

RESOLUTION

Amendment of English-taught intensive Postgraduate Programme at the Department of Communication and Media Studies of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA), “MSc In Media and Refugee/Migration Flows”.

THE SENATE

OF THE NATIONAL AND KAPODISTRIAN UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS

Taking into consideration:

1. the provisions of L.4857/22, “New Horizons in Higher Education Institutions: Strengthening the quality, functionality, and connection of HEIs with society and other provisions” (GG A141), and more specifically articles 79 to 88, as amended and currently in force,
2. the circular 135557/Z1/1-11-2022 of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, “Implementation of the provisions of L.4857/22, ‘New Horizons in Higher Education Institutions: Strengthening the quality, functionality, and connection of HEIs with society and other provisions’ (GG A141) for the organisation and function of postgraduate programmes and other matters”,
3. the provisions of L.4386/2016, “Regulations for research and other provisions” (GG A83), as amended and currently in force,
4. the Presidential Decree 85/31-5-2013, “Establishment, renaming, reforming of Schools and foundation of Department at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens” (GG A120),
5. the provisions of L.3374/2005 and especially the articles 14 and 15, “Quality assurance in higher education. Credit transfer and accumulation system – Diploma supplement” (GG A189), as amended and currently in force,
6. the Ministerial Decision Φ5/89656/B3/13-08-2007, “Implementing the Credit Transfer and Accumulation System” (GG B1466),
7. the Resolution 1432/20-01-2023 of the NKUA Senate, which approved the Regulation for Postgraduate and Doctoral Studies at the NKUA (GG B932),
8. the Resolution 1253/7.6.2019 of the NKUA Senate, which established the postgraduate programme “MSc in Media and refugee/migration flows” (GG B2433),
9. the Resolution 1254/7.6.2019 of the NKUA Senate, which approved the regulations for the intradepartmental postgraduate programme “MSc in Media and refugee/migration flows” (GG B2502),
10. the excerpt from the transcript of the Curriculum Committee meeting for the intradepartmental postgraduate programme “MSc in Media and refugee/migration flows” (5th meeting, 24-05-2022),
11. the excerpt of the transcript of the Assembly in the Department of Communication and Media Studies (5th meeting, 24.01.2023)
12. the excerpt of the transcript of the Committee for Postgraduate Studies of the NKUA (6th meeting, 26-01-2023),
13. the excerpt of the transcript of the Senate of the NKUA (7th meeting, 28-02-2023),
14. the fact that this amendment does not constitute an expense for the state budget,

decides:

to amend the English-taught intensive Postgraduate Programme of the Department of Communication and Media Studies of the NKUA, “MSc in Media and refugee/migration flows”, starting from the academic year 2023-2024, as follows:

Article 1

General provisions

- 1.1 The Department of Communication and Media Studies (DCMS) of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, starting from the academic year 2023-2024, will organize and operate an English-taught intensive Postgraduate Programme of three specialisations, titled “MSc in Media and refugee/migration flows”, according to the provisions of the legal framework in force and the present Regulation of the Postgraduate Programme.
- 1.2 The Postgraduate Programme will be in force until the academic year 2032-2033, as long as it complies with the conditions of the internal and external evaluation, according to the legal framework in force.

Article 2

Subject-Objective

2.1 The Postgraduate programme will award a Master’s Degree in “Media and refugee/migration flows” with the following specialisations:

1. “News media of refugee flows”,
2. “Communication management of refugee/migration flows”, and
3. “Cultural mediators”.

The subject matter of the proposed Postgraduate Programme is a specialisation pertinent to the subject matter of the undergraduate programme of the Department of Communication and Media Studies of the NKUA. The Department falls within the field of political and social, anthropological and historical sciences, and the cooperation with international organisations and NGOs that are active or have branches in Mytilene-Lesbos or other islands in the Eastern Aegean Sea or in other areas in the Greek mainland ensures the knowledge of managing refugee flows on the island where a great number of refugees land and is a point of first entry for refugees and migrants.

2.2 Objective and goals of the Postgraduate Programme

The objective of the Postgraduate Programme is to train journalists and general experts in the field of Communication, Media, and culture, who will be able to cover cross-border events of refugee/migration flows. In Greece, and in the countries of South-eastern, Central, and Northern Europe, the advent of refugees and migrants causes tensions and conflicts on many levels. The role of the Media is very important in this instant. The situation is aggravated by new media (social media), the role of national and international Non-

Governmental Organisations, the multiculturalism of the phenomenon (flows from Syria, Pakistan, Afghanistan, from countries in Asia and Africa etc.) or the political extensions of the phenomenon in the internal life of countries, that require a comprehensive and objective communicational approach and management. Greece, as a country of first entry into Europe and as a passage for refugee flows, and even as a destination country now, has to offer comprehensive, well-rounded, and valid information to the European Citizens, as well as to the citizens of the countries of origin of the refugee flows. The matters that need to be covered are related to the views of the public opinion, the national, European, and international policies for managing the phenomenon, the role of NGOs, as well as the communicational management of these flows by executives that will be working in competent authorities of the public, private and community sectors. The second specialisation will train executives who will work in Newsrooms abroad or in Greece, in public agencies that deal with the issue of the communicational management of refugees/migrants. The third specialisation concerns the training of Cultural Mediators. In all three specialisations there will be close collaboration with international organisations like the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Greece and the International Organisation of Migration (UNHCR_Greece and IOM_Greece), as well as Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) that are active in Greece and Mytilene-Lesbos or other areas in the country. For the third specialisation there will be close collaboration with the NKUA's Foreign Language Teaching Centre. Memoranda of Cooperation have been signed with all the aforementioned entities, defining the cooperation of the DCMS with these entities.

2.3 After successfully completing the Programme, graduates will be able to:

2.3.1 understand the causes, forms and processes of creation and movement of modern refugee and migration flows, specifically towards Greece and the European Union,

2.3.2 develop abilities and skills of communicational constitution and presentation of modern refugee/migration flows,

2.3.3 acquire knowledge, abilities and skills that will make them able to adequately and comprehensively cover the refugee phenomenon and report it to the public sphere, and be able to approach different groups of refugees (children, women, people with disabilities, etc.) and deal with issues of discrimination, racism, and xenophobia,

2.3.4 become more aware of the work of international organisations and NGOs through their internships in such entities,

2.3.5 develop skills of understanding international messages and reporting media, the situation in new hotspots, the difficulties and crises created in the routes and sea courses of refugee/migration flows,

2.3.6 develop a positive stance and behaviour toward this vulnerable group of people, knowledgeably handle dilemmas, political messages, decipher images and messages from national, European, and international media covering the refugee issue,

2.3.7 harness all forms of expression, art (painting, cinema, theatre, etc.) and culture to transform stereotypical perspectives and distorted news regarding the issue,

2.3.8 manage the information regarding refugee populations in points of concentration (hotspots etc.),

2.3.9 apprehend the needs of refugee/migration flows populations, understand the cross-cultural dimension of the phenomenon, and adjust their actions accordingly, acquire skills of creating and managing digital applications for the more effective management of information on refugee/migration flows,

2.3.10 mediate between refugees/migrants and the public or other authorities in the country of first reception,

2.3.11 understand and correlate the meanings and processes of the culture of the refugees' and migrants' country of origin with their equivalent in the destination countries.

2.4 Administration support to the Programme is provided by the Department of Communication and Media Studies of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, which awards the degrees.

Article 3

Selection of postgraduate students

3.1 In the beginning of March of each year or later, by decision of the Coordinating Committee appointed by the Department Assembly, an official invitation for the admittance of postgraduate students for the next academic year is issued. This invites candidates from member-states of the European Union and the European Economic Area to submit their applications to the Secretariat of the Postgraduate Programme by the end of August of the current year, while candidates from outside the EU and EEA will have to submit their applications by the end of the first week of August. If necessary, the Coordinating Committee can propose the extension of the candidate application deadline up to the 20th of September for the candidates of the first category and up to the end of the first week of September for the candidates of the second category to the Department Assembly. Interested candidates will electronically submit their application and all required documents in digital form to the Secretariat of the Postgraduate Programme, or, in case there is no such Secretariat, to the Secretariat of the Department of Communication and Media Studies. In case the candidates are selected, in order to enrol, they will need to present a certified printed form of these documents.

3.2 The invitation is posted on the website of the Postgraduate Programme (migromedia.gr), on the website of the Department, on the website of the University, as well as on other appropriate platforms, websites, and communication media. It will include information on the programme, the maximum number of selected candidates, the required documents, the selection process of candidates, and the application deadline.

3.3 The Postgraduate Programme will select:

- by priority candidates who possess a degree for undergraduate studies from the Departments of Communication, Journalism, Media Studies, Public Relations, and other relevant Departments of Greek and foreign Universities of the same level recognized by the Hellenic National Academic Recognition and Information Centre (DOATAP).
- candidates who possess a degree by any other University Department or Department of a former Technological Higher Education Institution that show an interest in the subject

matter of the Postgraduate Programme. The selection of students pertaining to this category requires a justified proposal by the Coordinating Committee to the Department Assembly.

3.4 Candidates need to submit the following documents:

- a) Candidate application
- b) Detailed Curriculum Vitae with a photograph
- c) A simple photocopy of a degree for undergraduate studies at a University in Greece or a recognized same-level institution of another country
- d) A simple photocopy of a Greek ID or Passport (for Greek and foreign students)
- e) Certification of knowledge of English of level C1 (simple photocopy), which is proven by the acquirement of a Language Certificate (C1), or by completed undergraduate, postgraduate or doctoral studies in an English-taught educational institution that can be proven by relevant documents, or by certifying professional experience in an English-speaking environment for at least a year that can be proven by a relevant valid document or by the examination conducted by a Special Committee appointed by the Coordinating Committee
- f) At least two letters of recommendation, one of which needs to be academic. In exceptional cases and by a justified decision of the Assembly, only professional letters of recommendation can be accepted.
- g) A copy of a dissertation or the title and abstract of a dissertation, if it has not been completed, or proof that a dissertation is not required at the Department where the candidate studied, which is submitted in digital form
- h) Articles published in scientific journals or in transcripts of international conferences
- i) Any other element that can help the candidate be selected, according to their judgement (volunteering etc.)

3.5 Requirements for admittance at the Postgraduate Programme

- a) The relevance of the University degree with the subject matter of the Postgraduate Programme.
- b) Sufficient knowledge of English (at least level C1), as mentioned in the previous article, passage e
- c) The grade of the degree, especially the grades in the undergraduate courses that are relevant to the subject matter of the Postgraduate Programme
- d) A dissertation and the grade of the dissertation – where it is required in undergraduate studies – and its relevance to the subject matter of the Postgraduate Programme
- e) The possession of another postgraduate or doctoral degree
- f) The grade of the dissertation, if the candidate has completed other postgraduate studies, and its relevance to the subject matter of the Postgraduate Programme

g) The research or professional activity of the candidate, especially if there are publications and participation in conferences, especially if relevant to the subject matter of the Postgraduate Programme

h) The performance of the candidate at the interview

i) The knowledge of other foreign languages

j) The recognition of academic qualifications awarded by foreign institutions

3.6 The Department Assembly appoints a committee responsible for establishing if a foreign institution or a form of foreign institution degree is recognized.

For a degree to be recognized the following is required:

- The institution that awards the degree needs to be included in the list of foreign institutions held and updated by DOATAP.
- The student needs to submit a certificate for the Place of Study, which is issued and sent by the foreign University. If the place of study or part of it is within the Greek territory, the degree is not recognized, unless the place of studies within the Greek territory is a public Higher Education Institution.

3.7 Candidate selection process

By decision of the Coordinating Committee, a Three-Member Selection and Application Examination Committee is appointed, composed by members of the teaching and research academic staff that are part of the postgraduate programme. The Committee receives the candidate files from the Secretariat of the Postgraduate Programme and the candidate selection process is completed by the 10th of October. Another Special Committee is appointed for examining the knowledge of the English language in case the candidate has not submitted a certification of English language knowledge at a C1 level. The members of the Committee conduct a written and oral examination.

The selection of candidates is conducted combining a) the evaluation of the candidate file and b) an oral interview, while it is possible for a candidate to be invited for language examination by a committee appointed by the Assembly of the DCMS by suggestion of the Coordinating Committee of the Postgraduate Programme. The selection is based on objective criteria, which safeguard the principles of equality and meritocracy without discrimination.

The number of selected candidates each year is a maximum of fifty (50) postgraduate students, twenty (20) of which for the specialisation “News media of refugee flows”, twenty (20) for the specialisation “Communication management of refugee/migration flows” and ten (10) for the specialisation “Cultural mediators”.

The selection is based on the total sum of points deriving from the cross-evaluation of criteria as follows:

- Grade of degree at 20%.
- Competence in another international language apart from English at 15%.
- Possession of second degree and/or other postgraduate degree from a Greek Higher Education Institution or a recognized same-level foreign institution recognized by

DOATAP, relevant to the subject matter of the Postgraduate Programme or publications at 15%.

- Research activity and/or professional experience relevant to the specialisation field of the Postgraduate Programme (participation in conferences, participation in research or educational programmes), at 20%.
- Oral interview at 30%. The interview is conducted in person or online by the Coordinating Committee, aiming to ascertain the academic experience, performance, and interests of the candidates, and is graded on a scale of 1 to 10.

After the end of the evaluation the Three-member Selection and Application Examination Committee draws up a list of the selected candidates and wait-listed candidates, resulting from the calculation of points each candidate has obtained. The first candidates in the list up to the maximum number of selected candidates or the minimum sufficient points (50% of the maximum number of points) is reached are the selected candidates and are validated by the Coordinating Committee, with the limitation that in case there are candidates with the same number of points at the last place of the list, all candidates with the same points are accepted at a percentage not higher than 10% of the maximum number of selected candidates. The list of selected candidates is validated by the Department Assembly and posted on the website of the Postgraduate Programme.

In case the selected candidates are less than ten (10), the Postgraduate Programme can suspend its operation for the current academic year.

The selected candidates must enrol at the Secretariat of the Postgraduate Programme within five (5) business days of the validation by the Assembly of the selected candidate list and its notification to the selected candidates. In case they do not enrol within the aforementioned deadline the Secretariat of the Postgraduate Programme invites the first, second, etc., candidates on the waitlist by ranking to enrol.

Those receiving scholarships by the State Scholarships Foundation (IKY), or foreign students receiving scholarships by the Greek State for the same or relevant subject matter of the Postgraduate Programme in which they want to enrol, are admitted without examination.

Members of the categories Special Teaching Staff, Laboratory Teaching Staff, and Special Technical Laboratory Staff are accepted outside the list and only one per year, as long as they possess a degree relevant to the subject matter of the Postgraduate Programme and as long as they meet the admission criteria.

Candidates with the same number of points are accepted up to 10% of the maximum number of selected candidates.

Article 4

Duration and Terms of Studies

4.1 The Postgraduate Programme starts at the beginning of the winter semester. Nevertheless, by decision of the Department Assembly, after a justified proposal by the Coordinating Committee, the Programme can start at the beginning of the spring semester.

4.2 The duration of studies at the intensive Postgraduate Programme that leads to obtaining a Master's Degree is:

- a) two (2) semesters without student breaks for completing one specialisation (75 ECTS)
- b) three (3) semesters without student breaks to complete a double specialisation (105 ECTS),
- c) four (4) semesters without student breaks for a triple specialisation (135 ECTS).

4.3 Postgraduate students can apply to the Department Assembly to extend the duration of their studies up to two semesters. The maximum duration of studies, including a possible extension, is four semesters for a single specialisation, five semesters for double specialisation and six semesters for triple specialisation. The tuition fees students are required to pay for the extension is 1,500€ per semester for students from an EU or EEA member-state and 3,400€ for students from countries outside the EU or the EEA.

4.4 Students that have not exceeded the maximum duration of studies have the right to ask with a justified application for their studies to be suspended due to force majeure up to one (1) calendar year or two full consecutive semesters, at any point during their studies. The suspension of studies is granted for serious reasons (military service, illness, maternity, absence abroad, etc.). The application has to be justified and accompanied by all relevant documents from competent public authorities or organisations, which will prove the reasons for the suspension of studies.

During the suspension of studies, student status is revoked and participation at any educational process is prohibited.

The suspension is valid from the date of receiving the relevant decision by the Department Assembly.

At least two weeks before the end of the suspension, students are obliged to re-enrol in the programme in order to continue their studies with the rights and obligations of active students.

Students can apply for the cessation of the suspension of studies and return to the Programme only in case they have applied for the suspension of studies for two consecutive academic semesters. The application for cessation of the suspension of studies has to be submitted at the latest two weeks before the beginning of the second semester of the suspension.

After their return and concerning the duration of their studies, what is stipulated in this Regulation stands. The suspension is granted once, and the time period of the suspension is not calculated in the maximum duration of studies, nor is it calculated for the tuition fee sum paid for the regular duration of studies.

4.5 There is a possibility for part-time studies, after a justified application by students and its approval by the Department Assembly.

Those who are entitled to apply for part-time studies are the following:

- a) Students that can prove they work at least twenty (20) hours per week.
- b) Students with disabilities and special educational needs.
- c) Students that are athletes and at the time of their studies are members of sports clubs registered in the electronic record of sports clubs, pertinent to Article 142 of L.

4714/2020 (GG A148) held by the General Secretariat for Sports, under the following terms:

c1) for the years they rank in the 1st till 8th place in Greek championships in individual sports with the participation of at least twelve (12) athletes and eight (8) sports clubs, or are members of sports teams of the two (2) superior leagues in team sports, or participate as members of national teams in European championships, world championships, or other international events under the aegis of the Hellenic Olympic Committee, or

c2) participate even once, during their studies at the programme for which they request the part-time studies status, in the Olympics, Paralympics, or Deaflympics. These students can enrol as part-time students, after their application is approved by the School Deanship.

The duration of part-time studies cannot exceed double the duration of full-time studies. In this case the maximum duration of studies also applies.

Students entitled to and selecting part-time studies are obliged to attend the compulsory courses of the programme, participate in postgraduate training internships, as well as Summer Schools, as do the full-time students. The tuition fees for part-time students are paid each semester, as is for full-time students. The same stands in case they apply for an extension of their studies.

4.6 Unjustified non-completion of studies beyond this time frame leads to a request for the termination of the postgraduate student from the programme, which is proposed by the Coordinating Committee and decided upon by the Department Assembly.

4.7 For the successful completion of the programme, postgraduate students have to attend without fail and be evaluated in four (4) courses in the first semester, with 7.5 ECTS per course, and two courses for each specialisation in the spring semester, with 7.5 ECTS each.

4.8 Students also need to complete an internship in international organisations, public entities, and NGOs involved in the refugee/migration issue. During the internship, students draft a paper which is graded. The internship amounts for 5 ECTS. Students that work in NGOs or entities involved in the refugee/migration issue are exempt from the internship but need to submit a relevant paper.

Students complete their internships in public, private or international entities for a maximum of two months. The activity of students in their internships is evaluated a) based on the report by their supervisor and b) based on the relevant paper the students submit. The internship can be paid or unpaid, based on the resources of the entities receiving the students. Students are assigned their internship positions from February until July of each year, after said positions are approved by the Coordinating Committee. The internship is supervised by a professor in charge, who also grades the relevant papers.

4.9 In the second semester, students from all specialisations will attend a Summer School in Mytilene-Lesbos or another island or continental area of the country with significant hosting facilities. The place of the Summer School is decided each year by the Coordinating Committee. The Summer School lasts two (2) weeks and is equivalent to 70 course hours

and 15 ECTS. The second week of the Summer School is devoted to the journalistic coverage of refugee and migration flows.

In case a postgraduate student is unable to attend the intensive Summer School outside of Athens, they can make a request to the Coordinating Committee to:

- I) replace the first week of the Summer School with two (2) weeks of full-time participation in another refugee and migrant hosting facility of their choice. Their participation is proven by a detailed report by those in charge in said facility,
- II) replace the second week of the Summer School by conducting interviews – equal in number and duration with those in each Summer School programme: a) with journalists professionally covering the issue, b) with NGO representatives who provide any kind of support to refugees (food, clothes, physical and mental healthcare, accommodation, etc.) and c) with members of a local community, members of the inner group, concerning the causes of refugee and migration flows, the consequences of migration in the social lives of the countries of temporary reception or of destination countries, their relationship with the international organisations, Greek and foreign NGOs, the Greek government, or other supranational bodies etc., and
- III) draft papers – equal in number and type with papers submitted by students that physically attend the Summer School. The replacement of physical attendance at the Summer School through one of the aforementioned options does not overrule the obligation of students to submit the papers required in the framework of the Summer School.

The participation in the Summer School, as stipulated in the present Regulation, is compulsory.

In case some students can prove that they are working or have worked in the last five years at a refugee hosting facility at least for a year, they can request the replacement of their in-person participation in the first week of the Summer School with a relevant original paper on the greater aforementioned field. The paper can be in written or audio-visual form. The written paper cannot be shorter than 5,000 words, while the audio-visual project cannot be shorter than 20 minutes long. This paper that replaces the participation in the first week of the Summer School for those meeting the criteria does not exempt students from the other papers required for the completion of the Summer School. The relevant application submitted by students is examined by the Coordinating Committee of the Postgraduate Programme or is rejected for justifiable reasons. The Coordinating Committee assigns the topic of the paper and appoints a supervisor.

The replacement of the participation of the student in the second week of the Summer School in any other way is not permitted. Full exemption from the Summer School or its full replacement in any other way is also not permitted unless it is imposed by decisions of the State or the University Administration for reasons of force majeure.

4.10 In the second semester, students will, under the supervision of an advising professor, produce a postgraduate dissertation of at least 20,000 words, which do not include the list of referenced literature, while in case the dissertation is the creation of audio-visual

material, it cannot be shorter than 20 minutes, which do not include the duration of content titles at the beginning or credits at the end. The dissertation amounts to 15 ECTS.

4.11 In case a student fails a course, they can retake the exam in the exam period of September. If the student fails a course or courses in the September exam period as well, they can, after making a request to the Department Assembly, be re-examined in the same exam period after the announcement of the results and before the start of the new academic semester by a three-member committee appointed by the Department Assembly, the members of which are experts in the same or a relevant subject matter with the course that will be examined. The professor in charge of teaching or examining said course cannot be part of the committee. The request for re-examination by a three-member committee must be submitted to the Secretariat of the Postgraduate Programme within five days from the announcement of the results of the September exam period. If the student does not submit the request within that time frame or if they fail the examination by the three-member committee, they are terminated from the Postgraduate Programme.

4.12 Any student using non-legitimate means during their participation in the exams, is referred to the Assembly for the applying legal proceedings.

4.13 The tuition fees due for this Postgraduate Programme for the regular duration of studies are: a) For citizens of EU and EEA member-states 3,000€ in two (2) equal instalments of 1,500€, and b) for citizens of third countries outside the EU and the EEA 6,800€ in two (2) equal instalments of 3,400€. The second instalment is due for students of both groups by the end of the first week of the spring semester and their enrolment in the student list of the second semester. If the first instalment is not paid, the student cannot enrol in the Postgraduate Programme, while if the second instalment is not paid, the issue is discussed in the first meeting of the Assembly after the beginning of the spring semester. In case the second instalment is not paid or is not paid in time, the student may even be terminated from the Programme. In extreme cases, it is possible, by justified decision of the Assembly, to facilitate students with their financial obligations who can prove that they need it. In any case, that does not mean that half of the second instalment will not be paid. In the case of a discount in tuition fees, the discount percentage is applied equally to all instalments.

For the programme of double specialisation, students are enrolled for one extra semester and the fee is 1,500€ for citizens of EU and EEA member-states, and 3,400€ for citizens of third countries. The same applies for enrolling in an extra semester for the third specialisation. During the second and third specialisation studies all other educational activities and courses of the Summer School are recognized, if completed during the first specialisation studies. Students attending a second and/or third specialisation in the same semester pay the tuition fees due for one specialization and receive degrees for both (or all three) specialisations. In this case all previous educational activities successfully completed by the student are recognized.

4.14 In case a student is terminated for any reason, the tuition fees are not refunded.

4.15 Expenses for transportation, accommodation and alimentation in the Summer School in Mytilene-Lesbos or other areas outside of Athens are covered by the students themselves. However, by decision of the Assembly and depending on the Postgraduate Programme revenue, it is possible that part of the expenses for students' transportation,

accommodation, and alimentation or one of those expenses or more than one of those expenses can be covered.

If possible, in cooperation with the competent authorities of the NKUA or other authorities in the place of the Summer School, it is possible for students to be accommodated in student dormitories or other accommodation facilities, as well as for them to use facilities of educational support (teaching halls, laboratories, etc.), after relevant agreement.

Article 5

Curriculum – Exams and student evaluation

5.1 The Postgraduate Programme “MSc in media and refugee/migration flows” includes a set of compulsory core courses for all postgraduate students and a subset of compulsory courses for each specialisation, as well as the compulsory participation in the Summer School in Mytilene-Lesbos or another area, a compulsory internship, and a compulsory dissertation.

5.2 Each core or specialisation course accounts for 7.5 ECTS, the internship accounts for 5 ECTS, the participation in the Summer School accounts for 10 ECTS, and the dissertation, after it is successfully completed and presented, accounts for 15 ECTS.

5.3 Thus, the Master’s degree for a single specialisation accounts for 75 ECTS and two semesters without a summer break, the Master’s degree for double specialisation accounts for 105 ECTS and three semesters without breaks, which can be acquired by combining the first with the second specialisation, while the Master’s degree for the triple specialisation accounts for 135 ECTS and four semesters without breaks, which have to be acquired by combining all three specialisations.

5.4 Courses take place in person or through remote educational means, according to the legal framework in force at the time.

5.5 As the Postgraduate Programme also offers extra activities for the more adequate training of students, like visits to refugee hosting facilities, lectures by executives in entities that manage various aspects of the refugee/migration flows, events organized or co-organized by the Programme, etc., students will have to attend at least 50% of those, so that they can successfully complete the course cycle.

5.6 Courses can take place on a weekly basis or consecutively and comprehensively for one course during the summer period.

5.7 All courses of the Postgraduate Programme are taught in English.

5.8 The Director of the Postgraduate Programme is responsible for the course schedule.

5.9 For obtaining the Master’s degree students are required: a) to participate in all educational and research activities of the Programme, more specifically defined in the Curriculum and the present Regulation, b) to be successfully examined in all courses of the first and second semester, as defined in the circular curriculum, c) to successfully complete the internship, d) to successfully submit the master dissertation, e) to collect 75 ECTS, f) to pay the full amount of the tuition fees, and g) to cover any obligations toward the Student Affairs Office and the Library of the Institution. Students are required to attend each

semester courses that amount for 30 ECTS in the first semester and 45 ECTS in the second semester, including summer break, and be successful in all course exams. The examination in specialisation courses is in the form of written or oral exams, paper submission, or all the above combined. More specifically, to obtain the Master's Degree, students are required to attend two semesters and collect 75 ECTS. In case the Postgraduate Programme organizes a national or international conference in a subject matter studied in the Programme, students have to attend. After the end of each course and each exam, professors distribute a course evaluation form to the students, prepared by the Coordination Committee. Students have to fill in the evaluation form distributed by the course professor and submit it to the Secretariat of the Postgraduate Programme, or if it does not exist, to the Secretariat of the Department.

5.10 It is possible for students to complete a second or third specialisation. They can do that, according to the structure and concept of the programme, after the timely submission of their application to the Coordinating Committee of the Programme, which will submit a proposal to the Department Assembly. For beginning their studies in the second or third specialisation, students are required to have successfully completed their studies in the first specialisation. This is comprised of their successful examination in all courses, as well as the successful presentation of their dissertation in the first specialisation. The process and requirements for obtaining the second or third specialisation are the same as those that apply for the first one, including attending the specialisation courses (15 ECTS) and drafting and successfully presenting a dissertation (15 ECTS). In the case of a double or triple specialisation, students collect 105 ECTS in three semesters or 135 ECTS in four semesters.

5.11 After obtaining the Master's degree, graduates will be able:

- to have in-depth knowledge of the refugee/migration crisis phenomenon in all its aspects,
- to understand the challenges at a national, European, and international level, as well as the applied policies,
- to be aware, during journalistic coverage, of the phenomena that cause racist and xenophobic behaviour,
- to manage issues relevant to the use of ITC and old and new communication media, design and develop multimedia production and editing services,
- to manage information in refugee/migrant identification and verification centres (hotspots, NGOs, etc.),
- to be aware of the special needs of populations and adjust their action accordingly,
- to manage digital applications aiming to the more effective reporting and information on issues of refugee/migration flows through the Media and Social Networks,
- to exercise the profession of cultural mediators.

5.12 Course grades are submitted to the Secretariat of the Postgraduate Programme of the Department of Communication and Media Studies within 20 days from the end of the exam period.

5.13 Courses, teaching and research engagement, the participation in the Summer School, in field observations and in internships, and the credit units (ECTS) are defined below. Students have to select courses that will cover at least the ECTS required each semester for the successful completion of the Postgraduate Programme to obtain the Master's degree.

5.14 Postgraduate students are obligated to consistently attend all programme courses, according to the instructions provided in the curriculum, and actively participate in discussions, presentations, and other research activities of the programme. Their attendance is monitored by the teaching professor and their performance is constantly assessed by them. If a student is absent in more than three classes in a course, they are excluded from the examination of this course and they have to retake it. If a postgraduate student has more than three (3) absences, they have to attend the course again. In this case, they have to retake the exam, so if they exceed three (3) absences for a second time, they are removed from the programme.

5.15 Students in the third specialisation are obliged to select one extra foreign language class, in one of the languages spoken in refugee/migrant origin countries, at the NKUA's Foreign Language Teaching Centre, also selecting the course level according to the regulations of the Teaching Centre. These languages do not include international languages, like English, French, Spanish, German, etc.

5.16 Courses are described in Annex 1, attached to the Regulation of the Postgraduate Programme.

5.17 The curriculum is as follows:

1st Semester		
Core Courses	Hours/week	ECTS
1. Forced Migration	3	7.5
2. International, European and National Law on Refugee/Migration Flows	3	7.5
3. Refugee/Migration Flows – Old and New Media	3	7.5
4. Methodology of Quantitative and Qualitative Social Research	3	7.5
Total	12	30
2nd Semester		
Specialisation 1: “News Media of Refugee Flows”		
5. Digital Journalism and Refugee/Migration Flows	3	7.5
6. Investigative Journalism and Refugee/Migration Flows	3	7.5
Total		15
Specialisation 2: “Communication management of refugee/migration flows”		
7. Strategic Communication and Utilisation of European Integration Resources	3	7.5
8. Public Relations and Perception Management of the Refugee/Migration Issue	3	7.5
Total		15

Specialisation 3: “Cultural mediators”		
9. Theory and Practice of Cultural Mediation	3	7.5
10. Comparative Analysis of cultures in Western Europe and Eastern Europe	3	7.5
*Cultural mediators will have to take classes in Arabic, Farsi, Russian, or another common language in the origin countries where the main volume of refugees and migrants arriving in Europe come from , at the Foreign Language Teaching Centre of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, if they have no certified prior knowledge included in their CV. Successful completion of courses in the foreign language is a requirement for obtaining the Master’s Degree.	-	
Total		15
Common Actions		
11. Summer School (in Mytilene-Lesbos or another area outside Athens) “News Media and Refugee/Migration Flows”	70 HOURS (7h/day)	10
12. Internship for at least a month of at least 40 hours		5
13. MA Dissertation		15
Total		30

5.18 The number of ECTS students receive is as follows:

1st Semester (Specialisation A – B – C)		
Core Courses	Hours/week	ECTS
Four completed courses	12	30
1st Semester (Specialisation A – B – C) ECTS Total		30
2nd Semester (Specialisation A – B – C)		
Two courses for the first Specialisation	6	15
Summer School		10
Internship (part-time)	40 hours	5
Dissertation		15
2nd Semester (Specialisation A – B – C) ECTS Total		45
TOTAL SUM OF ECTS (Specialisation A – B – C)		75 ECTS

5.19 Students selecting a second or third specialisation in the Postgraduate Programme receive ECTS as follows:

- If they select Specialisations A and B or vice-versa, as described in the present Regulation, they receive 105 ECTS; 75 ECTS from the first specialisation they choose and a) 15 ECTS from the courses of the second specialisation and b) 15 ECTS from the postgraduate dissertation for the second specialisation (B or A accordingly) they will choose. They are not obliged to attend the Summer School again or complete another internship, and therefore they do not receive ECTS for these.
- If they select all three specialisations, as described in the present Regulation, they receive 135 ECTS; the 105 ECTS from specialisations A and B they have already received and a) 15 ECTS from the courses of the third specialisation and b) 15 ECTS from the postgraduate dissertation for the third specialisation. They are not obliged to attend the Summer School again or complete another internship, and therefore they do not receive ECTS for these.

5.20 In case a number of class hours is lost or even the whole course for some reason, the way in which they will be made up for is decided each time by the Coordinating Committee.

5.21 In order for students to begin working on their dissertation, they need to have obtained at least 30 ECTS. The assignment of dissertation topics and supervising professors takes place over the first two weeks of the second semester.

5.22 Dissertations are produced in the English language.

5.23 The assignment and approval of MA dissertations are according to the legal framework in place and the present Regulation as follows:

A) The Coordinating Committee appoints a professor as supervisor after the end of the first semester, as long as the topic has been selected. The supervisor has scientific responsibility for the MA dissertation.

B) The Coordinating Committee appoints a three-member dissertation examination committee, comprised by the supervisor and two (2) other members from all the categories that can autonomously teach in a Postgraduate Programme. The members of the committee must have the same or relevant scientific specialisation to the subject matter of the Programme. The MA dissertation is submitted to the three-member committee that has been appointed by decision of the Coordinating Committee.

C) Postgraduate students are obliged to submit to the Secretariat of the Postgraduate Programme, before presenting the dissertation, a declaration stating: "I solemnly declare that I have produced this original postgraduate dissertation and have referenced any source where I used data, ideas or words from, either verbatim or paraphrased".

D) The presentation of the MA dissertation takes place in front of the three-member examination committee, on a date and time set by the supervisor. In case some members of the committee are external (members of other Institutions), the presentation can take place via tele-conference to facilitate external members (GG B433/2011). After the end of the presentation of the dissertation by the postgraduate student, the committee evaluates it and grades it on a scale of zero (0) to ten (10), with a minimum passing grade of five (5). The three-member examination committee can decide to refer the dissertation back to the student for corrections or clarifications for up to one (1) month. The final evaluation and

judgement of the MA dissertation is signed by all present members, while a separate document with all signatures of the committee members that vote in favour is attached to the text of the dissertation. The approved dissertation, after the end of any corrections proposed by the committee and before the student graduates and is sworn in, is submitted to the Secretariat in digital form and to the Department Library in printed form and is posted on the Institutional Repository "PERGAMOS".

5.24 The postgraduate dissertation must be completed and submitted by September 30th of each year. Students have the right to apply for a justified extension of one semester, as mentioned above. In case a student chooses to attend a second specialisation, they are exempt by extra tuition fees for the extension of submitting the first dissertation.

5.25 Students are evaluated at the end of the educational process of each course, by responsibility of the teaching professor, who decides the examination and grading method.

- Professors grade courses on a scale of 1 to 10. The minimum passing grade is five (5).
- The dissertation grade and the final grade of the Master's Degree are descriptive and the numerical grade of the postgraduate student is written in brackets as follows: Excellent (8.5-9.9), Very Good (6.5-8.49), Good (5-6.49).
- The grade of the MA dissertation is the average number of the grades assigned by the three members of the examination committee.

5.26 For the calculation of the GPA of the Master's Degree, the weight of each course within the curriculum based on the number of ECTS is taken into consideration. The number of ECTS of the course is at the same time the weighting multiplier of this course. For calculating the weighted average grade of the degree, the grade of each course is multiplied by the number of ECTS (of said course), and the sum of all individual results is divided by the total number of ECTS required for obtaining the degree. This calculation is expressed in the following mathematical formula:

$$\text{Degree grade} = (\sum_{k=1}^N \text{CG}_k * \text{CU}_k) / \text{CUT}$$

where:

N = number of courses required for obtaining the degree

CG_k = grade of course k

CU_k = credit units (ECTS) of course k

CUT = total credit units (ECTS) required for obtaining the degree

For obtaining the Master's degree, each student has to attend and successfully be examined in all compulsory courses and the required selective courses offered by the Postgraduate Programme and submit their dissertation, thus collecting 75, 105, or 135 ECTS, according to the number of specialisations they have successfully completed.

5.27 Each year, the Director of the Postgraduate Programme, in collaboration with the Secretariat, publishes and posts the Study Guide of the Postgraduate Programme. The Study Guide includes the Curriculum, the names of professors, the rights and obligations of students, as well as information on the classes, the labs, and the libraries of cooperating Departments.

Article 6

Funding of Postgraduate Programme “MSc in Media and Refugee/Migration Flows”

6.1 The funding for the Postgraduate Programme can originate from:

- a) tuition fees,
- b) donations, sponsorships, and any kind of financial support,
- c) bequests,
- d) resources from research projects or programmes,
- e) the Higher Education Institution’s (HEI) own resources,
- f) the state budget or the public investment programme,
- g) any other legal source.

6.2 The revenue of the Postgraduate Programme mainly originates from the tuition fees paid by students. The process of tuition fee payment is as follows:

6.2.1 Postgraduate students pay the instalments to a special account of the Special Account for Research Grants of the NKUA. For obtaining a second specialisation, students are enrolled for a third semester and are obliged to pay tuition fees for one semester, i.e., 1,500€ for students from EU and EEA member-countries, and 3,400€ for students from countries outside the EU and the EEA. If they want to, they can also select a third specialisation, where the same terms apply. In case they select another specialisation, the extension for completing the dissertation for the first specialisation is covered therein.

6.2.2 The payment of tuition fees is compulsorily suspended for all students that apply for exemption from tuition fees, according to the legal framework in force.

6.2.3 In case a student decides to terminate their studies at the Postgraduate Programme for any reason and at any point during their studies after their enrolment in the academic year or semester, or cancel their enrolment, tuition fees are not refunded.

Article 7

Student rights and obligations

7.1 Postgraduate students are entitled to all rights and benefits provided for undergraduate students until the end of a possible granted extension of studies, apart from the right to obtain course books free of charge.

7.2 The Institution secures accessibility to suggested course books and teaching to students with disabilities and/or special educational needs (<https://access.uoa.gr/>).

7.3 The NKUA's Career Office offers advisory support to students in terms of studies and employment opportunities (<https://www.career.uoa.gr/ypiresies/>).

7.4 Postgraduate students are expected to participate in and attend seminars by research groups, discussions on information on literature, laboratory visits, conferences/meetings on subject matters relevant to the subject of the Postgraduate Programme, lectures, or other scientific events and activities organized by the Postgraduate Programme, etc.

7.5 In case a postgraduate student is terminated from the Postgraduate Programme, they can apply for receiving a certification for the courses they have successfully completed.

7.6 Students can participate in international student exchange programmes, like ERASMUS+ or CIVIS, according to the legal framework in place, at a Postgraduate Programme of a foreign university with a subject matter relevant to the subject matter of the Postgraduate Programme "MSc in Media and Refugee/Migration Flows". In this case, the maximum number of ECTS that can be recognized is fifteen (15), equal to the number of ECTS of the 2nd semester of this Postgraduate Programme. This is possible after the first semester. Students need to submit an application. In order for students to be able to participate in international student exchange programmes, they are required to have successfully completed all courses of the first semester and have covered their financial obligations.

7.7 Students are required to complete, with the support of the Postgraduate Programme Administration, an internship at entities suggested by decision of the Coordinating Committee. These entities can be either national and international organisations that manage the refugee and migration issue, approved by the Greek legislation, where the students of the Postgraduate Programme will work at the communication departments, or foreign media that cover aspects of the refugee and migration issue in Greece or abroad. The internship accounts for five (5) extra ECTS, that are not included in the seventy (70) or one hundred (100) or one hundred and thirty (130) ECTS of the regular curriculum for each specialisation or combination of specialisations. The internship can also take place through the student exchange programmes, e.g., Erasmus+, according to the legal framework in place.

7.9 NKUA postgraduate students can enrol in a Postgraduate Programme of the same or another Higher Education Institution in Greece or abroad, in the framework of educational or research cooperation programmes, according to the legal framework in force.

7.10 Students can attend at the same time an undergraduate programme and a postgraduate programme, or two (2) Postgraduate Programmes of the same or another Department of the same or another Higher Education Institution.

7.11 At the end of each semester each course and each teaching professor is evaluated by the students (see Article 5.9).

7.12 Postgraduate students can apply for a diploma supplement both in Greek and English.

7.13 It is possible for students to simultaneously attend a postgraduate programme and the Postgraduate Programme "MSc in Media and refugee/migration flows", or the Postgraduate Programme "MSc in Media and refugee/migration flows" and another Postgraduate

Programme of the NKUA's Department of Communication and Media Studies or another Department of the NKUA or another Higher Education Institution in Greece.

7.14 Postgraduate students of the Postgraduate Programme "MSc in Media and refugee/migration flows" can enrol in a postgraduate programme in the NKUA or another Higher Education Institution of Greece or another country, in the framework of educational or research cooperation programmes, according to the legal framework in force.

7.15 Termination of postgraduate students

The Department Assembly or the Curriculum Committee, after the suggestion of the Coordinating Committee, can decide to terminate a postgraduate student, if:

- they exceed the maximum of three unexcused absences per course,
- they have failed the exam of a course or courses and have not successfully completed the programme, according to what is stipulated in the Programme Regulation,
- they exceed the maximum duration of studies at the Postgraduate Programme, as stipulated in the present Regulation, unless they can prove they have serious and exceptional reasons,
- they do not pay the tuition fees,
- they have violated the provisions in force, concerning the handling of disciplinary offences by the competent disciplinary bodies,
- it is automatically decided upon, after a request for the termination of a student.

Article 8

Scholarships

It is possible for sponsors of the Postgraduate Programme to grant scholarships for the enrolment of students under the following terms:

- a. the student needs to meet the Postgraduate Programme selection criteria, according to the present Regulation,
- b. the sponsorship needs to amount for the tuition fees applicable to the student's country of origin, with a 50% surcharge, so the expenses for the Summer School are also covered.

Article 9

Transitional Provisions

Students of the current Interdepartmental Postgraduate Programme "MSc in Media and refugee/migration flows", realised in collaboration with the Department of Sociology of the University of the Aegean, that have not yet graduated due to a legitimate extension of the

duration of studies, or a legitimate suspension of studies, or non-participation in the Summer School, or non-completion and submission of their dissertation in the legally stipulated timeframe, or another reason, will complete their studies according to the Regulation in force in the year they were enrolled in the programme.

Article 10

Final regulations

Any occurring issues that are not stipulated in the present Regulation, depending on their severity, will be resolved by the Assembly of the Department of Communication and Media Studies, by request of the Coordinating Committee of the Postgraduate Programme.

ANNEX 1: DESCRIPTION OF COURSES and EVALUATION CRITERIA (Syllabus)

COMPULSORY COURSES, INTERNSHIP and SUMMER SCHOOL

Courses are organized in teaching semesters of thirteen (13) weeks each, classes are taught on a weekly basis in the English language.

DESCRIPTION OF COURSE CONTENT

1. FORCED MIGRATION

In this course, issues of sociological analysis of the concept of identities, cultural differences, and the processes of transformation and coexistence in a multicultural environment will be presented. Issues of reception, management, refugee/migrant pushback into origin countries, issues of social integration, rehabilitation, and the role of international, European, and national Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) regarding this issue will also be presented. The course focuses on the causes of violent refugee/migration flows (wars, unemployment, climate change, etc.), on issues of health and social policies at a European and national level and in international agreements in force regarding public health, human rights, policies on language and general integration and how all this is presented by the old and new media. The course will also approach the refugee/migration issue from its sociological aspect, as a common course or differentiation, the transposition of populations, the flows, the causes and effects on individuals, societies, and economies. It will analyse the refugee/migration issue in relevance to the European demographic problem.

2. INTERNATIONAL, EUROPEAN, AND NATIONAL LAW ON REFUGEE/MIGRATION FLOWS

In this course, issues concerning the fundamental rights of refugees and migrants will be presented and there will be an informed reference to the main binding texts on rights – the Geneva Convention -, to the European policies and projections, as well as to the national and international agreements on the management of this issue. It will also examine in depth the policy of international organisations (UN High Commissioner for Refugees, World Health Organisation, etc.) and the limitations due to the conflict of interests based on political communicational analyses of the member-states.

3. REFUGEE/MIGRATION FLOWS – OLD AND NEW MEDIA

In this course, issues concerning the journalistic coverage of the refugee/migration issue at an international, European, national, and local level will be presented, approaching the presentation of the image of refugees/migrants in old and new media as intruders or as a problem, by highlighting comparative data, case studies, and analysis of relevant journalistic articles. The issue of poverty, social inequalities, and applied social policies, as well as the method and techniques of presentation and communication of relevant issues with the utilisation of new technologies will be approached. At the same time, the journalistic approach based on gender, the image of women and children based on educational, cultural

and religious characteristics, as well as issues of journalistic coverage and criminality will be analysed.

4. METHODOLOGY OF QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE SOCIAL RESEARCH

The content of the course is comprised by two parts, one theoretical and one applied:

In the theoretical part, there will be a brief revision of the methodology of research in the following thematic units: theoretical epistemological methodology approaches, research structural components, main means of collecting data, fundamental stages of research, description of research methods of quantitative and qualitative research: design, pros and cons, applications in the research on Communication and Media. Also, qualitative methods and strategies of social research (in-depth interviews, participation observation, content analysis, critical analysis of speech, case studies), as well as issues regarding the access and experience of the researcher on the field.

The applied part is an introduction to the use of the statistics package SPSS, and includes the following thematic units: SPSS environment, data entry, data checks and correction, data processing, analysis with methods of descriptive statistics and statistical inference for evaluating parameters and testing hypotheses with real data.

COURSES OF SPECIALISATION A:

5. DIGITAL JOURNALISM AND REFUGEE/MIGRATION FLOWS

In this course, new forms of journalism and in general the association of new technologies to journalism in relation to the refugee/migration issue will be analysed. The consequences of changes in the Media and communication sector for the coverage and communicational management of refugee and migration flows will be examined. The course will delve deeper into the use of the internet and social networks, and the developments connected to the refugee/migration sector that regard political, social, cultural, and economic aspects of the issue. New techniques and new forms of digital message analysis and formulation and data analysis that the modern journalist covering the refugee/migration issue needs to know will be examined. The course will focus on the journalistic coverage of digital journalism and fake news, on the mechanisms and practices of the prevalence of the fake news phenomenon and on the ways of dealing with it. Information search online, information exchange technologies (RSS-XML), the creation of websites and blogs, interactive communication forms and other topics will also be approached at a laboratory format.

6. INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM AND REFUGEE/MIGRATION FLOWS

In this course, selected topics regarding the formulation of European and national policies on social integration, the utilisation of social networks by international organisations, reception and origin countries, the utilisation of social networks by the target group of refugee/migrants, the methods of ITC utilisation by both sides (reception and origin countries), human networks and their influences, social solidarity networks and various movements at a national and European level and the way they are active and are presented

my mass media at a national, European, and international level, will be analysed. In the context of the same course, the methods and practices of investigative journalism, the means of obtaining information from public, private, and non-governmental entities and organisations, Think Tanks, and other international organisations will be emphasized. Students will practice techniques of developing audio-visual products for refugees/migrants (e.g., text, content visualisation, etc.) in order to combat stereotypical and xenophobic views and behaviours.

COURSES OF SPECIALISATION B:

7. STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION AND UTILISATION OF EUROPEAN RESOURCES

In this course, issues regarding the formulation of European and national policies on the socio-economic integration of refugees/migrants and their presentation on mass media, the capabilities of resource utilisation by the Asylum Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund, the Emergency Assistance, the Emergency Support to Integration and Accommodation Programme (ESTIA), the disposal of resources to international organisations by the EU and other sponsors for the integration of refugees/migrants will be presented. The techniques of presentation and strategic communicational management of the aforementioned issues and the presentation of good practices of resource utilisation and presentation at a national, European, and international level will also be discussed.

8. PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT OF THE REFUGEE/MIGRATION ISSUE

In this course, issues of public relations and mutual communication and relation development between organisations and the public (refugees/migrants) will be approached. The communicational management of problems and hinderances in the integration or pushback in the cases it is deemed necessary and the methods and techniques of approaching these issues will also be analysed. Good practices for strategies and operational communicational plans with the utilisation of old and new media will be presented. The combination of tools and communicational functions in the thematic field of the refugee and migration issue in Europe and internationally, the communicational crisis management, and the public and international relations on the issue will be approached through specific lectures.

COURSES OF SPECIALISATION C:

9. THEORY AND PRACTICE OF CULTURAL MEDIATION

In this course, the theory and practice of intercultural mediation, multicultural awareness and communicational skills, the transformation of stereotypical perspectives and dysfunctional views with critical reflection and empathy will be presented. There will be reference to social and universal values, to the modern Greek and European culture and to the national and European educational policies that promote inclusion, understanding and acceptance, taking into consideration the difference of customs and various ritualistic practices. The communication techniques for managing conflicts and harmonizing relations

of refugees/migrants with the citizens, the employees in public or private agencies at a national or local administration level will be emphasised. There will also be reference to aspects of cultural mediation and professional ethics and code of conduct. It is also noted that for the specialisation of Cultural Mediators students will attend a selective course in one of the languages of the origin countries of refugees/migrants that are offered by the Foreign Language Teaching Centre of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, if they have no certified previous knowledge included in their CV.

10. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF CULTURES IN WESTERN EUROPE AND EASTERN EUROPE

In this course, issues regarding the theoretical approaches and models of integrational and inclusive action, promotion of mutual understanding and trust building between locals and refugees/migrants with different cultural/religious backgrounds will be presented. The theory of culture and intercultural relations, the similarities and differences of national, regional, and intercultural education policies in the modern world will be emphasized. Issues of politics and identities, policies of conversation between various cultures, the history of cultural flows and intercultural relations in the modern world, especially in Western and Eastern Europe, will also be discussed in the course.

COMMON ACTIONS

11. SUMMER SCHOOL IN MYTILENE-LESBOS OR ANOTHER AREA OUTSIDE OF ATHENS WITH SIGNIFICANT REFUGEE AND MIGRANT HOSTING FACILITIES

titled: **“Refugees/migrants and international communication”**

The Summer School taking place in Mytilene-Lesbos or any other area the Assembly decides upon, after a proposal by the Coordinating Committee, of a duration of 70 hours, combines theoretical presentations, experiential workshops, and educational visits to hotspots.

The presentations will regard issues concerning the presence and management of media in the case of refugee/migration flows, the utilisation of new media and the changes these have brought to the level of production and consumption of journalistic content regarding national, European, and international policies, the profile of refugees/migrants, and the role of citizens of the reception country, international and European conventions on the rights and obligations of media, and presentation methods of relevant matters by the media. The issue of fake news, storytelling as a method of intercultural approach, issues of English and Greek terminology on integration and battling racism and xenophobia, and issues regarding the socio-economic integration of those requesting asylum or those long-term residing in the reception country will be approached. Other innovative initiatives regarding educational techniques and the encouragement of initiatives and participation of students in the organisation of a relevant photo exhibition or other audio-visual applications will also take place during the Summer School. Students will also have the opportunity to prepare the research part of their dissertation with the support of the professors. Students will be evaluated in the Summer School by two papers of 2,500 words each, one each week. In case a student is exempt by the Summer School, what is stipulated in article 9.9 of the present Regulation stands.

12. INTERNSHIP

The Coordinating Committee assigns students to a two-month part-time internship, which lasts at least 70 hours and takes place from March until June of each year. In order to secure internship positions, the Department of Communication and Media Studies and the Director of the programme sign memoranda of cooperation with the entities (Ministry of Migration and Asylum, international organisations like the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Organisation for Migration, and other NGO's) to which the students will be assigned for their internships. The internship is mainly educational, it is evaluated by a relevant paper and there can be a compensation or another incentive, as long as it can be covered by the entity. The entity where the internship takes place issues a certificate and the student submits a file with the paper they have completed during the internship, which is graded by the professor or professors in charge, whom the Coordinating Committee by approval of the Department Assembly has appointed for the supervision of the internship.

13. DISSERTATION

The dissertation is produced after the approval of the suggested title for the dissertation and the appointment of the supervisor by the Coordinating Committee. The dissertation is to be no shorter than 20,000 words, and 15,000 words in case it is accompanied by audio-visual material, and includes a theoretical and research part. The research stage can be conducted during the Summer School in Mytilene-Lesbos or another area where the Summer School takes place. All professors teaching at the Postgraduate Programme can be dissertation supervisors.

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