

## Department of Philosophy and Social Studies

### Organization of the Department

Establishment of the Department: 1983

### Administration of the Department

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### General Description of the Department

#### Divisions and Laboratories

The Department consists of two Divisions and runs six laboratories.

#### A. Divisions

##### ❖ The Division of Philosophy

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The Division administers teaching and research in the field of Philosophy, equally promoting historical as well as systematic approaches, with a constant focus on contemporary philosophical issues and concerns. Its aim is to equip students of the Department with the knowledge and the skills required for competent teaching and research in Philosophy, but also with the critical philosophical tools required for a reflective engagement with other domains of academic discourse, especially the social sciences.

##### ❖ The Division of Theory and Methodology of Social Sciences

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The Division administers teaching and research in the field of the Social Sciences, with an equal emphasis on theoretical and methodological issues and with a parallel concern for the relation of the Social Sciences to Philosophy. Its aim is to transmit and advance the empirically-grounded theories of socio-cultural phenomena, value systems and human conduct, through the sciences of Sociology, Anthropology, Psychology and the Education Sciences. It thus promotes the interdisciplinary scientific understanding of these objects of inquiry, deemed necessary also in the assessment of their philosophical treatment.

## B. Laboratories

(For a detailed presentation of the Laboratories visit the webpage:

[http://fks.uoc.gr/\\_pw/en/research/labs/](http://fks.uoc.gr/_pw/en/research/labs/))

### \* Laboratory of Philosophical Research and Translation

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The Laboratory was set up in 2002 in order to accommodate teaching and research needs of the Division of Philosophy.

### \* Laboratory of Psychology

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The Laboratory was established in 2000 in order to promote research in the areas of developmental, art and social psychology.

### \* Laboratory of Teaching Exercise and Education Research

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The Laboratory was set up in 2000 in order to accommodate teaching and research needs in the field of Educational Sciences.

### \* Laboratory of Bioethics

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The Laboratory was set up in 2003 in order to accommodate teaching and research needs in the interdisciplinary area of Bioethics.

### \* Laboratory of Social Research

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The Lab serves teaching and research needs in the area of social research.

### \* Laboratory “Visual Anthropology. Image, Music, Text”

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The Lab serves teaching and research needs in the area of ethnographic field work research, using the digital technology (video, photo, voice recording) for research data collection and analysis.

## Faculty Staff

[http://fks.uoc.gr/\\_pw/en/staff/](http://fks.uoc.gr/_pw/en/staff/)

## Participation in the ERASMUS Programme

The Department currently collaborates, at undergraduate and postgraduate level, with akin departments of 37 European Universities:

<https://www.uoc.gr/intrel/tmima-diethnwn-sxesewn/synergazomena-idrymata/filosofikh-sxolh/fks>

## Procedures for Admission

### Standard procedures

Students are admitted to the Department according to the standard procedures for entry into the Higher Education State Institutions, as these are laid down by the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs.

### Enrollment by examination

Students who already hold a Bachelors degree may also be admitted to the Department through a process of written examination administered by the Department. The total number of students thus admitted may not be more than 10% of regular admission. More information is available by the Secretariat of the Department.

### Specific arrangements for recognition of prior learning

Students who have previously attended another undergraduate program have the right to apply to the Undergraduate Studies Committee for the recognition of up to 9 successfully completed courses that are thematically equivalent to those offered by the Department, so that these will count towards their degree. The application should contain the list of courses to be recognized and their detailed curriculum, which has to be approved by the Department's Faculty.

## General Description of Learning Objectives

### Education and research objectives

The Department of Philosophy and Social Studies is one of the oldest departments of the University of Crete. Its fundamental purpose is to promote the study of Philosophy and the Social Sciences both on their own right and in their interconnections, through high-level research and teaching in both academic fields. The curriculum has been designed so as to grant its students broad knowledge in the humanities and the social sciences, as well as to acquaint them with a range of different research methodologies and equip them with strong research skills. This cause is further promoted through a lively program of research events, including seminars and colloquia

throughout the academic year as well as frequent international workshops and conferences.

### **Occupational profile of graduates**

Graduates of the Department can find employment:

- In Secondary Education
- In Libraries and Archives
- In Publishing houses and Organizations
- In the Media
- In the Public Sector
- As teachers of Greek as a foreign language
- As teachers/trainers in various educational institutions
- In Research Centres

Students and graduates of the Department may consult the Careers and Liaison Office of the University for all issues related to employment opportunities or the continuation of their studies.

### **Access to further studies**

The Department offers two MA Programmes: *Philosophy: Science, Values and Society*, and *Cultural Analysis and Education*. In addition, it administers a Joint Postgraduate MA Programme in *Bioethics* (in co-operation with the Departments of Biology, Medicine, Sociology of the University of Crete and the School of Law of the University of Athens). It is also one of the collaborating Departments in the

interdisciplinary MA Programme *Brain and Mind*, administered by the Department of Medicine of the University of Crete. Doctoral Degrees (Ph.D.) are also offered in all the above fields.

## **Regulations and Curriculum**

**Summary of the Curriculum. Central axes / directions of the curriculum.**

### **Duration and teaching hours of courses:**

The academic year consists of two semesters. Each semester consists of thirteen weeks of teaching and for every course three teaching hours are dedicated per week.

### **Description of course units**

The curriculum of the Department is structured with basic and specialization courses. Basic courses are compulsory for all students of the Department and include 14 mandatory, 10 compulsory elective, and 4 foreign languages courses; the requirement of attendance of the foreign language courses does not apply to students with a certification of proficiency in the foreign languages offered. Specialization courses (12 compulsory elective and 6 free choice courses) are offered to students according to the Division they elect at the beginning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of their studies; free choice

courses can be selected by the students among courses offered by any of the Departments of the Crete University, thereby completing their specialization according to their particular interests and/or future study plans.

\*Students with a certification of proficiency in the foreign languages offered by the Faculty are not required to attend the corresponding courses.

\*\**Students of the Theory and Methodology of Social Sciences Division are required to complete 6 seminars, while students of the Philosophy Division are required to elect 3 seminars and 3 reading-type courses*

\*\*\* *ECTS for foreign languages are not counted*

## Description of course units in table form

### A. BASIC COURSES (MANDATORY AND COMPULSORY ELECTIVE COURSES)

Courses	Number of Courses		ECTS per Course	Total units per Course Category
	Mandatory	Compulsory Elective		
Lecture Courses	14	10	5	120
foreign languages*	4		3	12

### B. SPECIALIZATION COURSES (COMPULSORY ELECTIVE AND FREE CHOICE COURSES)

Courses	Number of Courses		ECTS per Course	Total units per Course Category
	Compulsory Elective	Free Choice		
Lecture Courses	6	6	5	60
Seminars and Reading –Type Courses	6**		10	60

<b>Total</b>	42 or 46			240 ***
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## Types of courses

Courses are divided in seminars lecture-type and reading-type classes, with the last one attended only by the students of the Philosophy Division. Each seminar and reading-type course can be attended by maximum 25 students. Students in lecture type courses are evaluated by written and/ or oral examination at the end of the semester, or by any alternative method of examination that the instructor will announce at the beginning of the semester. In seminars the students' performance is assessed through the oral presentation of the subject of their essay, the quality of their written essay, as well as their active participation in the class.

## Course structure diagram with credits

Type of Courses	No. of Courses	ECTS Credits	ECTS total/Type of Courses
Lecture Type	36	5	180
Seminars/ Reading –Type	6	10	60
Foreign languages*	4	3	12
<b>Total</b>	42 or 46		240 (minimum)

\*Students with a certification of proficiency in the foreign languages offered by the Faculty are not required to attend the corresponding courses.

### **Courses offered to Erasmus students**

A limited number of courses are offered in English but Erasmus students can choose any one of the courses offered by the Department in the semester of their visit, agreeing with the member of academic staff that runs the selected course the mode of attendance and examination. Students with the Erasmus programme are allocated the credits that correspond to the courses they have completed successfully.

### **Exam Periods and Exams**

There are three examination periods, i.e. in January, June and September. According to the type of course attended, examinations may be written, oral, written and oral or presentation and surrender of an essay.

### **Rescoring**

Students may take additional courses to replace successfully completed courses, the grades of which they may consider unsatisfactory. However, the replacement course needs to be a different course (i.e. a course having a different code) from the one it replaces.

### **Grading and Graduation Requirements**

The grading system is structured as follows: Excellent (from 8.50 to 10), Very good (from 6.50 to 8.49), Good (from 5 to 6.49), Fail (from 0 to 4.99). A student graduates once s/he has successfully completed all courses that are specified by the curriculum as necessary for obtaining the degree.

### **List of Courses Offered:**

[http://fks.uoc.gr/\\_pw/en/undergraduatecourses/](http://fks.uoc.gr/_pw/en/undergraduatecourses/)

### **Undergraduate Student Funding Opportunities**

Scholarships and prizes are awarded to undergraduate students by the State Scholarships Foundation (IKY), for which information is provided by the Department's Secretary. Students can also be informed by the Careers and Liaison Office of the University for those scholarships and awards which are offered by individuals and institutions intermittently and are available in a running academic year.

(See: <http://www.fks.uoc.gr/greek/ypotrofies.php>,  
<https://www.uoc.gr/announce/ypotrofies>)

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