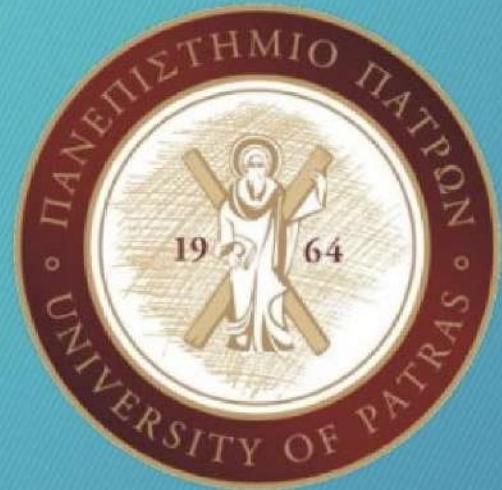


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# **Master Program in Human-Computer Interaction**

**An international Joint Post-Graduate  
program of the University of Patras**

Παρουσίαση του Διατμηματικού Μεταπτυχιακού Προγράμματος Αλληλεπίδραση Ανθρώπου-Υπολογιστή

# The University of Patras

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Cities: Patras, Messolonghi, Agrinio

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Schools

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Departments

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Undergraduate Study Programs

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Postgraduate Study Programs

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Doctoral Study Programs

50,000

Undergraduate Students

1,990

Postgraduate Students



## The Departments

- Electrical & Computer Engineering (ECED)
- Computer Engineering & Informatics (CEID)

### ECE Dept

- Integrated Master in Electrical & Computer Engineering
- Doctoral Program

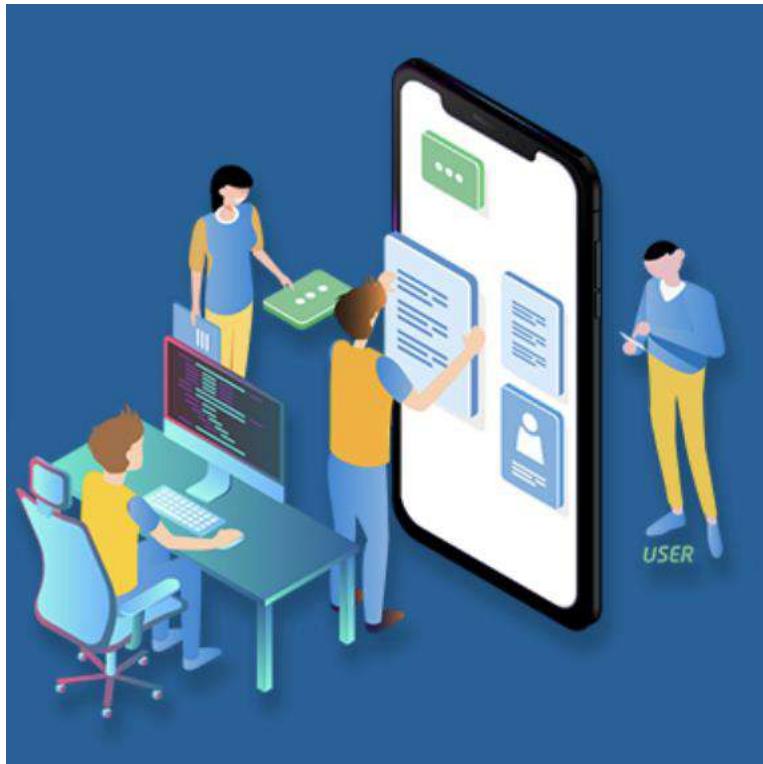
- Master in Human-Computer Interaction +CEID
- Master in Integrated Hardware and Software Systems +CEID
- Master in Information Processing Systems and Machine Intelligence +CEID
- Master in Data Driven Computing and Decision Making +CEID
- Master in Bio-Medical Engineering ( Erasmus Mundus) +CEID
- Master Program in Green Power Systems + Physics Dept.

### CEI Dept

- Integrated Master in Computer Engineering & Informatics
- Doctoral Program

- Master in Human-Computer Interaction +ECE
- Master in Integrated Hardware and Software Systems +ECE
- Master in Information Processing Systems and Machine Intelligence +ECE
- Master in Data Driven Computing and Decision Making +ECE
- Master in Bio-Medical Engineering ( Erasmus Mundus) +ECE
- Master in Life Science Informatics – + Medical School and Biology

# Strategic Objectives of the HCI Master Program

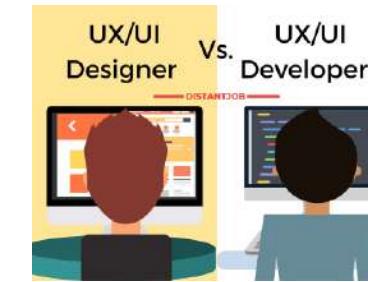
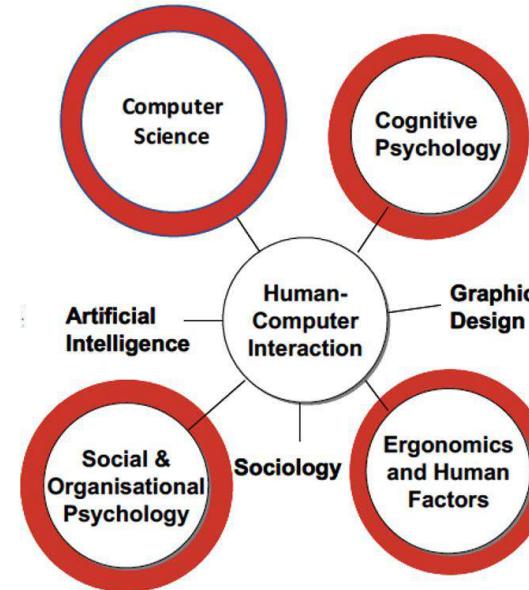


- a. To contribute to the improvement of the software and systems industry both nationally and internationally by producing **specialized professionals with knowledge and skills in the field of Human-Computer Interaction (UX/UI experts)**.
- b. To enhance the **international reach of the program**.
- c. To provide high-quality **theoretical and practical knowledge** in the design of interactive systems, considering technological advances of the field.

# The Context: the field of Human-Computer Interaction

An area of research and practice in continuous development and high demand

- The program graduates can be employed as **UI/UX Designers and Developers**, responsible for designing and implementing user interfaces (UI) and ensuring a seamless user experience (UX) for web, mobile, VR applications.
- They can also work in R&D employed as **researchers** in state-of-the-art areas like human-robot interaction, brain-computer interaction, augmented reality, ubiquitous computing, etc.



The screenshot displays four job advertisements:

- (Senior) UX/UI (m/f/d)** Berlin [Show salary](#)  
experience as a Product Designer (UX/...
- (Senior) User Interface / UX Designer (m/w/d)**
  - Hays – Interne Karriere bei Uns
  - Frankfurt am Main, Mannheim, Köln
  - Partially remote
  - [Show salary](#)
  - No cover letter required
  - Easy Apply

Als (Senior) UX-Designer (m/w/d) übernimmst du die Design-Verantwortung und -...
- Senior UX / Product Designer (f/m/d)**
  - LeanIX GmbH
  - Bonn
  - Partially remote
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  - Easy Apply

We want to strengthen our user experience team and are looking for a  
1 week ago
- Frontend Engineer (m/f/d)**
  - Checkout Charlie GmbH
  - Berlin
  - Partially remote
  - [Show salary](#)

Plan web components together with backend engineers and designers - Che  
2 days ago

# Curriculum Structure

Government Gazette 2941/τ.Β/16.7.2019 - First students 2019-2020

3 semesters, 90 ECTS - *Language English / Greek* : 10 courses + dissertation, Fees: 0.0 €

18 new graduate courses were designed for this Master Program

## 1<sup>st</sup> Semester (5 courses - 30 ECTS):

- **2 compulsory** courses (Cognitive Ergonomics, Research Methods)
- 3 elective courses (to choose from **6 electives** and/or up to 2 from other Master Programs of the University of Patras)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester (5 courses - 30 ECTS):

- **1 compulsory** course (Design and evaluation of interactive systems)
- 4 elective courses (to choose from **9 electives** and/or up to 2 from other Master Programs of the University of Patras)

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester 3 (Dissertation - 30 ECTS)

# Courses (6 ECTS each)

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## 1st Semester – compulsory courses

HCI101 Cognitive Ergonomics  
HCI102 Research Methods

## 1st Semester – electives

HCI103 Interactive Technologies  
HCI104 Computer Graphics and Virtual Reality  
HCI105 Artificial Intelligence  
HCI106 Collaboration Technologies - game studies  
HCI109 Information Visualization  
HCI110 Software Quality

## 3rd Semester

HCI301 Master Thesis (30 ECTS)

## 2nd Semester – compulsory courses

HCI201 Design and Evaluation of Interactive Systems

## 2nd Semester – electives

HCI202 Design of Web Applications  
HCI203 Speech and Natural Language Processing  
HCI205 Ubiquitous Computing  
HCI206 Creative Design Lab  
HCI207 Front End Web Programming  
HCI208 Design of Location-based applications  
HCI209 Introduction to Human-Robot Interaction  
HCI210 Statistical Methods in Human-Computer Interaction  
HCI211 Brain-Computer Interaction

# International Collaboration

Erasmus Mobility Agreements on human-computer interaction

- Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus
- Tallin University, Estonia
- Universität Duisburg – Essen, Germany
- Politecnico di Milano, Italy
- Universita degli studi di Bari Aldo Moro, Italy
- Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway
- Universidad de Valladolid, Spain
- Eindhoven University of Technology, the Netherlands

Invited Lecture: Ilaria Mariani  
(Politecnico di Milano)



# Number of Enrolled Students

2019-2020: 14 students

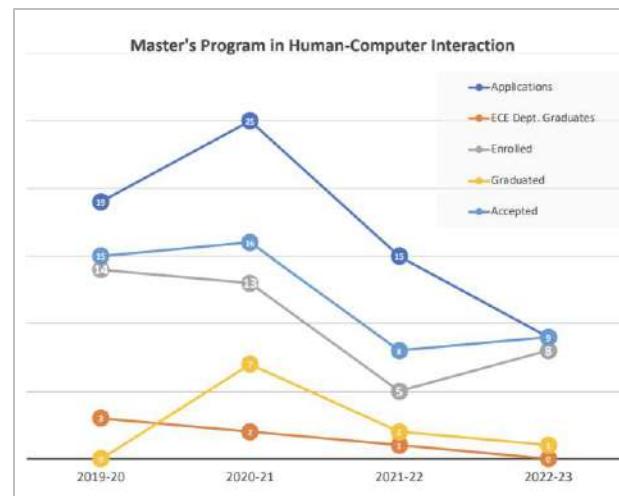
2020-2021: 13 students

2021-2022: 5 students

2022-2023: 8 students

2023-2024: 9 students

**49 students**



Welcome and Orientation event of the new master students for the academic year 2023-2024 **October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, ECE Assembly Hall**

Erasmus students and Doctoral students of the ECE and CEI Departments with a relevant topics of study, also attend the courses of the Master Program.

# Our Graduates

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- High demand for program graduates in the workforce.
- Thesis projects connected to the job market (e.g., UX design, game design).
- Thesis projects that resulted in scientific publications.



July 2023, Graduation Ceremony

# Faculty



**18 Faculty members** that come from 7 different departments/ 4 Universities

- UPAT Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE)
- UPAT Computer Engineering and Informatics (CEID)
- UPAT Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering (MEA)
- UPAT Department of Management Science and Technology (MST)
- National Technical University of Athens – Ergonomics Lab
- The Hellenic Open University.

**0,55 students per faculty member**

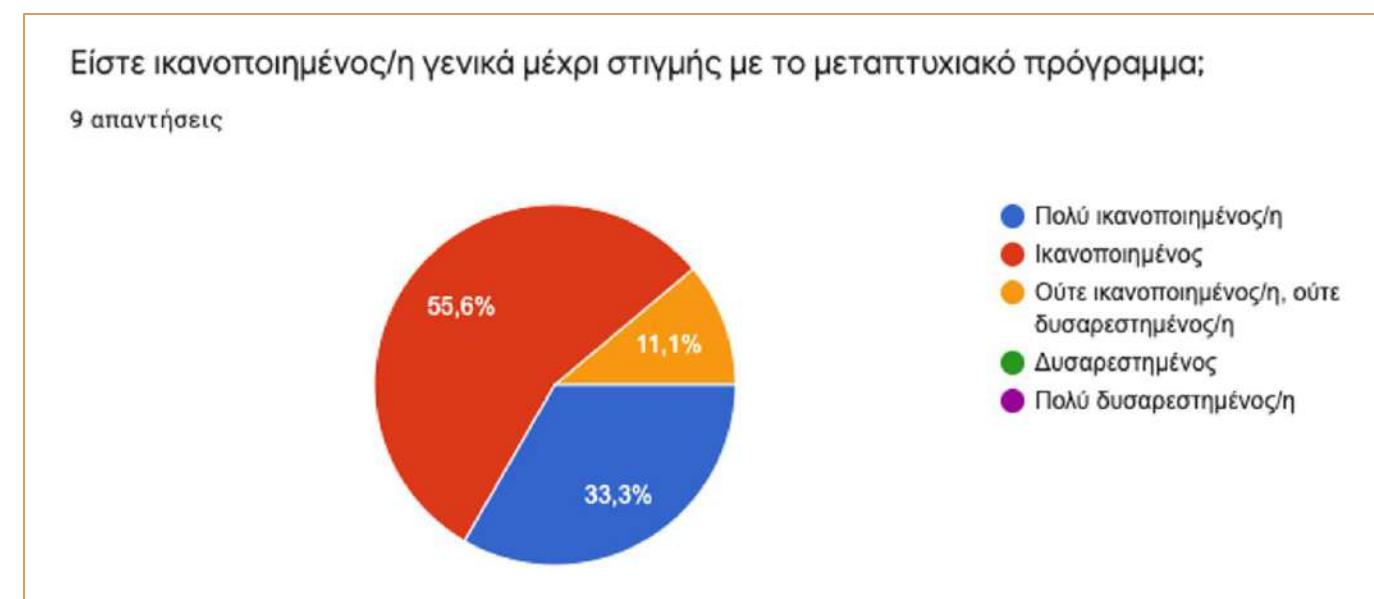
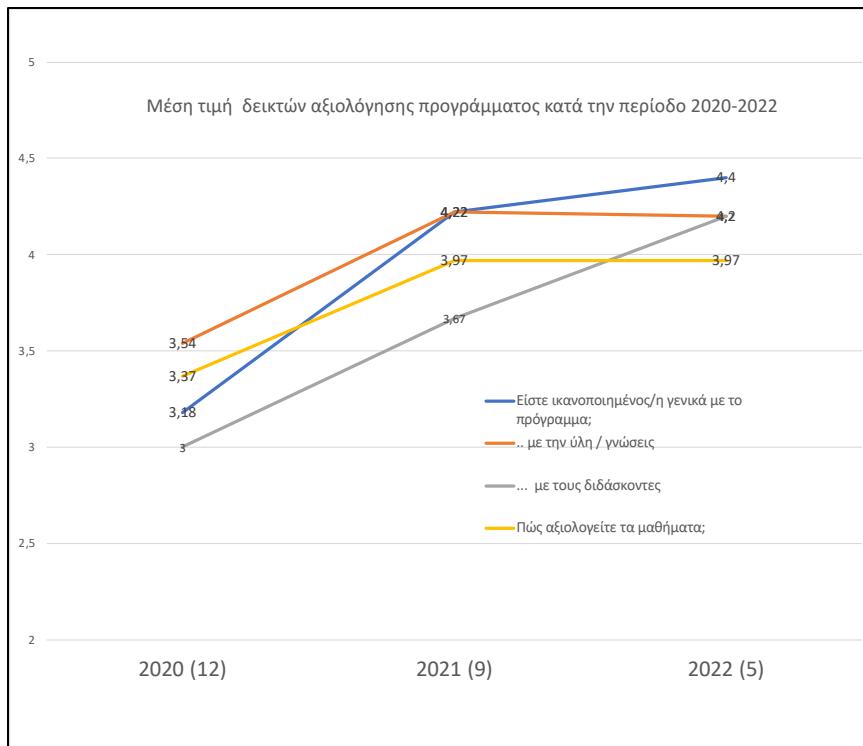
From the 18 faculty members of the Programme, 16 have a Google Scholar profile. The total number of citations recorded for these tutors is **36,700** (median **1610** citations, maximum 6,500 minimum 300).

The **h-index** for these lecturers has a median value of **h-index=20**, a maximum value of 40 and a minimum of 9

Google Scholar

# Evaluation of the program/ courses/ faculty

- ΜΟΔΙΠ questionnaires
- Special questionnaire at the end of each academic semester



*Results of Second Semester of 2020-2021*

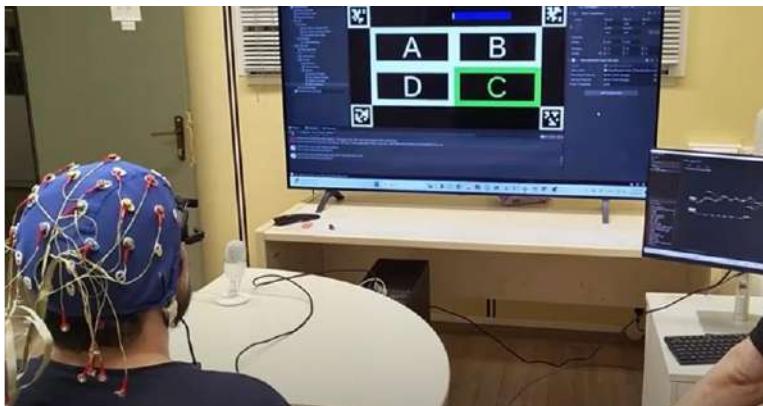
# Collaborating Research Labs and Groups



# Research Labs- Student Projects



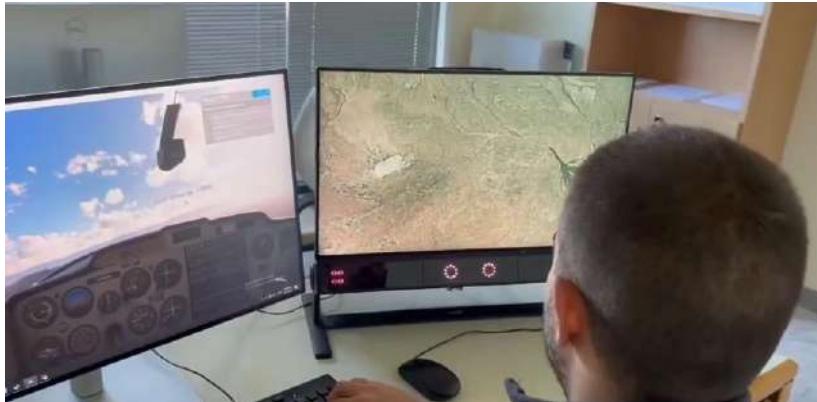
Exploring Self-Haptic Feedback and Single-Handed Text Input Methods in Virtual Reality Environments



Unifying EEG & Eye-gaze data to support Brain-Computer Interaction experiments in a visual node-based framework



An Educational VR Application for learning Spherical Geometry



Using a desktop eye tracker to detect pilot attention



Covid-inspired Location Based Games, 2019-2020

# Infrastructure



D1-CEID



KYPES-ECED



SQHCI - CEID



ITL - ECED  
Αλεούσα Τ- Καρέρα 1



# Student work - Evaluation

**CITIZEN  
SCIENCE  
PROJECT**

LOCATION-BASED MOBILE GAME

Gardians of the Environment



**Course:**  
HCI208

**Students:**  
Chroni A.  
Skarmitzos A.  
Zagota I.

**Acad. Year**  
2020-2021

# Student Publications - Distinctions



**Kounalaki M, Komninos A., "Pseudo-haptic and Self-haptic Feedback During VR Text Entry" 2<sup>nd</sup> CHIGreece, International Conference of the ACM Greek SIGCHI Chapter, Athens, September 2023. Best Paper award**

Evaluating Usability and Educational Effectiveness of a Serious Game for Programmers Using Alternative Interfaces and Types of Activities

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**Abstract**—This paper presents a serious game that has been developed for programmers aiming to analyze and examine the effectiveness and the perceived usability of two different game interfaces. This game presents a drag-and-drop interface and a classical typing interface and towards this approach, four different versions of the same game were developed. Each version of the game focuses on either creating a part of code or debugging (finding the errors in the code provided). The game enables the players to advance their programming skills and computational thinking by engaging in various problem-solving activities during the game. This paper provides insight and focuses on the evaluation of different interfaces in a serious game that is developed for programmers and targets fundamental programming concepts.

**Keywords**—serious games, programming, game-based learning, human-computer interaction

DOI: 10.9901/EDUCON22.72521.975678

**Evangelou S., Xenos M. 2021, "A Serious Game for Mobile Phones used in a Software Engineering Course: Usability Evaluation and Educational Effectiveness", IEEE EDUCON2021, Vienna, Austria, April 2021. best paper award**

**Zarkadoula K., Xenos M. 2022, "Evaluating Usability and Educational Effectiveness of a Serious Game for Programmers Using Alternative Interfaces and Types of Activities", Proceedings of the IEEE EDUCON2022, Tunisia, March 2022. best paper award**



Fig. 3. The player chooses the appropriate risks to include in the risk analysis document

# Publicity of the program



Παιχνίδι που «νικάει» τον κορωνοϊό



Οι πάκτες περιγράφουν στους δρόμους της Πάτρας και προσποθούν να αποφύγουν εικονικούς κινδύνους.

■ Αιμήλιος Χαρμπάς

14.08.2020 · 23:31



Θυμάστε την τρέλα που είχε κυριεύσει πριν από δύο χρόνια ολόκληρο τον πλανήτη με το Pokemon Go, το παιχνίδι για κινητά που μας έβαζε να ψάχνουμε για πολύχρωμα εικονικά τερατάκια παντού γύρω μας, προκαλώντας ακόμα και ατυχήματα; Κάτι τέτοιο, αλλά με περισσότερη ασφάλεια, δημιούργησαν στο εαρινό, κουτσουρεμένο μάλιστα, λόγω πανδημίας, εξάμπνο τους οι φοιτητές του διεθνούς μεταπτυχιακού προγράμματος «Human – Computer Interaction» (Άλληλεπίδραση Ανθρώπου – Υπολογιστή) του Πανεπιστημίου Πατρών. Στο πλαίσιο του μαθήματος Design of location-based applications, οι φοιτητές συνεργάστηκαν για να φτιάξουν «χωρικά παιχνίδια», τα οποία μας ξεναγούν από τη μυθολογία μέχρι την... καραντίνα και την COVID-19.



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**Νίκος Αβούρης: Οι «ευφυείς» μηχανές χωρίς τον άνθρωπο είναι επικίνδυνες**

Ο Νίκος Αβούρης, Καθηγητής Ηλεκτρολόγων Μηχανικών και Τεχνολογίας Υπολογιστών του Πανεπιστημίου Πατρών μιλάει στην «Πτκ» για αστιν αλληλεπίδραση ανθρώπου - υπολογιστή και μέχρι που μπορεί η μηχανή να αντικαταστήσει τον άνθρωπο.



12.09.2021

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Αυθη Ρεδοπούλου

Σεπ.  
2021  
14:14

Αλληλεπίδραση ανθρώπου-υπολογιστή, ηλεκτρονικές μηχανές που λειτουργούν υπέρ μας, «υπερφυσικές» μορφές τέχνης και ένα νέο είδος «βελτιωμένου ανθρώπου».



## ΡΟΗ ΕΙΔΗΣΕΩΝ

11:11 Επιστηγή ακιβείας: Ποιοι είναι οι μεγάλοι χαμένοι

10:59 Πάρτα: Συλλυπητήρια Σαμούρη για Καρόκη - Συρμύτη

10:56 Άλμα Ζωής Αχαΐας: Βροδιά μνήμης την Τετάρτη για την Ερασμία Κάνιστρα

10:51 ΕΚΤΑΚΤΟ Γυροβόλισμοι στη Γλυφάδα, πλήρη φορτίο για νεκρούς και τραυματία

10:43 Μετρό: Στάση γραμμού την Παρασκευή 13/12

10:38 Νότια Κορέα: Απαγορεύτηκε η έξοδος από τη χώρα για τουν πρέερδο

10:33 Κούνιας: Απαφολούζεται η δικηγόρος που είχε συλληφθεί για μεταφορά και κατοχή

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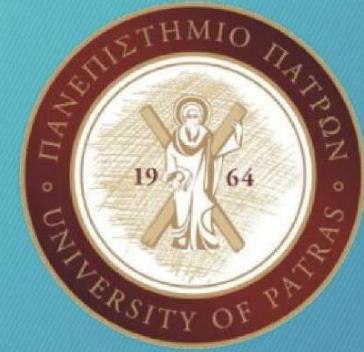
# Publicity of the program

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# The way ahead: Quality Objectives – Στοχοθεσία Ποιότητας

Σ1. Συμβολή στη βελτίωση της βιομηχανίας λογισμικού και συστημάτων της χώρας και διεθνώς με εξειδικευμένα στελέχη με γνώσεις και δεξιότητες στην περιοχή της Αλληλεπίδρασης Ανθρώπου-Υπολογιστή	Σ1.1 Αύξηση του πλήθους φοιτητών	Δ1.1 πλήθος αιτήσεων/έτος	17	25	Θεσμοθέτηση εξ αποστάσεως διδασκαλίας
		Δ1.2 πλήθος φοιτούντων/έτος	10	15	διαφήμιση του προγράμματος
Σ2. Διεθνής εμβέλεια προγράμματος	Σ2.1 Ενίσχυση αριθμού αλλοδαπών φοιτητών	Δ2.1 πλήθος αιτήσεων αλλοδαπών φοιτητών/έτος	3	10	Θεσμοθέτηση της εξ αποστάσεως διδασκαλίας
		Δ2.2 πλήθος αλλοδαπών φοιτούντων /έτος	0	5	διαφήμιση του προγράμματος
Σ3. Σύνδεση με τη βιομηχανία και την έρευνα στην περιοχή UX/UI	Σ3.1 Υψηλής ποιότητας θεωρητική και πρακτική γνώση στη σχεδίαση, ανάπτυξη και αξιολόγηση διαδραστικών συστημάτων	Δ3.1 ποσοστό διπλωματικών εργασιών στη βιομηχανία	0%	30%	δημιουργία θέσεων μέσω erasmus placement και erasmus mobility
		Δ3.2 πλήθος προσκεκλημένων καθηγητών από διεθνή πανεπιστήμια/ ερευνητικά κέντρα /έτος	1	2	επαφή με την βιομηχανία για Επιχορήγηση προσκεκλημένων καθηγητών



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