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« Master of Science (MSc) in SUSTAINABLE BIO-ECONOMY »

Jointly offered by the Department of Agricultural Development, Agri-Food and Natural Resources Management and the Department of Chemistry of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Department of Agricultural Development, Agri-Food and Natural Resources Management, of the School of Agricultural Development, Nutrition and Sustainability, and the Department of Chemistry, of the School of Science, of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, announce the operation of the Interdepartmental Master of Science (MSc) in *Sustainable Bioeconomy* for the academic year 2026–2027. The programme leads to the award of a Master of Science (MSc) degree.

The MSc in Biotechnology aims to provide its graduates with competitive advantages, such as the ability to analyze and synthesize complex problems that combine multiple sectors of the bioeconomy, food technology and sustainability, as well as the ability to follow and respond to international and constantly emerging challenges as presented in the United Nations (UN) 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the European Green Deal and the European Farm to Fork Strategy. The program will be taught in Greek or English and aims to attract and train executives from European countries and internationally, with an emphasis on developing countries, through collaboration with Greek and international scientific bodies and organizations. Accordingly, the program aims to attract teachers from European countries and internationally from developing regions (indicatively Uganda, Ghana, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, etc.) with the aim of serving as a platform for cooperation with Greek and international scientific bodies and organizations.

The studies will aim at the comprehensive study and analysis of agri-food, and specifically will focus on the interaction between raw materials, food technology, ecology, innovation of political and regulatory frameworks, in the food and agri-food industry, both in the European field and at the international level and developing regions of Asia and Africa with the aim of producing surplus value at the international level, in a sustainable manner for commercial competitiveness and social development. The specificities and processes of food science at the international level are analyzed, and beneficial synergies and management approaches are sought that aim at the sustainable management and development of agri-food and food production of high nutritional value and quality, considering and taking advantage of international reality and comparison.

The Program focuses on the development by students of a framework (theoretical and/or experimental) on cutting-edge issues in food and agri-food science after attending courses and special seminars.

The teaching work of the Postgraduate Studies Programs (P.M.S.) is assigned, following a decision of the Curriculum Committee, to the following categories of teachers: a) members of the Teaching and Research Staff (T.E.P.), Special Educational Staff (S.E.P.), Laboratory Teaching Staff (E.D.I.P.) and Special Technical Laboratory Staff (E.T.E.P.) of the collaborating Departments or another Higher Educational Institution (HEI) or Higher Military Educational Institution (ASEI), with additional employment beyond their legal obligations, if the P.M.S. has tuition fees, b) emeritus professors or retired faculty members of the collaborating Departments or other Departments of the University of Athens or another HEI, c) collaborating professors, d) appointed teachers, e) visiting professors or visiting researchers, f) researchers and special functional scientists of research and technological bodies of article 13A of Law 4310/2014 (Government Gazette A' 258) or other research centers and institutes at home or abroad, g) scientists of recognized prestige, who have specialized knowledge and relevant experience in the subject area of the P.M.S..

The Interdepartmental Master of Science (MSc) in Sustainable Bioeconomy is completed over a period of **three (3) academic semesters**, including the preparation of the Master's thesis. Students may apply for part-time study by submitting a justified request, subject to the approval of the Curriculum Committee. Further information is available in the Internal Regulations of the MSc Programme at <https://bioeconomy.agro.uoa.gr>.

For the 2026–2027 academic year, the maximum number of students admitted to the Interdepartmental Master of Science (MSc) in Sustainable Bioeconomy is **twenty (20)**. In addition to the maximum number of admitted students, **one (1)** member of the Special Educational Staff (EEP), Laboratory Teaching Staff (EDIP), or Special Technical Laboratory Staff (ETEP) may be admitted each academic year, provided that their duties at the University are relevant to the academic field of the MSc programme.

Scholarship holders of the State Scholarships Foundation (IKY) and international scholarship holders of the Hellenic Republic, whose scholarship is awarded for the same or a related field of study, are admitted without entrance examinations.

During their studies, postgraduate students are required to attend and successfully complete all postgraduate courses, participate in scientific seminars, engage in research activities, prepare scientific assignments, and complete a Master's thesis. The Master's thesis may be written in either Greek or English.

Admission Requirements

The Postgraduate Program admits graduates of universities of the Faculties/Departments and related Departments of the country or Departments of recognized equivalent institutions abroad, as well as graduates of TEIs of a related subject.

Applicants will be evaluated, and admissions decisions will be made, based on the following criteria:

1. Bachelor's degree grade (30%)
2. Undergraduate dissertation or diploma thesis in a field relevant to the MSc programme (10%)
3. Certified proficiency in the English language (10%)
4. Scientific publications and participation in scientific conferences (5%)
5. Letters of recommendation (5%)
6. Relevant research or professional experience (10%)
7. Oral interview conducted by a three-member committee appointed by the Coordinating Committee (C.C.) (30%)

Based on the overall evaluation criteria, the Admissions Selection Committee prepares the applicants' evaluation ranking and submits it to the Curriculum Committee for approval.

Successful applicants must complete their registration with the Secretariat of the Department within thirty (30) working days of the relevant decision of the Curriculum Committee.

In the event of a tie (following mathematical rounding to the nearest whole number on the 100-point scale), applicants with the same final score may be admitted, provided that their number does not exceed 10% of the maximum number of admitted students.

Should one or more admitted applicants fail to complete their registration, candidates on the reserve list (if any) will be invited to enroll in the MSc programme in accordance with their ranking in the approved admissions list.

Tuition Fees

Students enrolled in the Interdepartmental Master of Science (MSc) in Sustainable Bioeconomy are required to pay tuition fees of 1,000€ per semester for students from European Union (EU) Member States, and 3,000€ per semester for students from non-EU countries. Tuition fees are payable at the beginning of each academic semester.

In the event of permanent withdrawal from the programme or removal from the student register, for any reason, tuition fees already paid are non-refundable.

Tuition fees waiver

Students of the Postgraduate Program who meet the economic or social criteria and the requirements for excellence during the first cycle of studies, in accordance with applicable legislation, are exempt from tuition fees. This exemption is granted for participation in a single Postgraduate Program. In any case, the exempted students do not exceed thirty percent (30%) of the total number of students admitted to the Postgraduate Program per academic year.

The application for exemption from tuition fees is submitted after the completion of the selection process for postgraduate students. The financial situation of a candidate is in no way a reason for non-selection to a postgraduate program.

Those who receive a scholarship from another source, nor citizens of countries outside the EU, are not entitled to an exemption.

The examination of the criteria for exemption from tuition fees is carried out by the Curriculum Committee and a reasoned decision is issued to accept or reject the application.

Since the current legislation sets an age criterion, it is recommended, for reasons of good administration and equal treatment, that the date of birth of students be considered December 31 of the year of birth.

Members of the categories E.E.P., E.D.I.P., E.T.E.P., who are accepted as supernumerary members in accordance with provision 9.5c of these regulations, are exempt from paying tuition fees.

If members of the same family up to the second degree of kinship by blood or marriage are simultaneously studying at a postgraduate program of the Institution, there is the possibility of providing a 50% reduction in the tuition fees paid.

Necessary supporting documents

Applications are invited from prospective candidates to submit their application, together with the supporting documents listed below, from the date of publication of this Call until the deadlines specified herein. Applications should be submitted to the Secretariat of the Department of Agricultural Development, Agri-Food and Natural Resources Management, Evripos Campus, Psachna, either in person or electronically via email at mtsimpou@uoa.gr (Tel.: +30 22280 21840).

Necessary supporting documents are:

1. Participation application
2. Curriculum vitae
3. Photocopy of both sides of the police ID card
4. Copy of diploma or certificate of completion of studies
5. Detailed undergraduate course grades
6. Certificate of proficiency in English language C1
7. Letters of recommendation (2)
8. Scientific publications, if any
9. Evidence of professional or research activity, if any
10. Certificate of Greek proficiency or sufficient knowledge of the Greek language, as verified by the Postgraduate Admissions Selection Committee, for foreign candidates who wish to participate in a Postgraduate program organized in the Greek language.
11. Recognition of a foreign academic qualification by the DOATAP

Applications to the MSc programme may be submitted from the date of publication of this Call for Applications until 25 September 2026. The evaluation and selection process will be completed by **29 September 2026**. The final list of admitted students will

be announced by **30 September 2026**. Classes will commence on **5 October 2026**. For further information, please contact the Secretariat of the Department of Agricultural Development, Agri-Food and Natural Resources Management: **Ms Maria Tsimpou**, Department of Agricultural Development, Agri-Food and Natural Resources Management, Evripos Campus, Psachna, Greece, Tel.: +30 22280 21840, E-mail: **mtsimpou@uoa.gr**

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