NKUA
A CONCISE **GUIDE** FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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Athens, the city of NKUA

Athens is the capital of Greece and the largest city, with a history of thousands of years. It is assumed to be the cradle of Western civilization and homeland of democracy. Nowadays, it is a busy modern metropolis hosting about 5 million inhabitants.

Cost of living

The cost of living and fees are accessible to students on a low budget. Athens is fourth on the global list, in terms of affordable cost of living.

Sightseeing

The Panathenaic Stadium, the Temple of Olympian Zeus and the Acropolis are some of the must-see monuments of the city, which is surrounded by a fantastic landscape and offers numerous worth-visiting sights, both historical and modern ones.

About Greece	
Total area	131.957 km^2
Population	10.432.481
Capital city	Athens (Athina in Greek)
Currency	Euro (€)
Political system	Presidential Parliamentary Democracy
Time zone	EET (UTC +2)
Island count	>2.500
Highest mountain top	2.918 metres (Olympos)

Athens, the city of NKUA

Life and culture in Athens

The city offers tokens of its fascinating history, scattered all around, merging old and modern elements.

Numerous restaurants, cafes and bars can satisfy all gastronomic tastes, with operas, theatres and cinemas being attractive alternative options.

It is in the centre of mainland Greece offering easy access to the rest of the country. The surrounding area, small islands and mountainous landscapes, offers a unique potential for outdoor activities, such as walking, summer and winter sports and sightseeing.

Weather

Athens has a Mediterranean climate, rather mild throughout most periods of the year, with particularly hot summers. In the winter, snow-falling in Athens is rather rare and, when snow falls, it melts within a few hours. It may rain between the end of September and the middle of April. Rain is rather rare during other year periods.

About the **University**

The ***National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*** is the largest state institution of higher education in the country and one of the largest universities in Europe. Like all other Greek universities, it is a self-governing legal entity established under public law and all major policy issues are determined by the Ministry of National Education, Religious Affairs and Sports.

With approximately 68,500 undergraduate and postgraduate students, over 2,100 academic staff members and around 1,000 administrative, secretarial and specialized staff, the University of Athens aims at achieving excellence in both teaching and research in a wide range of disciplines.

Data in Figures

- Undergraduate programmes: 42
- 3 undergraduate programmes, all courses taught in English, exclusively for international students: «Medical Degree English Program» - «Undergraduate Program in Archaeology, History and Literature of Ancient Greece»-«MPHARM - Integrated Master in Pharmacy»
- Postgraduate programmes: over 200, 31 of which are taught in a foreign language
- E-learning programmes: 450
- Centers of Excellence: 15
- University Research Centres: 5
- University Hospitals: 3
- University Laboratories: 283
- Libraries: 11
- Modern Greek Language Teaching Centre
- Foreign Language Teaching Centre
- Museums: The Historical Museum, the Historical Archive of the University and 17 thematic museums
- 4 University Restaurants: Restaurant of the School of Philosophy, Restaurant at Goudi, Restaurant at Dafni, Restaurant in the centre of Athens. Open: weekdays from 12:00 to 16:00 and from 18:00 to 21:00 and on weekends from 13:00 to 20:00.

Living on NKUA **Campuses**

Sports

The ***University Gym and the Sports Facilities,*** on the Ano Ilisia University Campus, are available to all students of the University. You may participate in the various programmes and sports activities, making the most of your free time in Athens, organizing your activities and giving yourselves a better quality of life by boosting your mental and physical health and developing a balanced personality.

The Gym operates from 09:00 to 18:00 everyday, except for weekends.

You may choose any of the following recreational activities:

Aerobic, Tennis, Gymnastics - Fitness, Ping Pong, Basketball, Track and Field, Swimming, Folklore Dancing, Volleyball, Pilates, Football, Chess

Registration is possible Monday through Friday from 10:00 to 13:30 by showing your student ID and providing a certificate by a general practitioner or cardiologist.

Participating students may join their department or the university team and take part in the internal, interuniversity, and international student leagues throughout the academic year.

For inquiries, please, contact the gym: by phone (210-727 5551, 210 727 557, 210 727 5560 and 210 727 5549) or through its Facebook page: ***Γυμναστήριο ΕΚΠΑ (NKUA Gym)***.

Culture

The **Students Cultural Club** aims at supporting and promoting artistic activities of university students. It is a space of collective expression and creativity. Students come in contact with artwork and are encouraged to create their own.

In collaboration with the Department of Public Relations, the Cultural Student Association hosts various cultural events, in which all students may participate.

The Association is divided into four clubs:

A) ***Theatre***

B) ***Dance***

C) ***Film***

D) ***Photography***

E) ***Music***

NKUA provisions and services

Advising & Counselling Services

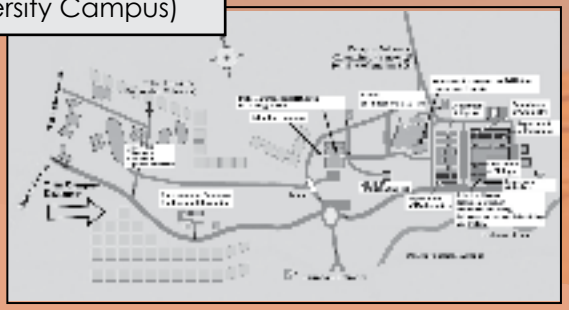
- ***Student Ombudsman***
- ***Psychosocial Intervention Unit***
- ***Counselling Office - Department of Theology***
- ***Counselling Office - Department of Psychology***
- ***Mental Health Community Centre***
- ***Psychological support hotline 10306***

Support Services

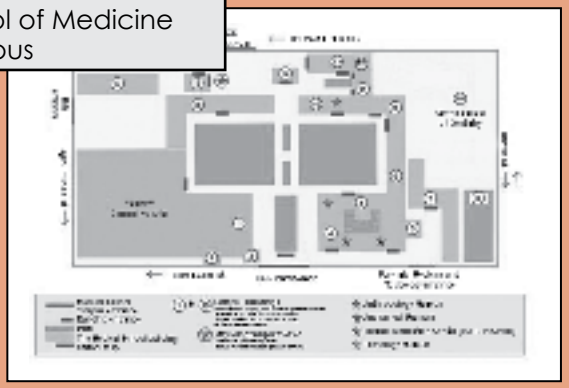
- ***Accessibility Unit for Students with Disabilities***
- ***Student Support Fund***
- ***University Club***
- ***Student Residences***
- ***Student Meal Services***
- ***Healthcare Services***
- ***Scholarships - Funding***
- ***Career Services***

CAMPUS MAP

Panepistimiopoli (University Campus)



School of Medicine Campus



Study and Leisure Facilities

- ***9 University Libraries***
- ***2 libraries at the University Club***
- ***Computer and multimedia Centre***
- ***Foreign Language Teaching Centre ('Didaskaleio')***
- ***Modern Greek Language Teaching Center***
- ***University Gym and Athletics Centre***
- ***Student Cultural Club***
- ***Erasmus+***

On staying in Athens

Transportation

In the Athens-Piraeus area and the airport, you may transport by Metro, Tram, Suburban railway, City Buses and, Electric trolley-buses.

They run from 5:00 am. until midnight (12:00), and there are also some night bus lines.

Information about lines:

https://www.oasa.gr/en/,

STASY | Athens Urban Rail Transport.

For a detailed guide to public transport, please visit ***Athens Transport.***

There are two types of transportation fares: ***ATH.ENA Ticket*** for one or multiple routes and personalized cards (***ATH.ENA Card***), with which you can buy tickets for 30, 90, 180 or 360 days.

Students are entitled to a reduced price with an ***ATH.ENA Card***, which can be acquired by (1) showing the Academic ID or proof of registration from your Department of studies, (2) a photo and (3) your ID or passport at Issuing Points for Personalized Cards.

Shop Opening Hours

The majority of the **chain stores** are open from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm, except on Saturdays (open until 8:00 pm). Some businesses are open between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm and from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Mondays and Wednesdays they are open from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Stores close on most Sundays.

Supermarkets open from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm, while on Saturdays they are open until 8:00 pm.

Banks operate from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm, Monday through Thursday, and from 8.00 am to 2.00 pm on Friday.

On staying in Athens

Currency/Cards

Greece's currency is the euro (€) since January 2002 (1 euro = 100 cents).

The use of cards (debit or credit) is widespread everywhere, with wide use of electronic transactions and purchases, as well as online payment of bills and government services.

In the city of Athens, there are ATMs everywhere for cash withdrawal with a debit or credit card. Most of them also accept Cirrus and Maestro cards.

Holidays

- January 1st
- January 6th (Epiphany)
- March 25th
- Easter Monday
- Assumption Day (August 15th)
- Christmas Day (December 25th)
- Boxing Day (December 26th)
- May 1st
- October 28th

Useful phone numbers

Health Emergency 166
Police 100
Fire Department 199
Public Transport 18180
Taxi Service 18222

On staying in Athens

Entertainment

The city of Athens is known for its particularly vibrant and multifaceted nightlife both on weekends and weekdays.

A wide range of entertainment options caters to different tastes, from student hangouts, cafes, and bars to cinemas, theatres, and bouzouki music, as well as many restaurants and taverns available in every area of Athens.

Typical central neighborhoods include Exarchia, Pagrati, Gazi-Metaxourgheio, and Koukaki.

For further information, please visit
https://studyingreece.edu.gr/el/archiki/

Health Insurance

Health Care Services

Undergraduate/postgraduate students and PhD candidates are fully eligible for medical, pharmaceutical and hospital healthcare, provided that they have not already chosen another Healthcare Insurance Plan. Healthcare Insurance includes healthcare services in Public Hospitals, University Hospitals, and Public Primary Healthcare Facilities which are part of the National Healthcare System (ESY/ΕΣΥ in Greek). In case of an emergency or an accident, students can also seek help from Municipal Medical Centres of the country, upon showing their Academic ID Card or AMKA number (Social Security Number).

In addition, the University has its own ***services***, which are located at the centre of Athens (15 Ippokratous Street), at the University Campus in Zographou (2-4 Olof Palme Street, Panepistimioupoli, Ilisia), in the buildings of the School of Philosophy and the School of Natural Sciences. These facilities provide healthcare services in the following medical specializations (upon presentation of your Academic ID card):

a. **General Practitioner,** Phone Number: (+30) 210 368 8243, Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:30 – 14:30 (15 Ippokratous Street) and at University Campus Zographou (building of the School of Philosophy) Monday to Friday 09:30 – 14:30, Phone Number: (+30) 210 7277873, (building of the School of Natural Sciences) Monday to Friday 14:00 – 17:00, Phone Number: (+30) 210 7274391

b. **Eye Specialist**, Phone Number: (+30) 210 368 8240, Monday, Wednesday and Friday 08:30 – 13:30, Tuesday and Thursday 09:30 – 14:30

c. **Dentist**, Phone Number: (+30) 210 368 8210-11, Monday to Friday 08:30 – 13:30

d. **Dermatologist,** option to be examined at 'Andreas Syggros' Hospital

e. **Psychiatrist**, 15 Ippokratous St., Monday and Tuesday 09:00 – 14:00, Phone Number: (+30) 210 368 8226 and at University Campus Zographou, Wednesday 12:00-16:00 and Thursday 09:00 – 14:00, Phone Number: (+30) 210 727 5580

Health Insurance

f. **Psychologist** 15, Ippokratous St., Monday to Friday 08:30 – 14:00, Phone Number: (+30) 210 368 8209, (+30) 210 368 8213 and at University Campus Zographou, Monday to Friday 9:00-14:00 Phone Number: (+30) 210 727 5530, (+30) 210 727 5589

To arrange an appointment, please call: (+30) 210 368 8208 or (+30)210 7275585.

European Health Insurance Card (for EU Students)

The ***European Health Insurance Card*** is a free card that gives you access to medical state-provided healthcare, during a temporary stay in any of the 27 EU countries, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland or the United Kingdom under the same conditions and at the same cost (free in some countries) as people insured in that country.

The benefits concern chronic or other illnesses as well as pregnancy and childbirth.

Cards are issued by the respective national health insurance provider in the country of origin, before leaving the country.

Private insurance contract for non-European Union students.

The insurance contract to be submitted with the application for residency permit or its extension, should include:

• Health care in public hospitals: 10.000€ annually with own-contribution of 20%.

• Permanent (total or partial) impairment insurance caused by an accident: 15.000€ annually with own-contribution of 20%.

• Illness or accident-related medical and pharmaceutical expenses: 1.500€ annually with own-contribution of 20%.

The contract should indicate that it covers expenses defined by the law/ministerial decision and should explicitly mention that it covers everything that might occur to the student during their stay in the country. If there has already been another insurance contract, from your country of origin, it can be used if ***officially translated*** into Greek, as long as it includes the above provisions.

Health Insurance

In any other case, students may sign a Greek financial contract agreement with an insurance company.

The cost starts from **80€ per year**.

Students with Disabilities

The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens operates an ***Accessibility Unit***, which supports students with learning difficulties or severe illnesses.

The main provisions involve adjusting the environment, supportive informatic technologies and accessibility services. NKUA aims at meeting Disabled Student's basic needs, such as interpersonal communication with academic community members, access to materials for note taking and writing assignments, and access to the university establishments, educational material, classroom boards and projectors, examinations and internet content.

Social Security Number (AMKA in Greek)

An AMKA number is unique to an individual, making Health Security services available, and it is mandatory in case of employment.
Obtaining an AMKA number requires:

- A valid passport copy
- A residence permit for studying, which allows part-time market access (for third country students)
- A certificate of TIN number (with the greek address of residence)
- A copy of employment contract
- A European citizen's registration certificate from the Police Department (in case of European Union students)

The ***National Social Security Provider*** (ΕΦΚΑ/EFKA in Greek) is the relevant department for obtaining your AMKA number. Students should address their local EFKA department directly (the one closer to residence).

Before arrival

Visa

Students from the European Union and Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Lichtenstein can skip bureaucracy before arrival.

After a three-month residency in Greece, however, they may visit their local Police department to receive a «Registration certificate for EU member state citizens».

Non-European Union citizens need a study visa to enter the country, which may take up to 3 months to be issued! Study visas are issued by the ***Greek consulate*** of the country of origin and are of type D **(Visa D 1.1)**.

Visa applications should be made upon acceptance to your programme of choice. In case of entering the country with a tourist visa or a Schengen visa for another country, you cannot change it into a student residence permit.

Paying tuition fee/deposit

Students should pay their tuition fees or a deposit, before leaving their country to ensure their place in the programme.

Schools determine how fees may be paid.

Temporary accommodation

It is important for you to find **temporary** accommodation for the days after arrival, as flat hunting in Athens is a challenge for everyone and especially for international students.

The search may take a while, depending on the area, flat size and available budget.

Before arrival

Budget for accommodation and studies

Accommodation: A one-bedroom student flat costs approximately €10 per square meter and furnishing it may cost up to € 1200.

Food: Students can eat at a low cost at campus restaurants and there also are many affordable options in the city of Athens.

Public Transport (student discount): 0,50€ valid for 90-minutes/ 30-day fare: 13,5€ / 180-day fare for countless rides: 77,50€

Tuition fees: Schools and programmes determine their own fees and methods of payment, to be paid either in full or in installments.

Accommodation

The University of Athens runs a ***Student Residence Complex*** (ΓΕΡΑ/ΦΕΠΑ in Greek) on campus consisting of 4 buildings (A, B, C, D), which can house 1064 students.

In addition to student residences, there are various ways for finding a flat in Athens, ranging from advertisements to agencies and digital services.

Most apartments are unfurnished, while those near the city centre are usually old or recently renovated.

Rent costs don't include public utility services (electricity, water, heating, telephone line, internet). There is also a typical extra cost, a **building fee**, which is shared with the

tenants, for services such as cleaners, gardeners, elevator maintenance, electricity for shared building spaces, etc.

Renting an apartment requires signing a ***lease contract***, which is necessary for establishing tenant rights and responsibilities.

Please visit the following webpage for more information:
https://issu-el.uoa.gr/index.php?id=37647&no_cache=1

After arrival

Mobile phone-Internet

Greece uses the same GSM system as other EU countries, Asia and Australia. However, USA and Japan use an incompatible mobile system to the European one.

Acquiring a landline may be quite complicated, so most students simply have a mobile phone. The easiest payment method is through a prepaid card.

All you need is to visit any provider store (***Telecom***, ***Nova Greece***, ***Q-Telecom***, ***Vodafone Greece***), buy a SIM card (with or without a device), load the account with a certain amount of money and receive a phone number verification in your name. You will need to show your student ID or passport. With your academic ID, you are eligible for student packages at a lower price.

Alternatively, you may apply online to ***Vodafone CU***, ***What's up (Telecom)***, ***Nova*** or ***Q-Telecom*** providers and your SIM card will be sent by post to the residential address you suggested.

SIM Card costs start from 10€ and you can reload it either at the provider's store or by buying a prepaid card from kiosks or supermarkets.

Tax Identification Number (TIN/in Greek AFM)

It is necessary for foreign students to obtain a TIN number in order to open a bank account and accept the lease agreement in Taxisnet.

In order to obtain your **TIN** number (AFM) and **Key Code** follow the ***next steps***:
1. Submit an application on the digital portal ***myAADE*** under «TIN number (AFM) & Key Code (Act for myself)» without filling in the details of a residence permit and the personal details of a tax representative.
2. After submitting the application, you will receive an application number (Αρ. Αίτησης). Keep this number, as you will need it to schedule an online appointment with an AADE employee to obtain your TIN number and Key Code.
3. After the AADE employee confirms your application details and passport, your TIN number

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(AFM) and Key Code will be issued. The data (TIN number, passwords, and Key Code) will be sent to your email address in an encrypted file as specified in the application.

For further details on how to obtain your AFM and your username and password, please see the **attached instructions**.

Bank

If you are a Greek resident for more than one or two semesters, maintaining a bank account in the country of origin may not be efficient because of high bank charges.

In addition, a Greek bank account with e-banking username/password are necessary for applying for residence permit.

Submitting the ***required documents*** is mandatory for the bank to open a new account for you and it is done by appointment at the branch of the bank, closest to your home.

After arrival

Registering at the University

Beginning your studies requires registering at the relevant Department of the School. Registration provides access to all University facilities and services, and allows you to create your online student account and receive a student identity card (academic ID).

Please, submit the ***necessary documents*** and relevant certification to the Department Registry. For the countries which are part of the Apostille Convention, certification should bear the Apostille Stamp. For countries which do not participate in the convention, certification should bear a Consulate validation (visa) in case it has been issued in a foreign country.

Upon submitting the documents, you will receive:

1. A registration certificate as a temporary academic ID, which you will need for applying for a residence permit at the Directorate of Foreigners and Immigration of the Decentralized Authority at the your area of residence.

2. The registration certificate carries the registration number which you will need to create your online account.

Please, visit the following webpage for more information:
https://issu.uoa.gr/guide_for_all_students/getting_ready_for_your_studies/enrolment/

Registration-Online Services

An incoming NKUA student is expected to create an online account using their student registration number (provided after registering) and their passport number.
For **creating** and **activating** this account, you may contact the NKUA account administration services.

1. Undergraduate students can directly apply for a new account, while postgraduate students should send a signed application form to the Registrar's Office of their Department.

2. After receiving a verification e-mail or SMS approving the application, you may check with the account administration services and activate your account.

3. By activating your account, you gain access to ***https://my-studies.uoa.gr*** or ***https://my-uni.uoa.gr/***.

4. You also gain access to the following internal services, networks, and external online resources of the University:

- the online registration for individual ***courses and examinations***
- the ***e-class*** platform
- the ***online library***
- the ***Pergamos*** application
- the registration for receiving ***textbooks***
- the online application for an ***academic ID*** and other services.

Please visit the following webpage for more information:
https://issu.uoa.gr/guide_for_all_students/getting_ready_for_your_studies/enrolment/

The **NKUA** Academic ID

All registered students are entitled to an ***Academic Identity Card*** (Paso in Greek).

Student **discounts** are available in all public transportation fares, cultural events, museums, trade fairs and many more, upon showing an academic ID.

When **sitting for an exam** at the end of each semester, you need to **provide your academic ID**.

After registering at the Department of your choice, please, apply for an ***Academic ID*** through the electronic service of the university, following the instructions of the ***Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports*** and providing a digital photo of yourself (.jpg, .png).

Points to **consider**:

1. Please, DO NOT activate the option «I am already a graduate from another department of the University or Institute of Technology», at the beginning of the process, because this will NOT allow you to receive your Academic ID .

2. You will be asked to fill in your Social Security Number (AMKA). If you already have one, please, fill it in. If not, you need to select the option: «I declare that I do not have a Social Security Number (AMKA)».

3. Please, fill in and doublecheck your personal details carefully, where requested.

The **NKUA** Academic ID

4. You will receive your academic ID from a Vodafone store. Once you fill in your address, a list of stores will appear for you to pick up your ID from. Please, select a point of delivery nearest to your home.

For more information, please, visit :
https://issu.uoa.gr/guide_for_all_students/getting_ready_for_your_studies/academic_id_card/

Residence Permit

Citizens of the European Union as well as students from Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein do not apply for a residence permit, as they can move freely in and out of Greece.

Incoming students from third countries, other than the aforementioned ones, who have a **national study visa (Type D)** from the consular authorities of their country of origin, should apply for a study residence permit, within 90 days after arrival in the country.

Applying for an initial residence permit

An application for an initial residence permit is submitted to the ***online platform*** of the General Secretariat for Migration Policy.

Please, attach the following supporting documents:

1. (*) A copy of a valid passport or travel document recognized by the Greek state, certified by a Greek lawyer.

2. (*) A valid visa and a copy of the page with your entrance stamp.

3. ***Private insurance*** contract **translated** into Greek.

4. (*) Certificate of registration and payment of fees to the relevant Department of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, if required, or a document of acceptance/or registration.

5. (*) Evidence that sufficient resources are available for covering costs of studying and living (Bank account statement).

Residence Permit

6. Parental or guardian consent for the intended stay, for students under 18 years old.

7. (*) Certificate of the relevant educational institution on the total duration of the programme.

8. (*) E-paravolo payment code number, 150 euros (available on ***e-paravolo*** by selecting the Public entity: Ministry of Migration and Asylum (former Migration Policy)-Migration-code number 2107). This is not necessary in case of a scholarship.

The (*) means that the document is necessary for submitting the application

Obtaining a residence permit for studying may require a personal interview at the Immigration Office of your area of residence. In addition, obtaining biometric data and providing further supporting documents may also be required .

You may monitor the progress of your application through https://pf.emigrants.ypes.gr/pf/

Residence Permit

Residence permit renewal application

Renewing the residence permit for study requires an application at least two months before expiry.

The application for renewing a residence permit is submitted to the ***online platform*** of the Ministry of Immigration and Asylum attaching the following documents:

1. (*) A photocopy of all the pages of a valid passport or a travel document recognized by the Greek authorities. The photocopy must be certified by a lawyer in Athens or by the Greek Consulate of your homecountry.

2. (*) A valid visa.

3. A ***private insurance contract*** translated into Greek.

4. (*) Certificate of registration and participation in the exams of the relevant Department.

5. (*) Evidence that sufficient resources are available for covering the costs of studying and living (Bank account statement).

6. Parental or guardian consent for the intended stay, for students under 18 years old.

7. (*) Evidence from the relevant educational institution on the total duration of the programme.

8. (*) E-paravolo payment code number, 150 euros (available on ***e-paravolo*** by selecting the Public entity: 'Ministry of Migration and Asylum' (former Ministry of Migration Policy)-Migration-code number 2107).
Not required in case of a scholarship.

The (*) means that the document is necessary for submitting the application

Residence Permit

Directorate of Foreigners and Immigration (ΔΑΜ in Greek)				
District	Central Sector and Western Attica	Athens A' (Residents of the Municipality of Athens)	Northern Sector and Eastern Attica	Southern Sector, Piraeus and Islands
Email	damb_notable@attica.gr	dam_a@attica.gr	rdv-pallini@attica.gr	dam_dattip@attica.gr
Address	2 Petrou Ralli & Salaminas St., Athens, P.C. 118 55	2 Petrou Ralli & Salaminas St., Athens, P.C. 118 55	19 Psaron St., Pallini, P.C. 153 51	5 Ag. Dionisiou St., Piraeus, P.C. 185 45

Residence permit duration

The residence permit for studies (residence permit type "H.1.") is valid for a period equal to the maximum duration of the study program you are attending. Additionally, every two years, you are required to submit to the competent service of the Decentralized Administration a certificate of enrollment and participation in exams, issued by the respective educational institution, as well as an official transcript of records covering the same period.

The total renewal time of the residence permit cannot exceed the total study period, which is equal to the minimum number of semesters necessary for the degree to be awarded, according to the School's study programme, increased by four (4) semesters.

Residence Permit

For postgraduates or PhD candidates, it is equal to the minimum number of semesters necessary, increased by two (2) semesters.

In case of a scholarship or participation in exchange programmes as part of transnational agreements, the residence permit is granted for the duration of the programme or the scholarship.

Work Permit

Part-time employment is allowed only outside study time. Working hours cannot be more than twenty [20] hours a week.

In that case, the working student falls under labour law (National Insurance contributions should be made to insurance funds, tax statement filed etc.) and a Social Security Number (AMKA) should be issued.

Family Members

Family members may come to Greece, only with a tourist visa, as any other foreigner for a three-month stay.

An exception to this is the residence permit for acquiring a medical specialization, which is certified by a nursing institution. In that case, family members may apply for an individual residence permit, which has the same expiry date as the student's residence permit.

The same applies for participating in research programmes or scientific research.

Please, visit the website for more information:
https://issu.uoa.gr/guide_for_non_eu_students/study_permit

Checklist

Before leaving your country

please, make sure you have:

- a Passport (along with a copy of the page with your photograph and personal information)
- If needed, pay your tuition fee installment and receive an acceptance confirmation from NKUA
- a Visa (if necessary)
- a European Health Insurance Card (for EU/EFTA citizens)
- a letter from your insurance company verifying provisions along with a detailed description of them (for Third country/EFTA citizens)
- a letter from your parents confirming that they will support you financially (for EU/EFTA citizens)
- passport photographs (to be used for your residence permit etc.)
- a birth certificate with your place of birth written in Latin letters

Checklist

After arrival in Athens

• pay your tuition fee installment, submit your supporting documents to the Registry of your Department and receive a registration confirmation.

• create an online account at the ***Account Administration Office*** of the University.

• ***register online*** for your classes.

• apply online for an academic identity card at ***Academic ID***.

• make a health insurance or have the insurance document, from your country of origin, officially translated into Greek.

• purchase a SIM Card for your mobile phone and get a phone number ownership confirmation in your name.

• obtain a tax identification number (TIN/ΑΦΜ in Greek) (for citizens of third countries/EFTA).

• open a bank account at a Greek bank with online banking credentials at your area of residence.

• Apply for a residence permit at the ***online platform*** of the Ministry of Immigration and Asylum, for citizens of third countries/EFTA).

Before leaving Greece
• Cancel your lease agreement.
• Cancel the insurance contract that you have had in Greece.

International Students Support

An ***International Students Support Unit*** operates as the NKUA Student Support Office, according to current legislation, and belongs to the Directorate of Student Welfare.

The International Students Support Unit caters for:

• supporting international students with their enrolment in the programmes of NKUA,

• supporting international students in the process of obtaining a student-visa before their arrival in the country, issuing a Greek residence permit for studying as well as contacting the relevant public bodies on the above matters,

• supporting international students, during their settlement in the country, for finding accommodation, applying for a tax identification number (TIN/AFM), opening a bank account and other procedures related to public services, energy and telephony providers,

• cooperating with the competent services of the University of Athens to meet the needs of international students,

• cooperating with the competent units of NKUA that offer Modern Greek language courses or other foreign languages,

• facilitating international students' social integration into the Greek academic community and society through activities, events and relevant services.

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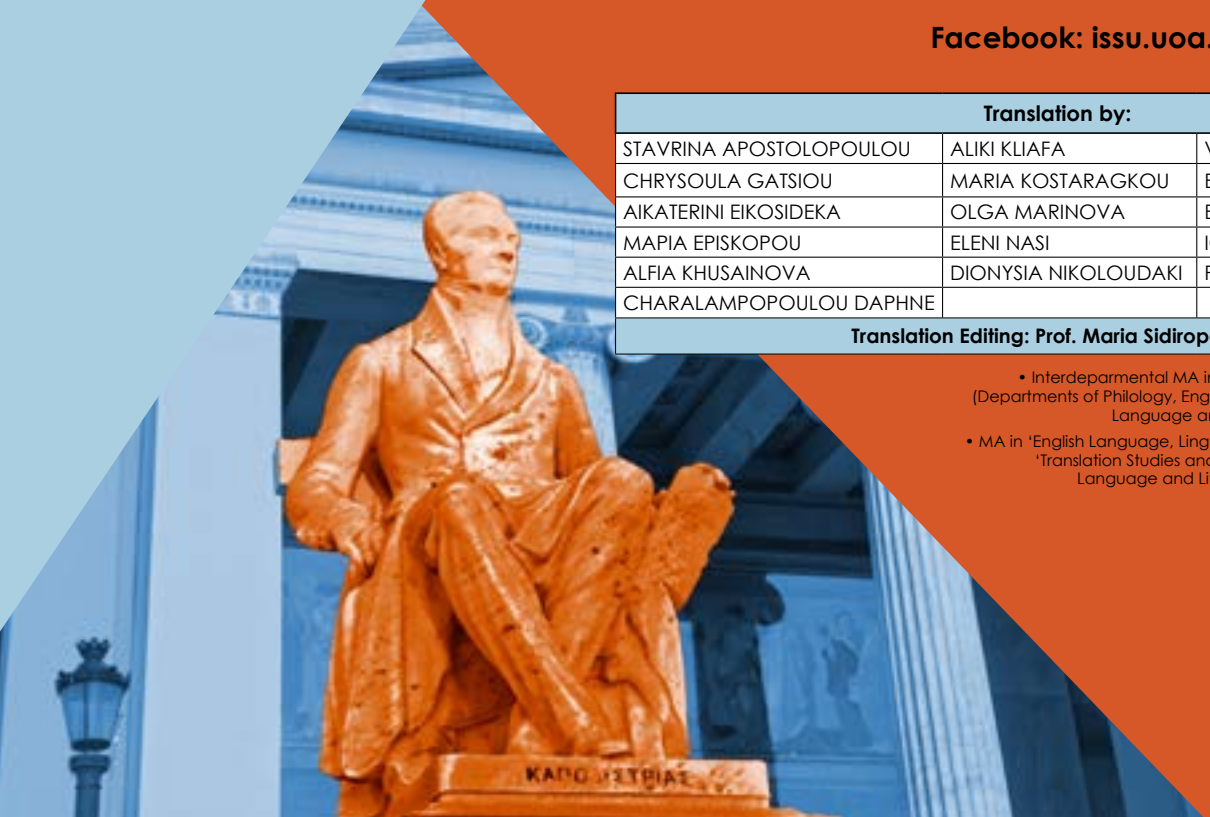
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