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General provisions

The Department of Communication and Media Studies of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens with the Department of Sociology of the University of the Aegean organize and operate from the academic year 2020-2021 an intensive Interinstitutional Postgraduate Programme (IPP) (MSc) of three specializations entitled: "Media and Refugee / Migration Flows" in accordance with the provisions of Law, of the Regulation of the IPP and the Special Protocol of Cooperation between the collaborating Departments .

The IPP leads to a Master's degree (M.A.) in "Media and refugee/migration flows" in the following specializations:

- 1.«News media of refugee flows»,
2. «Communication management of refugee/ migration flows» and
3. «Cultural mediators».

Important note: The third specialization will run from the academic year 2021-2022.

The duration for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma (Master of Science) is set at:

- (a) two (2) academic semesters without summer break in order to obtain one specialization
- (b) three (3) academic semesters without summer break in order to obtain a double specialization

The administrative support of the Programme is undertaken by the Department of Communication and Media Studies of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, which awards the titles mentioning the Department of Sociology of the University of the Aegean.

Objectives of the Interinstitutional Postgraduate Programme

The two Departments of the abovementioned Universities, after researching the existing postgraduate programs in greek and international educational institutions, identified the lack of programs in the field of journalistic coverage of this particular subject and at the same time the very small number of postgraduate programs regarding the approach to the issue of integration of refugees and migrants. At European level, postgraduate programs in this field do not exceed five in total, two of which are offered by the University of Oxford. The two University Departments (Department of Communication and Media Studies/NKUA and Department of Sociology of the University of the Aegean) by taking into consideration the lack of studies in this scientific area and the necessity arising for news coverage of refugee/migration flows over the last decade in Greece, the Western Balkan Countries towards the countries of Central and Northern Europe, consider crucial that this subject should be deepened at a postgraduate studies level. The war in Syria, as well as the military conflicts in other Asian and African countries, redefine the way of news coverage and the communication management of the refugee/migration issue. The refugee /migration flows and the distorted or non-holistic and interdisciplinary view of the phenomenon lead to incidents of racism and xenophobia as well as emerging crises in host countries. In this context, the postgraduate training of journalists and executives from the private and public

sector in this field, both in matters related to the correct, valid and objective journalism and information of citizens and the direction of communication management of refugee flows will contribute to a positive management of tensions and crises created at national and cross-border level.

Objectives of the IPP

1. The purpose of the IPP is to train journalists who will be able to cover cross-border phenomena of refugee /migration flows. In Greece and Western Balkan Countries the phenomenon causes tensions and conflicts. The situation is exacerbated by the new media (social networks), the role of national and international non-governmental organizations, the interculturalism of the phenomenon (flows from Syria, Pakistan, Afghanistan, African countries, etc.), which require different approach and management. Greece as a first host country is required to provide comprehensive, multi-faceted and valid information to European citizens and citizens from the places of origin of refugee flows. The issues that need to be addressed are related to public opinion, national, European and international management policies, the role of NGOs, and the communication of these flows by executives working in relevant public, private and public sectors. The second specialization will train executives who will work at press offices locally or abroad and/or public sectors dealing with the issue of communication management of refugees /migrants. The third specialization concerns the training of Cultural Mediators.
2. The proposed field of study is closely related to the first cycle of studies of the collaborating departments, since both of them fall within the field of political and social sciences. In addition, the Department of Sociology (University of the Aegean) is located in Mytilene a first entry point for a large number of migrants/ refugees.

Upon successful completion of the Program, graduates will be able to:

- develop skills and competencies of journalistic perception of the contemporary refugee/ migratory phenomenon,
- understand the conceptual framework in order to provide a comprehensive and valid journalistic coverage of the phenomenon,
- acquire knowledge, skills and competences that will enable them to address the migratory phenomenon with integrity by adopting a holistic approach towards different categories of refugees (children, women, disabled, etc.), familiarize with issues regarding discrimination, racism and xenophobia,
- develop skills in order to understand international news media, the state of the hot spots, and the difficulties and crises arising by the routes and sea routes of refugee / migration flows,
- develop positive attitudes towards this vulnerable category, manage dilemmas, political messages, decode pictures and messages of national, European and international media regarding media coverage,
- use all forms of art (painting, cinema, theater, etc.) to transform stereotypical perceptions and distorted views of the subject,
- manage information regarding refugee populations (hot spots, etc.)

- understand the needs of the refugee /migrant population, the intercultural dimension of the phenomenon and adapt accordingly their actions, acquire skills for creating and managing digital applications in order to manage more effectively refugee / migration flow information.

The obligations of the collaborating academic units and the division of duties are defined as follows:

- a. The administrative support of the IPP is undertaken by the Department of Communication and Media Studies of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, which is responsible for the organization and implementation of the IPP and contributes to a 60% with academic personnel and technical infrastructure (equipment and software).
- b. The Department of Sociology of the School of Social Sciences, University of the Aegean, based in Mytilene, which hosts the IPP, provides the necessary logistic infrastructure (classrooms, laboratories, library, collections, equipment, and software) and contributes to a 40% with academic personnel.

Governing Bodies of the Interinstitutional Postgraduate Programme

Governing Bodies of IPP are:

A. The Special Interinstitutional Committee (SIC) is comprised of nine members, (7) faculty members of the Associate Departments /Schools elected by the General Assembly of each Department for a two-year term, as well as two (2) postgraduate student representatives elected from the students of the relevant postgraduate program, for a one- year term.

The appropriation of members per partner institution, in accordance to the proportion of the number of academic personnel in the Postgraduate Program, is as follows:

- Five (5) faculty members of the Department of Communication and Media Studies of the University of Athens,
- Two (2) faculty members of the Department of Sociology of the University of the Aegean.

The President of the SIC, as well as the Director of Studies, are from the Department of Communication and Media Studies of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. The President calls the SIC into session.

The Special Interinstitutional Committee:

1. appoints its President and the members of the Coordinating Committee from its Members
2. decides, the Director of the programme from the Members of the CC (The Director of Studies chairs the CC)
3. sets up selection / examination committees of postgraduate candidates

4. may set up additional committees where deemed necessary. All suggestions or decisions of the committees are approved by the SIC of the IPP.

5. approves the teaching assignment proposed by the CC

6. validates the list of the selected postgraduate students

7. determines the successful completion of the courses for the award of the diploma of postgraduate studies and exercises all other rights in accordance with the provisions in force.

8. decides on the financial management and, in particular, on the approval of program expenditures and certifies the relationship of educational needs of the specific program with the respective requested costs.

B. The Coordinating Committee (CC) consists of five (5) faculty members of the IPP, who have undertaken postgraduate work and are elected by the Special Interinstitutional Committee (SIC) for a two year term. At the end of tenure of the CC, under the responsibility of the Director, a report is prepared an annual report is created regarding the research and educational work of the IPP as well as on its other activities. The term of the CC's President may be renewed once.

The Head of the CC obtains also the role of the Director of the IPP. The CC is responsible for supervising and coordinating the activities of the Programme and:

- determines the time and supervises the evaluation of the candidates admission to the IPP, proposes to the SIC the allocation of teaching assignments among the members of the PP.

- determines the supervisor and the members of the three-member examination committee for each postgraduate student,

- suggests to SIC the members of teaching staff between the collaborating units of IPP as well as from other accredited Universities within the country or abroad, as well as visiting professors and special scientists,

- supervises and coordinates the activities of the IPP,

- examines student issues such as applications for suspension of studies, part-time studies, extension of studies, expulsion, etc. and proposes in this regard to the Special Interinstitutional Committee of the IPP,

- exercises any other jurisdiction arising from the present Regulation of the IPP.

C. The Director and Deputy Director of the IPP are appointed by the Special Interinstitutional Committee among its members and elected members of the CC and are Professors or Associate Professors of the same or related field of the IPP with a two-year term which can be renewed once. To facilitate orderly functioning, the Director of the IPP should be from the Department of Communication and Media Studies, while the Deputy Director of the Department of Sociology, University of the Aegean. The Director or Directress

chairs the CC and also chairs the SIC in case the President of the SIC and Director of the Programme is the same person. Suggests to the competent bodies any matter concerning the effective functioning of the program.

The President of SIC and the Director of the IPP may be the same person.

The Director or Directress of the IPP:

(a) calls the meetings of the CC (or the SIC, in case President of the SIC and CC is the same person).

(b) prepares the agenda of the meetings, taking into account the suggestions of the members and bodies of the Program.

(c) recommends the replacement of committee members who resigned.

(d) is responsible for drafting the budget and the program's accounts, which he/she submits to the SIC for approval.

(e) is responsible for monitoring the implementation of the budget and for issuing payment orders for the expenditures concerned.

f) At the end of the CC's term, he / she prepares and presents a detailed account of the research and educational work of the Postgraduate Program, as well as of its other activities, aiming at improving studies, making better use of human resources, optimizing the existing infrastructures and the socially beneficial use of the available resources of the Postgraduate Program. The account is submitted to the Department of Communication and Media Studies.

The Director of the IPP, following SIC's suggestion, issues and signs the orders for the payment of the relevant costs and co-signs the assignment contracts in accordance with the approved budget. The Deputy Director of the IPP assumes the duties of the Director in his/her absence.

Committee for the examination/selection of postgraduate candidates

The Committee shall be comprised of at least three (3) members of the academic staff (DEP). Its specific composition is defined each time by SIC's recommendation.

The Committee's tasks are the following:

- evaluation of all submitted documents (the checking of the supporting documents is carried out by the Secretariat of the Postgraduate Programme and the Secretariat of the Department);
- assessment of language skills in English (C1 level),
- conducting personal interviews.

The final ranking of Candidates based on the Program's Criteria List and the recommendation for the selection of candidates according to this ranking, are submitted for approval to the SIC of the IPP.

Categories of admitted students

The IPP admits students:

- by priority, holders of first degree by Departments of Communication and Media Studies of Academic Institutions in Greece and abroad, recognized by the Hellenic NARIC (National Academic Recognition Information Center) organization.
- holders of first degrees of political and social sciences, sciences in law and other theoretical backgrounds.
- holders of first degree from any department from Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) and Technological Educational Institutions (TEI) that demonstrate particular interest to the subjects of the postgraduate programme.

A Postgraduate Diploma is not awarded to a student whose first degree from a foreign institution has not been recognized by DOATAP, according to Law 3328/2005 (A '80).

Number of Admitted Students, Criteria and Selection Procedure

1. The maximum number of postgraduate students per year is set at fifty (50), twenty (20) for the first specialization, twenty (20) for the second specialization and ten (10) for the third one.
2. The number of postgraduate students is determined each academic year by the SIC and may not be completed if candidates' level is not considered appropriate.
3. Each year at the beginning of March, is announced an official call for the admission of postgraduate students for the next academic year and candidates are invited to submit their applications to the Secretariat of the IPP by the end of July of the current year with deadline specified in the call. If it is considered necessary by the SIC, there is the possibility of a second call, starting from the end of the first one up to 20 September of each year. For applicants outside EE/EEA countries submission date is set at the end of May each year.
4. The applicant shall provide the following supporting documents:
 - a) Application form
 - b) Detailed curriculum vitae with photo.
 - (c) Copy of the first degree

- (d) Copy of grades transcript.
 - e) photocopy of the Identification Card or Passport.
 - (f) proof of knowledge of the English language C1 level (photocopy).
 - (g) At least two letters of recommendation.
 - (h) A copy of a master thesis or title and a summary, if it has not been completed, or a reference that it is not mandatory at the candidate's department.
 - i) Publications to scientific journals and conferences
 - j) Any other relevant information (e.g. volunteer programs, etc) at his/her discretion
5. A three-member Evaluation and Selection Committee comprising of members of the academic staff is appointed by the SIC in order to examine the applications. The Committee receives the candidates' applications from the Secretariat of the IPP and the selection process is completed by the 10th of October.
6. The examination is based on the following criteria:
- Grade of postgraduate degree/diploma: 20%
 - Adequate Knowledge of the English language: 15%
 - Possession of a second degree and / or other postgraduate degrees in a subject related to the IPP or relevant publications: 15%.
 - Related specialization to the field of the IPP, research activity and/or professional experience (participation in conferences, participation in research or educational programmes): 20%
 - Personal interview by the committee in order to ascertain the academic experience, performance, and interests of the candidates and is evaluated on a 1-10 scale: 30%
7. At the end of the evaluation, the three-member Evaluation and Selection Committee drafts a list of successful and runner-up candidates resulting from the consideration of scores received by each candidate. The first in the ranking until the completion of the maximum number of entrants or the minimum sufficient score (50% of the maximum) are the successful ones and are approved by the SIC with the restriction that in the event of a tie-score, in the last position, the candidates are called again for an interview to determine the most appropriate. The list of successful candidates after being approved is posted on the IPP's website. 8. If successful students are less than ten (10), the IPP suspends its' activities for the current academic year.
9. Successful postgraduate candidates should be enrolled to the IPP's Secretariat within 5 working days upon SIC's decision and announcement to successful candidates. In case of non-registration, within the aforementioned deadline, the Secretariat of the IPP will invite the 1st, 2nd, runner-up etc. to be enrolled.

Duration and Terms of Studies

1. The duration of studies to the intensive IPP leads to:
 - (a) A Master's of Science Degree set at two (2) academic semesters without summer break and completion of studies by obtaining 75 ECTS.
 - (b) A Master's of Science Degree of double specialization set at three (3) academic semesters without summer break and completion of studies by obtaining 105 ECTS.

The maximum permissible time for the completion of studies is set at: three (3) semesters for one specialization and four (4) semesters for two specializations after a reasoned petition by the student to the SIC. Unjustified non-completion of studies beyond the above timeline raises a question of expulsion from the IPP, which is undertaken by the CC and decided by the SIC. For the successful completion of the programme, postgraduate students are required to continuously participate in four (4) courses during the first semester, of 7.5 credit units (ECTS) per course, and in two differentiated courses per specialization during the spring semester, of 7.5 credit units each. In addition, during the second semester, students of all specializations will attend the intensive two (2)-week Summer School in Mytilene, corresponding to 70 teaching hours and 15 credit units (ECTS), and they will develop, under the supervision of an advisor, a postgraduate dissertation, corresponding to 15 credit units (ECTS), i.e. a total of 75 credits (ECTS). For obtaining a second specialization, students will complete during the third academic semester the two specialization courses (15 ECTS in total) and the dissertation (15 ECTS). The postgraduate diploma of a double specialization corresponds to 105 credit units (ECTS).

The rights of registered postgraduate students of the IPP are defined in accordance with the current provisions

If a student fails to a course, he/she may be re-examined during the (repeat) examination period in September. If a postgraduate student fails to a course or courses and during the repeat examination period in September, he/she may be examined, upon petition to the SIC, during the same examination period, by a three-member committee consisting of faculty members of the collaborating Institutions, who have the same or related expertise with the examined course and are appointed by the SIC. From the committee is excluded the instructor who is responsible for the examination of each course (Article 6 Paragraph 34 of Law 4485/2017). The request for re-examination by a three-member committee must be submitted to the Secretariat of the IPP within 5 days of the announcement of the outcome during September's examination period. If the student does not submit an application within the time frame provided by the Department, or fails during the examination by the three-member committee, then he/she is expelled from the IPP.

2. A student who uses non-legal means during his/her participation in the examinations is referred to the SIC for further legal proceedings.
3. The SIC, upon CC's recommendation, can decide to expel postgraduate students from the program if:
 - they exceed the limit of allowed absences from courses,
 - they have failed in the examination of a course or courses and they have not completed successfully the programme. - they exceed the maximum duration of studies, as defined in this document, unless there are proven serious and exceptional reasons

- they violate intellectual property laws (L.2121 / 93) when writing their coursework,
 - they do not pay the predicted tuition fees.
 - ipso jure upon postgraduate students' request.
9. The present Interinstitutional Postgraduate Programme predicts tuition fees amounting to 2,800 €, which are paid in two (2) equal installments of 1,400€ upon registration (1st installment) and at the beginning of the 2nd semester (2nd installment), unless the SIC decides, in order to facilitate the students the payment of tuition fees in more installments. No reimbursement of tuition fees is provided in case of expulsion according to the Regulation. In case of reduced payment of tuition fees, the rate of reduction is applied equally to all installments. The tuition fee of 2.800 euros concerns the students that are citizens of European Union countries (EU) and European economic area (EEA) countries. Candidates coming from third countries outside EU and EEA pay tuition fees amounting to 6.000 euros. For attending the programme of double specialization students enroll one additional semester and the tuition fee corresponds to 1400 euros for citizens from European Union (EU) and European economic area (EEA) countries and 3.000 euros for students from third countries.
10. Deferment of studies can be granted to students after their application to the SIC of the PP. The deferment is granted once and may not exceed one academic year in duration. This provision is valid from the current academic year 2020-2021. Deferment is granted for documented medical or personal reasons. In case the deferment of studies requested is approved, the student has the right to re-enroll and is obliged to pay the relevant tuition fee of the semester, i.e. € 1,400 for EU and EEA citizens and 3,000€ for outside of EU and EEA. The semesters of suspension of student status are not counted in the estimated maximum duration of regular study.
11. As completion of studies is regarded the successful examination in all courses as well as the submission of the dissertation in final form until the 15th of September of each year. A change on this date can be made only with a reasoned decision of the SIC and only under the condition that it has occurred a significant disruption in the conduct of the courses during the semester, as a result of external to the university, the Department and the IPP factors.

Curriculum

1. The Postgraduate Programme MSc in "Media and refugee/migration flows" includes a set of compulsory courses for all postgraduate students and a subset of compulsory courses per specialization, as well as the compulsory participation in the Summer School in Mytilene and the elaboration of a master dissertation.
2. The European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) for obtaining a Postgraduate Diploma amounts to 75 ECTS and courses begin in the winter semester. For obtaining a Postgraduate Diploma of double specialization, the total European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) is 105 ECTS and studies have to be completed within three academic semesters.
3. The courses are held in person and through distance learning methods. The predicted teaching through distance education amounts to 20% of the total program.

4. Courses can be arranged on a weekly basis, either continuously and cumulatively for a course and during the summer period.

5. Courses are taught in English

6. The implementation and responsibility of the course schedule has the Director of the IPP.

7. For the acquisition of the Postgraduate Diploma is required a) the student's participation in all educational and research activities of the program, in accordance with the specific program and the regulation b) the successful examination of all courses of 1st , 2nd semesters as defined by the curriculum (c) the successful completion of a master dissertation (d) the accumulation of 75 (ECTS), (e) the payment of the total sum of tuition fees, (f) the fulfillment of any obligations towards the Student Welfare Directorate and the Library of the Department. The postgraduate student is obliged to attend every semester courses completing 30 ECTS for the first semester and 45 ECTS for the second semester and be successfully examined in all courses. Examination in specialization courses is conducted through written or oral examinations, assignments or a combination of the above. In particular, for obtaining a postgraduate diploma is required to attend 2 semesters of study and collect 75 credits (ECTS).

8. Students are given the opportunity to obtain a second specialization. The specialization is acquired, according to the structure of the program, after the timely submission of a request from the interested parties to the SIC of the PP, which decides in this regard. Prerequisite for starting the study to obtain the second specialization is a) the student has successfully completed his studies in the first specialization. As such is considered the successful examination in all courses, as well as the successful defense of the dissertation in the first specialization. The procedure and requirements for obtaining the second specialization are the same for obtaining the first one including, attending specialization courses of 15 credits (ECTS) and successful writing and defense of dissertation 15 credits (ECTS). In the case of a dual specialization the student accumulates 105 ECTS in three semesters. The student is exempted from the first semester courses of the first specialization, as well as from all the educational activities of the program (summer school and other seminars, visits and internships).

The IPP provides specialized expertise in the fields of Communication, Social and Political Science.

With the acquisition of the Postgraduate Diploma, holders will be able to:

- know in depth the refugee / immigration crisis in all its aspects
- understand the challenges at national, European and international level and the policies implemented
- be aware which phenomena can cause racist and xenophobic behavior during the journalistic coverage

- be able to handle issues related to the use of ICT, old and new media, design and develop multimedia production and processing services
- manage the information in refugee/migrant registration and accreditation centers (hot spot, NGOs, etc.)
- understand the specific needs of the population and tailor their action accordingly
- handle digital applications in order to provide more effective information on issues regarding refugee / migration flows through Media and Social Networks Sites.

9. The course grading is submitted to the Secretariat of Postgraduate Studies of the Department of Communication and Media Studies within 20 days from the end of the examination period.

10. The courses, teaching and research activities, participation in field observations and internship, and credit units are defined below. Students must choose courses that cover at least the required credits (ECTS) per semester for the successful completion of the IPP studies and the award of the Postgraduate Diploma.

11. Postgraduate students must attend continuously and obligatorily all courses of the program in accordance with the curriculum guidelines and participate actively in the discussions, presentations and other research activities of the program. Their presence is checked by the instructor and their performance is constantly evaluated by him /her. Exceeding three absences in each course stands for exclusion from the examination of the corresponding course and its repetition. If the postgraduate student has more than three (3) absences, he / she must attend the course again. In this case, he /she is again subject to the examination procedure, so if he / she exceeds the three (3) absences for a second time, he / she will be deleted from the program.

The courses are structured as follows:

First Semester		
Core Courses	Hours/week	ECTS
1. Forced migration	3	7,5
2. International, European and National Law on Refugees /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		

1st Specialization: «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
2nd Specialization: “Communication management of refugee/migration flows”.		
7. Strategic Communication and Utilization of European Resources	3	7,5
8. Public Relations and Perception Management of the Refugee /Migration Policy	3	7,5
3rd Specialization: “Cultural mediators”*		
<i>*will be offered the next academic year</i>		
9. Cultural Mediator. Its role and mission	3	7,5
10. Intercultural mediation and conflict management	3	7,5
* Cultural mediators will be invited to attend an optional course in Arabic or Persian at the Foreign Language Teaching Center of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, if no prior knowledge is certified by their CVs.		
Joint Actions		
11. Summer School in Mytilene “Refugees/Migrants and International Communication”	70 HOURS (7 H/D)	15
12. MA dissertation		15
Total		45
Total 1st& 2nd semesters (ECTS)		75

The courses structure for the double specialization is as follows:

1st Semester		
Core Courses	Hours /week	ECTS
Four courses	12	30
Total		30
2nd semester		
Two courses of 1 st specialization	6	15
Summer School		15
MA dissertation		15

	Total	45
3rd Semester (one of the two specializations)		
Two courses of 2 nd specialization	3	15
MA dissertation	70 Hours (7 H/D)	15
	Total	30
Total 1st , 2nd semesters and 3rd semester (ECTS)		105

10. In case of loss of teaching hours or of the whole course for any reason, the replacement is defined by the decision of the CC.
11. In order to obtain the right to conduct the MA dissertation, the postgraduate student must obtain at least sixty (60) ECTS.
12. The dissertation is written in English and the specifications are provided to the Dissertation Guide
13. The assignment and approval of the master dissertation are defined according to the current legislation and regulation as follows:
- 13 a. For each PS (Postgraduate Student), it is appointed by CC/SIC an instructor, as supervisor, after the end of the first semester provided the subject has been chosen. The supervisor has the scientific responsibility for the elaboration of the Master dissertation
- 13b. For the examination of the dissertation, a three-member examination committee is appointed by CC, in which take part the supervisor and at least two (2) other members, from all the categories who are able to undertake autonomous teaching in a postgraduate study programme. The members of the Committee must have the same or related scientific expertise with the subject of the Programme. The Master dissertation is submitted to the three-member committee appointed by CC's decision.
- 13 c. The PS is also obliged to submit to the Secretariat of the IPP before its defense, a statement stating the following: "I responsibly declare that I am the author of this original Master dissertation and that I have mentioned any sources from which I have used data, ideas or words, whether these are mentioned exactly or paraphrased".
- 13 d. The defense of the dissertation is submitted to the three-member Examination Committee, at a date and time specified by the supervisor. In case where External Members (members of other Institutions) participate, a teleconference is provided for the facilitation of the external members (relevant no. f122.1 / 42/23076 / b2 / 24-2-2011, Joint Ministerial Decision, KYA (ΦΕΚ 433/17-3-2011, τ. Β'). After the end of the public defense of the master's dissertation by the PS, the committee evaluates it with a score from zero (0) to ten (10), with five (5) the minimum degree of success. The three-member Examination Committee may with its decision return the dissertation for amendments or clarifications within a period of up to one (1) month. The final evaluation of the dissertation is made by the abovementioned Committee. In case of rejection, the candidate is deleted from the IPP. The final minutes of the Examination Committee are signed by all present members while a separate document with the signatures of the members of the committee who vote in favor is incorporated into the manuscript of the dissertation. The approved masters dissertation, after the completion of any corrections proposed by the Committee and prior to students oath, is submitted to the Secretariat in digital form, to the Library of the Department in printed form and is posted on "Pergamos"

14. The dissertation should have been completed by the end of September of each year and the dissertation topics are defined at the beginning of the second semester. The student has the right to request a justified extension, of one semester, as mentioned above.
15. The evaluation of postgraduate students takes place at the end of the educational process of each course, under the responsibility of the course coordinator, who determines the way of examination and grading.
16. Courses are graded by instructors on a scale from 1 to 10. The passing grade is set at five (5).
17. The grade of the Master's dissertation and the final grade of the postgraduate diploma are descriptive and the numerical grade is written in parentheses, as follows: Excellent (8.5-9.9), Very Good (6.5-8.49), Good (5-6.49).
18. The grade for attending the summer school results from the students' performance in the lessons and educational activities (40% of the grade) and from their evaluation in two assignments, prepared individually or in groups, one during the first week and one during the second week of summer school (60% of the grade, 30% per assignment). The final grade is given by the coordinators of the summer school.
18. The grade of the Postgraduate Diploma is derived from the average score of the three members of the examination committee.
19. The final grade of the Postgraduate Diploma is determined by student's performance in all courses including the summer school and the dissertation and the method of calculation is determined as the average of student's performance in the courses, taking into account the weight of each course in ECTS [Final Degree = $S \text{ (ECTS} \times \text{Course Grade)} / S \text{ (ECTS)}$].
20. A detailed syllabus and educational activities as well as dissertation guide are attached as Annex III in the Regulation.
20. Every year, the Director of the IPP in collaboration with the Secretariat, publishes the Study Guide of the IPP. The Study Guide includes the curriculum, the names of the instructors, the rights and obligations of the postgraduate students, as well as information regarding the laboratories and libraries of the collaborating departments.¹

Free Admission

1. Within three working days from the announcement of the results of the successful postgraduate candidates per year, selected students may apply for exemption from tuition fees by presenting all supporting documents according to the current legislation. Students who are exempted from tuition fees (based on economic criteria) cannot exceed 30%.
2. The criteria and conditions for the exemption of tuition fees are defined in paragraphs 2 and 3 of art. 35 of Law 4485/2017 as follows:
 - Tuition fees are waived for students whose personal income, provided they have one, and family income does not exceed 100% and 70% of national median equivalent disposal

¹ More information can be found on the following links: <https://migromedia.gr/resources-research/department-facilities-in-athens-and-lesvos> and <https://migromedia.gr/resources-research/libraries>

income respectively, according to the latest data published by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ElStat).

- those who receive a scholarship from another source are not eligible for exemption.

3. The applications for exemption from tuition fees are examined by a Special three-member Committee appointed by the Special Interinstitutional Committee of the IPP, which within seven (7) working days drafts a list of tuition fees exemptions approved by the SIC.

Academic Personnel

1 The academic personnel is proposed by the CC of the IPP and approved by the SIC, according to Art. 36 of Law 4485/2017. Course assignments are renewed each year in order to optimize the IPP. Course assignments take place in September each year and duties of the instructors include, among others, the description of the course or lectures, bibliography, the examination of the course, communication with the postgraduate students. Teaching duties can be assigned to: I. Faculty members of the cooperating departments. II. Members of Laboratory Teaching Staff, Special Teaching Staff and Technical Laboratory Staff from the collaborating Departments and Institutions, holders of a doctoral degree, unless the subject is of an exceptional and unquestionable specificity for which it is not possible or common to obtain a doctoral thesis. III. Academic staff appointed in accordance to 407/80, of the collaborating departments. IV. Emeritus and retired faculty members of the collaborating departments.

2. The educational needs of the IPP are covered by at least 80% of the above categories between the cooperating departments/schools. If the teaching staff of the above-mentioned categories is considered insufficient, the SIC may appoint teaching assignments to faculty members of other departments or invite faculty members of other Higher Education Institutions or researchers from research centers under Article 13a of Law 4310/2014 (A' 258) under the existing legislation (Article 36 of Law 4485/17)

3. In addition, the SIC, by taking into consideration the suggestion of the Director of the IPP, may invite, as visitors, well-known scientists who hold the position or qualifications of a professor or researcher in a research center or scientists of recognized expertise or relevant experience in the scientific field of the IPP, from Greece or abroad, in accordance with the provisions of para. 5 article 36.

Revenues- Financial Management

1. The funding of the Postgraduate Programme may come from:

- donations, legacies and any kind of sponsorship

- resources from EU research programs

- any kind of emergency investment grants

Since the operational costs of the program are not fully covered by the above funding sources, part of its operating costs are covered by student fees. The amount of the tuition fees is € 2,800 distributed in two (2) equal installments of 1,400€, as defined in paragraph 9 of article 6 of the Regulation and 6.000€ for students from countries outside of the EU/EEA. Postgraduate students pay the installments to the Special Account for Research Funds (ELKE) of the NKUA. In order to obtain a second specialization, students enroll for a third semester and are required to pay one semester tuition fees, i.e. 1400 euros for students, as defined in

paragraph 9 of article 6 of the Regulation and 3,000 euros for students coming from countries outside of the EU/EEA

2. The financial administration of the IPP is managed by ELKE (University of Athens) (paragraph 4, No. 37 of Law 4485/2017). The Director of the IPP is the Scientific Coordinator and responsible for monitoring the implementation of budget and issuing the payment orders for the relevant expenditures

3. According to paragraph 6 article 37 par. 4 of Law 4485/2017, the SIC publishes, upon Director's of IPP recommendation, an annual report of revenues and expenses, indicating the distribution of expenses by category and in particular the amount of tuition fees.

Administrative Support - Infrastructure

1. The Postgraduate Programme is run by:

(a) the Special Interinstitutional Committee (SIC);

(b) the Coordinating Committee (CC),

c) the Director of the IPP

Administrative secretarial support is provided by the Secretariat of the IPP which is located at the Department of Communication and Media Studies of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and is under the supervision of the Secretariat of the Department, responsible for and through which all documents are circulated, students' files are kept, and any kind of work related to students' attendance.

2. The IPP will be held at the Department of Communication and Media Studies of NKUA. The IPP is implemented in a mixed learning environment with combinatorial education processes, including: [a] face-to face lectures which will be held by the two departments and constitute the main teaching practice as well as [b] in exceptional cases, by distance learning methods, using the relevant platform of the NKUA and of the University of the Aegean (at a rate-less than 35%).

3. The required logistic equipment is covered by the collaborating academic units. In cases where this is not sufficient, an expenditure shall be taken from IPP's budget for the purchase of equipment. In addition, the two laboratories of the Department will be utilized: (1) the Laboratory for Social Research in the Media and (2) the Laboratory of Journalism Studies and Communication Applications.

Graduation Ceremony

The award of postgraduate diplomas/degrees takes place at a SIC's meeting in the presence of the Director and /or the Deputy Director, members of the Coordinating Committee and the Special Interinstitutional Committee of the IPP. The meeting takes place at the Department of Communication and Media Studies of the NKUA.

Type of Postgraduate Diploma Awarded

1. A Postgraduate Diploma of the IPP (of 75 ECTS) and Postgraduate Diploma of a double specialization of the IPP (of 105 ECTS). The diploma is a public document, issued by the Secretariat of the IPP, has the logos of the collaborating academic units, the date of issue, the protocol number of graduation, the title of the IPP, the title of the specialization, the personal information of the student and the evaluation (descriptively and numerically). The Postgraduate Diploma is issued in English. The master's degree is signed by the Rectors of the collaborating institutions, by the President of the SIC and the Secretary of the Department of Communication and Mass Media
2. Upon postgraduate student's petition, it can be issued, before the award of the postgraduate diploma, a certificate of successful attendance and completion of the Program.
3. Additional to the postgraduate diploma is issued a Diploma Supplement.
4. A postgraduate diploma is not awarded to a postgraduate student whose first degree from a foreign institution has not been recognized by the Hellenic National Recognition and Information Center (Hellenic N.A.R.I.C. / Δ.Ο.Α.Τ.Α.Π., according to law 3328/2005 (A' 80).
5. A Postgraduate Diploma awarded may be revoked or cancelled if it is proven that the legal institutional conditions for its acquisition, were not met at the time of its acquisition. The revocation or cancellation is made by SIC's decision, which is announced to the Rectors of the institutions.

Plagiarism

By submitting any postgraduate assignment, the postgraduate student is required to state whether he /she has used the material and the views of others. Plagiarism is considered a serious academic infringement. Plagiarism is copying someone else's work, as well as the use of another's work - whether published or not - without proper reference. Reporting any material, even those of the candidate himself / herself, without a proper reference, may constitute a cause for expulsion for the SIC. In the above cases - and after a reasoned suggestion by the supervisor - the SIC may decide to expel the student. Any misconduct or violation of academic ethics is referred to the Coordinating Committee of the IPP in order the SIC to address the situation. Misconducts include, copyright infringement or plagiarism and, in general, any violation of intellectual property laws by a postgraduate student during the writing of course assignments or his/her dissertation.

Evaluation of the IPP

1. At the end of each semester, each course is evaluated by postgraduate students through a questionnaire, which will be uploaded to the Postgraduate Program's website. The results of the evaluation will be used for future collaboration with the IPP.
2. At the end of their terms, The Director and Deputy Director prepare a detailed account of the research and educational work conducted and propose further improvements, aiming at making better use of human resources, optimizing the existing infrastructures and the socially beneficial use of the available resources of the IPP. The account is submitted to the SIC as well as to the collaborating academic units supporting the IPP
3. The internal and external evaluation process of the IPP follows the provisions of the current legislation.

Courses Description/Syllabus

Courses are organized in academic semesters, each lasting (13) weeks conducted on a weekly basis and taught in English

CORE COURSES

1. FORCED MIGRATION

The module consists of two distinct parts. The first part of the module will focus on the theoretical discussion concerning migration flows. This will be further separated into A) classical migration theories, where the question "why do people migrate" will be answered by different perspectives. B) Forced migration theories, where the refugee vs. migrant debate will be presented, as well as an understanding of population movement in the context of extremely constraint options. C) Given the knowledge acquired from the previous theoretical discussions, the recent refugee crisis will be approached in order to assess its unique but also reoccurring characteristics. The latter part of the module will emphasize on the rise of nationalism in Europe and the integration strategies and practice within this context.

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

The course will present issues related to the rights of refugees and migrants, the international protection regime as well as the current legislative context of asylum and migration in Europe. A comprehensive analysis will be made regarding the basic legally binding texts on the human rights, the Geneva Convention, the European policies, transnational and national management agreements. In addition, it will be examined the policy making of international organizations as well as special issues such as Trafficking in Human Beings, citizenship challenges, refugees' and migrants cases in front of the court, and integration frameworks in Europe.

3. REFUGEE / MIGRATION FLOWS – OLD AND NEW MEDIA

This module consists of two parts. The first one is focused on issues related to the media coverage of the refugee /migration subject at international/European/national and local level. It also discusses on a comparative basis whether the portrayal of refugees /migrants' image in the old and new media is presented as an intruder or as a positive development. It will also discuss the issues of poverty, social inequalities, gender and the image of women and children based on educational, cultural and religious characteristics, as well as the journalistic coverage and criminality. The second part of the module is focused on the new media. New media technologies have not only shaped the way we live, work, and interact, but they have also transformed the experience of international migration, making it possible for migrants to maintain strong ties between the host society and the home country, or even the communication among them within the host country, or the way officials in the host countries try to communicate with them,. Thus, the second part will discuss issues related to the use of new media and their effects on the communication of refugees.

4. METHODOLOGY OF QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE SOCIAL RESEARCH

This course focuses on qualitative and quantitative research methods. In the qualitative part of the course, students will learn about qualitative data collection methods, such as in-depth interviews, focus groups and (non-)participant observation, as well as qualitative analysis methods like textual analysis, discourse analysis, critical discourse analysis, narrative analysis, thematic analysis). In the quantitative part of the course, students will be introduced to the design and conduction of quantitative surveys and content analysis with the use of the SPSS- Statistical Package for the Social Sciences. This part includes the following topics: SPSS environment, data entry, data control and correction, data processing, statistical tests (chi-square, t-tests, ANOVA, correlation) and statistical conclusions.

COURSES 1st SPECIALIZATION:

5. DIGITAL JOURNALISM AND REFUGEE / MIGRATION FLOWS

The content of this course consists of two parts, one theoretical and one practical:

The course analyses the new forms of journalism and, in general, the relationship between new technologies and journalism in relation to the refugee / immigration issue. The impact of the changes within the Media sector regarding the coverage and communication management of refugee and migration flows will also be examined. The course will also offer a deepening understanding regarding the use of Internet and social networks sites and the political, social, cultural and economic dimensions of the issue. Emphasis will be given on new techniques and forms of analysis of the digital journalism that any journalist who is familiar with the refugee / immigration issue needs to know. Emphasis will be also given to

media coverage and fake news, the mechanisms and practices of the emerging phenomenon and how to address it. Searching online information, information technologies (RSS-XML), creation of websites and blogs, interactive forms of communication, etc. will be conducted at a laboratory level.

The students will be divided into four groups in order to produce their final assignment. Each group will have to produce a multimedia piece and will have to choose between the following themes: vulnerable groups, migrant success stories, migrant integration (schooling and jobs), and first reception. The groups work will be showcased in a website built by the students themselves.

6. INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM AND REFUGEE / MIGRATION FLOWS

A project in investigative journalism requires that a journalist recognizes and exposes an important public matter that would be otherwise concealed, either deliberately or accidentally. Participants learn how to identify a project that is in the public interest, how to prepare an action plan, to dig deeply into it, to conduct investigative interviews, in order to plan a convincing story and present ways and means that can be used to have the problem corrected.

The course consists of four parts. The first, theoretical part is divided in two sections: The first section focuses on the theoretical discussion concerning the distinct stages of planning, researching, and reporting for an investigative story that has to adhere to accepted standards of accuracy and evidence. The second section involves hands-on experience by professionals with extensive and recognized work on the field, who will present inputs on how to avoid legal pitfalls, how to take under consideration possible risks, and how codes of conduct and journalistic ethics are effective means of creating an improved environment for responsible investigative journalism.

COURSES 2nd SPECIALIZATION:

7. STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION AND UTILIZATION OF EUROPEAN RESOURCES

The objective of this course is to provide an in-depth analysis of present cases related to European and national policies for the socio-economic integration of refugees/migrants in Europe and their presentation in the mass media. It analyses the possibilities of raising funds from the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund, Emergency Assistance, the Emergency Assistance Program Integration and Housing (ESTIA), funds to international integration organizations and other sponsors. It presents the techniques to design, implement, monitor and evaluate projects in the framework of the above mentioned Funds and develop their competences. Promotional techniques and communication strategic management of these issues and the presentation of good practices at national, European and international level will also be developed

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

The content of this course consists of two parts, one theoretical and one technical. The course will address issues of public relations, two-way communication process and development of relationships between the organizations and communities (refugees/migrants). In addition, ways of communicating the problems and barriers regarding the inclusion or refoulement where it is necessary and the ways and techniques of approaching such subjects will be analyzed within the course. Communication strategies regarding the management of refugee /migrant matter will be presented and students will be trained in developing communication strategies with the use of old and new media. Communication tools, approaches to the particular field of study, in European and international level, crisis communication management and public and international relations will be approached with specific lectures

COURSES 3rd SPECIALIZATION²

9. CULTURAL MEDIATOR. ITS ROLE AND MISSION

The course will present topics related to theoretical approaches and models of inclusive actions which promote mutual understanding and the building of trust between natives and refugees/migrants with different cultural/religious backgrounds. Theoretical approaches and definitions will be presented regarding the role and mission of the Cultural Mediator. Emphasis will be placed on the value of intercultural dialogue and the development of students' social skills and competencies with the aim of successfully mediating between refugees/ migrants and institutions. In addition, actions that strengthen the acceptance of diversity and aspects of intercultural mediation and professional ethics will be also highlighted.

10. INTERCULTURAL MEDIATION AND CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

The course will present topics related to the theory and practice of intercultural mediation, multicultural awareness and communication skills, the transformation of stereotypes and distorted views using critical reflection and empathy. The course will address issues related to social and universal values, national and European education policies that promote inclusion, understanding and acceptance by taking into account the diversity of customs and different ritual practices. Emphasis will be placed on communication techniques used in conflict management in order to promote the harmonization of refugees /migrants relationship with citizens, public or private service workers at national or local level.

² *The 3rd specialization will be offered the next academic year*

Cultural mediators will be invited to attend an optional course in Arabic or Persian at the Foreign Language Teaching Center of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, if no prior knowledge is certified by their CVs.

Summer School

SUMMER SCHOOL IN MYTILENE entitled: "Refugees/Migrants and International Communication"

The Summer School in Mytilene (lasting 70 hours) will combine theoretical presentations, experimental workshops and educational visits to Hot spots

The presentations will address issues related to: the information management of refugee /migration flows, the use of new media, changes in levels of production and consumption of news content on national, European and global policies, the profile of refugees /migrants. In addition, the presentations will focus on international and European conventions on rights and obligations, ways of presenting relevant issues through the Media, the use of social media tools and their impact on journalism and publicity. Fake news, storytelling as a method of intercultural approach, issues related to English and Greek terminology for promoting integration and combating racism and xenophobia and issues on the socio-economic integration of asylum seekers or long-term residents in host country. Other innovative activities and educational techniques that will take place at the Summer School: participation of students in the organization of a related exhibition of photography and other audiovisual applications. In addition, students will have the opportunity to prepare the research part of their dissertation with the support of their instructors.

Dissertation

The dissertation is conducted after the approval of the proposed title and the supervisor by the CC. The maximum word length is 15,000 words and includes a theoretical and a research part. The research phase can take place during the summer school in Mytilene. Supervisors of the dissertations can be all members of the academic staff of the IPP.

Indicative Timeline of “Msc Media & Refugee/Migration Flows”

ACTIVITY	START/END DATE	COMMENTS
Call for applications	Beginning of February of each year	Announcement on the department's and IPP's websites
Submission deadlines	Until 03/08 August for applicants of countries outside of the EU/EEA Until 30/08 August for applicants of EU/EEA countries	Submission to the Secretariat of the department Communication & Media Studies Electronic submission to: migromedia.gr/ Submission of application to the secretariat of the department in order to receive a protocol number
Oral Assessments	First two weeks of September	By a three-member committee appointed by the SIC
Approval of the List of selected candidates by the SIC and the Assembly of the department	3rd week of September	Announcement of the list on IPP's website
Start of Winter Semester	4th week of September	Winter semester lasts 13 weeks
Start of Spring Semester		Spring semester lasts 13 weeks
Master's Dissertation	Beginning of March of each year	<u>3 stages of supervision :</u>
Summer School (2 weeks)	First two weeks of July of each year	In Mytilene or Athens depending on the circumstances
Photography and video seminars	During Summer School	During Spring Semester
Internship	From February to August of each year	In cooperation with International Organizations & NGOs for an one-month internship
Dissertation Defense	September of each academic year	Three-member examination committee recommended by the supervisor to the SIC
Award of IPP's diplomas	October of each academic year	Date announcement on websites of the department and IPP after Director's proposal

Note: should there be any discrepancy, this will be resolved under the Msc Regulation of the IPP (Greek version), in case there any slight differences in the current translation.