

HELLENIC REPUBLIC



NATIONAL AND KAPODISTRIAN UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS SCHOOL OF SCIENCES FACULTY OF BIOLOGY DIPLOMA SUPPLEMENT

This Diploma Supplement model was developed by the European Commission, Council of Europe and UNESCO/CEPES. The purpose of the supplement is to provide sufficient independent data to improve the international "transparency" and fair academic and professional recognition of qualifications (diplomas, degrees, certificates etc.). It is designed to provide a description of the nature, level, context, content and status of the studies that were pursued and successfully completed by the individual named on the original qualification to which this supplement is appended. It should be free from any value judgments, equivalence statements or suggestions about recognition. Information in all eight sections should be provided. Where information is not provided, an explanation should give the reason why.

1. INFORMATION IDENTIFYING THE HOLDER OF THE QUALIFICATION

- 1.1 Family name(s): Επώνυμο (με λατινικά στοιχεία), π.χ. Παπαϊοαννου
- 1.2 Given name(s): Όνομα (ομοίως), π.χ. Ioannis
- 1.3 Date of birth (*day/month/year*) – Place – Country of Birth:
- 1.4 Student identification number or code (*if available*): Αριθμός μητρώου φοιτητή

2. INFORMATION IDENTIFYING THE QUALIFICATION

- 2.1 Name of qualification and (*if applicable*) title conferred (*in original language*): "Ptychio Biologias" – Bachelor's Degree in Biology
- 2.2 Main field(s) of study for the qualification: Biology
- 2.3 Name and status of awarding institution (*in original language*): Εθνικο και Kapodistriako Panepistimio Athinon – National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (UoA); Public University
- 2.4 Name and status of institution (*if different from 2.3*) administering studies (*in original language*): Not applicable
- 2.5 Language(s) of instruction/examination: Greek

3. INFORMATION ON THE LEVEL OF THE QUALIFICATION

- 3.1 Level of qualification: First cycle – undergraduate studies
- 3.2 Official length of programme: 4 years, 8 semesters (240 ECTS credits)
- 3.3 Access requirement(s): High performance in national examinations taking place at the end of Secondary Education ("Lykeio")

4. INFORMATION ON THE CONTENTS AND RESULTS GAINED

- 4.1 Mode of study: Full-time
- 4.2 Programme requirements: Attendance for 8 semesters and the successful examination in 36 out of the 53 courses taught - 22 obligatory and 14 (out of 31) optional. The vast majority of courses are offered by the seven Departments of the Faculty of Biology, i.e. the Department of Animal and Human Physiology, the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, the Department of Botany, the Department of Cell Biology and Biophysics, the Department of Genetics and Biotechnology, and the Department of Zoology – Marine Biology (<http://en.biol.uoa.gr>). The effective curriculum consists of a large number of lectures, laboratory classes and field

work excursions, thus ensuring a wide and thorough education in most current aspects of Biology. One of the obligatory courses is the Diploma thesis (“ptychiaki ergasia” or “diplomatiki ergasia”), which entails training in original research conducted during the 7th and 8th semester. For graduation, the minimum requirement for credits obtained is 171 teaching units (Greek system credits related to contact hours) or 240 ECTS credits.

Graduates of the Faculty of Biology acquire knowledge pertaining to the structure, function, development and differentiation of living organisms at the molecular, genetic, biochemical, cellular, tissue and organism level. They gain insights into the relations and interdependence between living organisms and the environment, and receive fundamental background relating to current biotechnological and translational research. Overall, they are fully equipped to engage in various vocational directions in the broader field of Biology, as well as continue their academic training at a post-graduate level (see also 5.1, 5.2).

4.3 Programme details (courses studied and individual grades or credits obtained):

ΥΠΟΔΕΙΓΜΑ ΠΙΝΑΚΑ

CODE	COURSE TITLE	SEMESTER	TEACHING UNITS	ECTS CREDITS	GRADE	EXAMINATION PERIOD
ABH25	XXXXXXXX	1 st				
ABH33	XXXXXX	1 st				
BOΓ67	XXXXX	2 nd				
BZΘ48	XXXXXXXX	2 nd				
ΓΑΘ39	XXXXX (ERASMUS)	3 rd				
	↓	↓				
	↓	↓				
	↓	↓				
	↓	↓				
	↓	↓				
	↓	↓				
	Practical placement (ERASMUS)	7 th				
	Final thesis	8 th				
			TOTAL e.g. 145	TOTAL e.g. 240		

4.4 Grading scheme and, if available, grade distribution guidance:

In the Greek grading system the grading scale runs from 1 to 10.

Passing grades run from 5 to 10 as follows: 5 – 6.49 = Good (“Kalos”)
6.5 – 8.49 = Very good (“Lian Kalos”)
8.5 – 10 = Excellent (“Arista”)

4.5 Overall classification of the qualification (*in original language*): π.χ. 6,73 “Lian kalos” (“Very good”)

5. INFORMATION ON THE FUNCTION OF THE QUALIFICATION

5.1 Access to further study: Access to postgraduate (second cycle) studies leading to Master’s and Doctoral Degrees

5.2 Professional status (*if applicable*): The Bachelor’s Degree in Biology qualifies for employment in Greek Secondary Education, private or public, as well as in institutions or enterprises of the private or public sector that engage in knowledge dissemination and research in the Life Sciences

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

6.1 Additional information:

STUDENT’S NAME AND SURNAME AND MATRICULATION NUMBER

Practical Training (institution/duration/semester):

Erasmus Studies or Placements Programme (institution/duration/semester/course equivalent):

Other:

ΠΡΕΠΕΙ ΝΑ ΑΝΑΦΕΡΘΕΙ ΟΠΩΣΔΗΠΟΤΕ ΕΑΝ, ΜΕΣΩ ΤΟΥ ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΟΣ ΕΡΑΣΜΟΣ, ΜΕΡΟΣ ΤΗΣ ΦΟΙΤΗΣΗΣ Ή Η ΠΡΑΚΤΙΚΗ ΑΣΚΗΣΗ ΕΓΙΝΕ ΣΕ ΑΛΛΟ ΙΔΡΥΜΑ Ή ΕΠΙΧΕΙΡΗΣΗ ΕΚΤΟΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ [Π.Χ. THE STUDENT PARTICIPATED IN THE ERASMUS STUDIES (OR ERASMUS PLACEMENTS) PROGRAMME DURING THE 6TH SEMESTER OF HIS/HER STUDIES].

6.2 Further information sources: **National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, www.uoa.gr**; Faculty of Biology, <http://en.biol.uoa.gr/departments.html>; **Ministry of Education <http://www.minedu.gov.gr>**; UoA Directorate of Public and International Relations, <http://en.interel.uoa.gr/>; Hellenic National Academic Recognition Information Center, <http://www.doatap.gr/en/index.php>; State Scholarships Foundation, <http://www.iky.gr/en/>

7. CERTIFICATION OF THE SUPPLEMENT

7.1 Date:

7.2 Signature:

7.3 Capacity: **By order of the Rector, the General Director of Education, Aikaterini Assimakopoulou**

7.4 Official stamp or seal:

8. INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

Tertiary Education in Greece is public and funded primarily by the state. It comprises two parallel sectors: a) the University sector, which includes the Universities, the technical Universities, the School of Fine Arts, the Hellenic Open University and the International Hellenic University and b) the Technological sector, which includes the (Higher) Technological Education Institutions and the School of Pedagogical and Technological Education (ASPETE). In the country there are twenty-one (21) Universities and thirteen (13) Technological Education Institutions. According to article 16 of the Constitution, higher education is provided exclusively by institutions that are fully self-administered Legal Entities of Public Law. These institutions fall under the supervision of the state and are financed by it. State supervision is exercised by the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs.

Admission of students to the above institutes depends on their performance at nation-wide exams taking place in the 3rd grade of the upper secondary school (Lyceum). Entrance to the various Schools of the Universities and Technological Education Institutions depends on the general score obtained by Lyceum graduates, on the number of available places (*numerus clausus*) and on the candidates' ranked preferences among Schools and Faculties.

The academic year begins on 1st September of each year and ends on 31st August of the following year. Each academic year has two semesters. Each semester includes at least fifteen (13) full weeks of classes and two (2) weeks of examinations. The first semester begins in the second fortnight of September and the second semester ends during the second fortnight of June. Throughout the year, there is a total of four weeks of Christmas and Easter holidays.

The majority of the first cycle programmes in Universities comprise 8 semesters (4 years – 240 ECTS credits). There are certain first cycle programmes offered by Universities, mainly concerning the regulated professions, whose duration exceeds the said 8 semesters. All first cycle University and TEI graduates can apply for admission to second cycle graduate programmes. The postgraduate programmes last one to two years (2/3-4 semesters, 60/90 or 120 ECTS credits) and lead to MA or MSc degrees. Each semester course carries a number of credits, with a minimum number required to obtain a degree as set by each department. The study programme of every University department contains the course subjects and contents and the number of hours of classes per week. University undergraduate study leading to a first degree ("PTYCHIO"-ΠΤΥΧΙΟ) in Greece lasts at least four years for most subjects. It lasts five years at technical Universities, at Faculties of applied sciences (agronomy, forestry, dentistry, veterinary medicine and pharmaceuticals) and at certain art Faculties (e.g. music studies) and six years at Medical Schools.

Students complete their studies and are awarded their degree when they have passed the necessary number of courses stipulated in the study programme and have accumulated the required number of credits.

Students who successfully complete their first cycle studies at Universities are awarded a *PTYCHIO* (first cycle degree). The *Ptychio* leads to employment or further study at the post-graduate level (second cycle) leading to the second degree – *METAPTYCHIAKO DIPLOMA EIDIKEFSIS*, equivalent to the Master's degree – and the third cycle leading to the doctorate degree, *DIDAKTORIKO DIPLOMA*.

Sources:

- EURYPEDIA: European Encyclopedia on National Education Systems (Eurydice Network): https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fpfis/mwikis/eurydice/index.php/Greece:Higher_Education
- National system overview on education systems in Europe and ongoing reforms, EURYDICE, European Commission, September 2011
- Structures of Education and Training Systems in Europe, Greece 2009/10, Eurydice, European Commission
- Organisation of the education system in Greece, 2009/2010, Eurydice, European Commission

Detailed information on the Greek education system can also be sought at the *Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs* website: <http://www.minedu.gov.gr/>