

Study Regulations

of the Interdepartmental Postgraduate Studies Programme

OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY, COMPUTER ENGINEERING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OF THE POLYTECHNIC SCHOOL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PATRAS

Master in Human-Computer Interaction (HCI Master)

The following are articles 5 and 6 of the approved regulations of the Postgraduate Programme concerning course declarations, curriculum.

Article 5. REGISTRATION - COURSE/STUDY DECLARATIONS - DIRECTION

5.1 The registration of the admission of the MSc students each year shall take place in the first fortnight of each October, on deadlines set by the NEC. For reasons of exceptional need, it is possible to enrol within one month of the deadline, by decision of the NEC, following a reasoned request from the interested party.

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5.2 Postgraduate students are required to renew their registration every semester. The renewal is done electronically, at the beginning of each semester, within deadlines set by the Secretariat of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Technology. In addition, PFs are required to register for Postgraduate Courses during the fall and spring semesters, according to Article 6.3 of the current Regulations of Studies.

5.3 In exceptional cases, a temporary suspension of studies, not exceeding two (2) consecutive semesters, may be granted by decision of the Special Interdepartmental Committee (SIC), upon request of the PM. During the period of suspension of studies, all benefits shall be withdrawn.

5.4 In exceptional cases only (including but not limited to: illness, serious family/professional reasons, military service, reasons of force majeure), an extension of studies may be granted, which does not exceed half of the normal duration of the MSc (one semester), upon application of the MSc and upon decision of the NDC.

5.5 A Postgraduate Student who has not renewed his/her registration or has not attended classes or conducted research for two (2) consecutive semesters shall lose his/her status as a Postgraduate Student and shall be automatically removed from the records of the IMS.

5.6 The conditions of study included in the Regulations of the MSc are accepted by each candidate upon registration. The candidate, prior to registration, shall be made aware of these Regulations.

Article 6. EDUCATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE MSc

The IMMS will operate until the academic year 2025-2026 in accordance with the provisions in force at any given time.

6.1 Duration and Structure of Studies - Teaching Calendar

The minimum duration of studies for the award of the Interdepartmental Diploma of Postgraduate Studies is 3 (three) academic semesters, including the time for the preparation of the postgraduate thesis (MA).

The maximum duration of the MSc is 6 (six) semesters and does not include the examination period in September of the third academic year. Postgraduate students who have exceeded the maximum duration of four semesters for the successful completion of courses or who have failed three examinations of the same course (including the September examination period) are automatically withdrawn.

The first academic year of full-time study includes the equivalent of at least twenty-six (26) weeks of instruction and three examination periods (February, June, and a full review period in September).

The Master's Thesis (MSc) is completed in the third (final) semester. It may be started if a pass mark has been obtained in courses corresponding to at least 36 credit points.

Each semester shall comprise at least thirteen (13) teaching weeks. The teaching of the semesters shall take place on dates determined by the Senate.

The timetable of courses/exercises for each semester shall be drawn up and announced by the Director of the MSc at least ten days before the beginning of the semester. The examination schedule for each semester shall also be drawn up and announced by the Director of the IMMS.

6.2 Postgraduate Courses

The total number of Credit Units (ECTS) required for the award of the M.Sc. degree is ninety (90). The courses are taught in Greek and/or English and the writing of the Master's Thesis is in English. In order to obtain the Interdepartmental Diploma of Postgraduate Studies, students are required to attend and successfully pass a total of (10) ten semester courses (i.e. 2 compulsory + 3 electives) in the first semester and (1 compulsory + 4 electives) in the second semester, as well as to successfully complete the thesis in the third semester. The courses are credited with a total workload of sixty (60) ECTS and the thesis with a total workload of thirty (30) ECTS.

The courses taught per semester, the title (in Greek/English) and the corresponding ECTS credits are presented in detail in the study guide.

Also, under the responsibility of the PGR, postgraduate thesis topics are announced on an annual basis as well as positions in Organizations, Research Centres, etc., where the postgraduate student prepares part of the postgraduate thesis in collaboration with the staff of the respective institution. Also, with the proposal of the EDC and approval of the Senate, the course programme may be modified and reallocated between semesters.

The assignment of the teaching of the courses and the conduct of exercises or seminars, where provided, is made by the EDE, in accordance with the provisions of Article 36 of Law 4485/2017 (Government Gazette 114/tr. A).

Lecturers in the ICMS may be in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 1, 2, 5 and 6 of Article 36 of Law 4485/2017.

In any case, courses may be taught by distance education means in a percentage of up to thirty-five percent (35%) of the courses.

The courses are taught in Greek and/or English, while the postgraduate thesis is written in English. The same applies to the examinations, the research conducted and the teaching material in general.

In all other respects, the decision No. 1501/19518/25-6-2019 (Government Gazette 2941/B/16-7-2019) as amended and in force by the Senate decision No. 24/154/5673/11-2-2020 (Government Gazette 546/B/20-2-2020), as amended and in force by the decision No. 124/1010/27410/27-8-2020 (Government Gazette 3616/B/31-8-2020), applies.

6.3 Course attendance

Attendance of classes and exercises (laboratory, etc.) is compulsory.

Postgraduate students enrolled in the MSc are required to attend and successfully pass ten (10) semester-long MSc courses of the MSc.

Graduate students register at the beginning of each semester and register for the corresponding courses for the current semester.

Graduate students are allowed to change up to (2) two elective courses during the course of their studies, which must be declared and attended at the beginning of each semester in order to complete the credit hours of attendance.

Postgraduate students may be assigned an Assisted Educational Work (A.E.W.) in the context of the educational needs of the participating Departments, which may be indicatively four (4) hours per week and this independently of any other obligations the postgraduate student may have. Any prioritised preferences of the postgraduate student shall also be taken into account in the assignment. The acquisition of educational experience shall be considered an integral part of the postgraduate student's wider education. For this work, postgraduate students may be employed by the University of Patras on an hourly basis and the relevant expenditure shall be borne by the budget of the University of Patras. Postgraduate students may also be granted scholarships, fees for work in research projects, fees from projects providing specialized scientific and technological services and other fees in accordance with the applicable provisions.

The maximum number of absences per course may not exceed 1/6 of the lectures or exercises attended. In case a postgraduate student exceeds the above limit, he/she is considered not to have attended the course with all the consequences for the total time of attendance and the possibility to participate in the examinations. The courses-labs are held at the University of Patras.

6.4 Grading - Examinations - Definition of EC and TEI

Performance in each course is assessed by the lecturer(s) and graded using the grading scale applicable to undergraduate students. Specifically, the grades given range from zero (0) to ten (10) with increments of one whole or half point. Qualifying grades are 5 and above.

The grades are completed electronically by the lecturer(s) of the course(s) in the University of Patras information system

The grades are sent in writing to the Secretariat of the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Technology, which is responsible for secretarial support, within ten (10) days of the end of the examination period.

The examination periods last for two weeks. The semester examinations shall cover the courses of the respective semester. In case of failure, the PMs have the right to retake the examination in September (only once) for both semester courses.

In case of failure in a course or exceeding the absence limit, the postgraduate student is obliged to repeat the course.

In the case of a second failure in a course, which does not count any failure in a course examination during the re-examination before the beginning of the winter semester, the graduate student will be withdrawn from the programme.

In case of a second failure in the last course, with which the student completes his/her obligations in the MSc, upon the student's request, he/she will be given the opportunity to be re-examined by a Tripartite Examination Committee, which will be appointed by the decision of the Programme's Board of Directors (based on the decision of the Board of Directors No. 96/28-7-2016). The lecturer in charge of the examination is excluded from the Committee.

For each PF in the MSc, the Supervising Professor (CS) is appointed by the EDC (on the recommendation of the AC) by the end of the spring semester, following the written expressed wish of the postgraduate student to collaborate with a specific member.

At the beginning of the third semester of studies of the postgraduate students of the MSc, the EPC (upon the recommendation of the AC), defines the topic of the postgraduate thesis and the topic of the Master's thesis (MSc), following the written expressed wish of the postgraduate student, to which a summary of the proposed thesis is attached. The TEC consists of one member, who must be the Supervising Professor (CS) of the Master's thesis (MSc), who is a lecturer of the MSc and is also the chairperson of the TEC. The subject matter of the other members of the examination committee must be relevant to the subject of the Master's thesis and they must be members of the faculty or researchers of grades A', B' or C', who hold a PhD degree. The procedures for the preparation of the postgraduate thesis are set out in Article 7 of these Regulations.

The approval of the postgraduate thesis may be obtained with the agreement of only two members of the TEI, who shall give their marks.

In the event of failure in the examination of the PP, the postgraduate student may be re-examined once more, not earlier than three months, nor later than six months, from the previous examination. In the case of a second failure, the student shall be withdrawn from the MSc following a decision of the NEC.

For the award of the PPMD, a passing grade in all postgraduate courses and in the Diploma Thesis is required. If this requirement is not met within the prescribed time limit, the postgraduate student is entitled to a simple certificate of successful completion of the courses in which he/she received a promotional grade and is withdrawn.