19. In case of outstanding payment for the last installment only, the student is not allowed to submit the master's thesis.
20. In case of non-payment of the total tuition fees after the expiration of the maximum duration of enrollment, as specified in Article 13 of this Regulation, the student withdraws from the program and receives a certificate specifying the courses in which he/she has been successfully examined.

Other Disciplinary Offenses

21. In the event that a student commits an offense falling under intellectual property law (Law 2121/93) during the preparation of his/her assigned tasks and/or the postgraduate thesis, he/she is referred to the Department's Ethics Committee and is called upon to rectify the offense according to the committee's recommendations. In case of refusal or failure to address the offense or a repeat offense, the student withdraws from the program and receives a certificate listing the courses in which he/she has been successfully examined.

Article 17 Examinations – Knowledge Assessment

1. Evaluation of postgraduate students may be carried out through written or oral examinations, intermediate progress exams, written assignments, laboratory exercises, a combination of different assessment methods, or other evaluation methods that are in line with the nature of each educational process. In the conduct of written or oral examinations, as methods of assessment, the integrity of the procedure is mandatory.

2. If the assessment is conducted through final examinations, such examination may take place either after the completion of each academic semester or after the completion of the teaching work of each course or the conclusion of each educational activity.
3. The final evaluation and grading in the individual courses of the MSc are determined by the instructor, who may choose to organize written and/or oral examinations or rely on assignments or laboratory exercises. The grading is on a scale of 0-10: from 0 to 4.99 is considered a failure, and from 5 to 10 is considered a pass. The grades for the courses are submitted to the MSc Secretariat within 30 days after the end of the examination period.
4. To obtain the MSc, each postgraduate student must attend and pass all the courses offered by the MSc program and complete a master's thesis, accumulating ninety (90) credit units.
5. The grade of the MSc is determined by the grades of the courses in the Program and the grade of the MSc thesis in a manner decided by the Assembly. The MSc grade, under the responsibility of the Secretariat, is recorded in the student's individual file.
6. The written material is kept with the care of the instructor for one year. After this period, the written material loses its validity and is destroyed, unless there is a pending legal, disciplinary, or any other administrative procedure. Destruction is preferably done using the institution's document destruction devices, and the products of destruction are recycled.
7. According to the internal regulations of the University, the following are regulated: a) alternative methods for evaluating students with disabilities and special educational needs, b) precautionary measures for evaluating students who are proven to be ill or recovering from a serious illness during the examination period, which also apply to postgraduate students.

The Master's Thesis

8. In the third (3rd) semester of the program, the completion of a master's thesis is required. At any time after the start of the second (2nd) semester of studies and before the beginning of the 3rd semester, the student submits an application to the Secretariat of the MSc Program. The application includes the proposed title of the thesis in both Greek and English, the proposed supervisor, and the other two suggested members of the three-member examination committee, based on the relevance of their expertise. The application must be signed by the proposed supervisor. The Steering Committee evaluates the application and proposes to the Assembly the composition of the three-member examination committee and the supervisor. Subsequently, the Assembly approves the final formation of the examination committee and appoints the supervisor.
9. The other two (2) members may be faculty members teaching in the MSc Program or researchers or instructors in the MSc Program holding a doctoral degree. The committee members must have the same or related scientific expertise to the subject matter of the thesis.
10. In order to have the thesis evaluated, the student must defend it before the examination committee during specific examination periods determined by the Steering Committee.
11. The language of writing for the master's thesis can be either Greek or/and English.
12. The Steering Committee prepares and the Assembly approves a Guide for the Preparation of the MSc Thesis, which is posted on the postgraduate program's website. The guide includes instructions for writing, submission, presentation, examination and grading of the MSc Thesis.
13. Once the MSc Theses are evaluated by the examination committee, they are uploaded by the students to the Institutional Repository DIONE of the University of Piraeus Library.

Article 18 Academic Advisor

1. For each postgraduate student, the Department Assembly, following a proposal by the Steering Committee, appoints a faculty or research staff member, regardless of rank and position, as an academic advisor, as well as his/her substitute. In case of the academic advisor's absence due to leave or any other reason, the substitute assumes the advisory duties.
2. It is possible to change or replace the Academic Advisor before the end of their term. This change can be requested either by the Academic Advisor after notifying the Coordinating Committee or by the student, following a justified request submitted to the Secretariat of the MSc program.
3. The duties of the Academic Advisor are as follows:
 - (a) General counseling work. The Academic Advisor provides guidance to the student based on any request of an educational, academic, or learning nature, without the advice being binding or constituting an obligation for the student.
 - (b) Special advisory work, where the academic advisor may:
 - i. Guide and support students in their academic program, as well as in personal issues related to their studies, and to advise students on the optimal way to achieve their individual goals at every level of their studies.
 - ii. Provide support to facilitate the transition of incoming students to postgraduate education by utilizing the tools of Counseling (establishing a good relationship between the advisor and students, discovering existing potential points, abilities, and skills through exploratory discussions, attempting to identify expectations for the future, collaborative planning to fulfill expectations, support for implementing expectations when obstacles arise and encouragement to fully utilize opportunities during the course of studies).
 - iii. Provide information regarding course content, participation in workshops, educational or scientific seminars and the utilization of department facilities. Additionally, the academic advisor may suggest ways to help the student understand and successfully complete challenging courses, such as study techniques, the use of additional literature, etc. He/she may also recommend course selections that align more closely with the student's personal interests, skills, and abilities, propose topics for the preparation of dissertations, etc.
 - iv. Guide students to other services or administrative units of the academic institution that are responsible for handling matters other than educational/learning issues.
 - v. Function as a consultant for any student who wishes to help him/her form the best possible understanding of his/her professional career or potential further scientific development through the completion of a doctoral thesis. The academic advisor should duly call a meeting with the student in case it is requested by any faculty member of the MSc program, who observes problems of any educational nature (e.g., continuous absences, consistently poor performance in exercises, unjustified abandonment of course activities, etc.).

Article 19 Internship - Mobility

1. The mobility of students in the MSc program "Industrial Management and Technology" for studies is carried out in accordance with the mobility regulations of the MSc program.
2. The Internship of students in the MSc program "Industrial Management and Technology" is carried out in accordance with the internship regulations of the MSc program.

3. Students who come from other Greek Universities or equivalent institutions abroad within the framework of educational-European or research cooperation programs enroll as visiting students of the MSc program.
4. Visiting students have the same rights and obligations as students of the University of Piraeus for the duration of their enrollment, according to the approved collaboration program.
5. Regarding students enrolled in Greek universities, the credit units (ECTS), the duration of studies, the successful completion of courses and their grades at the host university are taken into account, transferred and considered to have been completed at the university of origin, provided that these courses are included in an approved collaboration program.
6. By decision of the Senate, the possibility of a temporary transfer of a student from one university to another within the country may be provided for a period not exceeding one academic year. The process of recognizing credit units (ECTS) and other related issues will be regulated accordingly.
7. By decision of the Assembly, the terms and conditions for the recognition of credit units (ECTS) by the host institution are regulated, as well as the preservation of any student benefits that can be transferred to a foreign host institution.

Article 20 Graduation Oath

1. Students who successfully complete their postgraduate studies take an oath during a ceremony in the presence of the Rector or Vice-Rector as the representative of the Rector, the Dean of the School, the President of the Department and the Director of the MSc Program. The oath is not a mandatory requirement for the successful completion of studies, but it is a necessary condition for the awarding of the postgraduate diploma.
2. For reasons of force majeure and upon request to the Department's Secretariat, the graduate may request the issuance of the degree title without participating in the oath ceremony or may request to participate in a subsequent oath ceremony. Before the oath or their exemption from it, graduates may be provided with a relevant certificate for the successful completion of their studies.
3. The text of the oath for graduates obtaining a Master's degree is determined by the Senate. Graduates who do not wish to take a religious oath are allowed a simple affirmation of their honor and conscience.

Article 21 Infrastructure of the MSc Program

1. For the proper operation of the MSc Program, classrooms and seminar rooms equipped with audiovisual means, as well as amphitheatres, are provided by the Institution and the Department.
2. The funding for the MSc Program may come from various sources, including donations, grants, endowments, sponsorships, research programs, EU programs, or other international organizations, as well as tuition fees and other sources, as specified by current legislation.

Article 22 Evaluation

1. The evaluation of the MSc Program is carried out through the process of annual internal assessment and external evaluation of academic departments, in accordance with current legislation and the Internal Quality Assurance System. The Quality Assurance Unit of the

University is responsible for shaping the Internal Quality Assurance System and the implementation processes thereof.

2. At the end of each semester, an evaluation is conducted by the postgraduate students for each course and instructor. Students provide an overall assessment of the course, including its content, teaching methods, recommended textbooks, etc., using a specific form distributed by the Secretariat. The results of the evaluation are communicated to the respective parties under the responsibility of the Director of the MSc Program.
3. The MSc Program is evaluated within the framework of the periodic evaluation/certification of the academic unit by the Hellenic Authority for Higher Education.
4. The certification of the MSc Program is carried out by the Hellenic Authority for Higher Education, in accordance with the current legislation. Within this framework, the overall assessment of the work performed by each MSc Program is evaluated. This includes the degree of achievement of the goals set at its establishment, its sustainability, the employability of graduates in the job market, its contribution to research, internal evaluation by postgraduate students, the advisability of extending its operation, as well as other elements related to the quality of the work produced and its contribution to the national strategy for higher education. The periodic certification of the MSc Program is required every five (5) years within the framework of the periodic evaluation/certification of the Department of Industrial Management and Technology.
5. The MSc has the possibility to be accredited by other bodies, if desired.

Article 23 Recognition of Courses

1. The MSc program, by decision of the Department Assembly, has the option to recognize courses from integrated postgraduate programs of the other two specializations of the MSc in "Industrial Management & Technology" for students of each specialization. In this case, the postgraduate student transfers the corresponding ECTS to meet the requirements for obtaining the MSc degree and is exempted from tuition fees equal to 2% of the total tuition fees for each recognized course.
2. The MSc program, by decision of the Department Assembly, also has the option to recognize up to two (2) courses from integrated postgraduate programs of another MSc program, either from a domestic or foreign institution. In this case, the postgraduate student transfers the corresponding ECTS to meet the requirements for obtaining the MSc degree and is exempted from tuition fees equal to 2% of the total tuition fees for each recognized course.
3. Courses from the undergraduate level, even those within integrated master's programs, are not eligible for recognition.
4. In any case of recognition of a course (ECTS) from another MSc program outside the MSc in "Industrial Management and Technology," the student has the option to attend another elective course without the obligation of examination, and without crediting the course's ECTS towards the requirements for obtaining the MSc Degree. The course is included in the Diploma Appendix without a grade.

Article 24 Transitional Provisions

1. Students who were admitted until the academic year 2022-2023 will complete their studies in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations that were in effect until the publication of the present document.
2. Any matters not addressed by the present Regulations will be regulated by decisions of the competent authorities, in accordance with the current legislation.

This Decision shall be published in the Official Gazette.

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