

**INTERNAL REGULATION
OF
JOINT MASTER DEGREE PROGRAMME IN
“FIELD ARCHAEOLOGY IN GREECE: INTERDISCIPLINARITY
AND CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGIES”**

**(General Assembly of the Department of History, Archaeology and Social
Anthropology, 19-06-2024)**

Contents

INTRODUCTION	30
ARTICLE 1. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES.....	30
1. Goal of JMDP	30
2. Subject Modules of the JMDP	31
3. Title of the Joint Master's Degree	31
4. Categories of Candidates.....	31
ARTICLE 2. JOINT MASTER'S DEGREE	31
1. Duration of Studies.....	31
2. Joint Master's degree requirements	32
3. Structures and bodies of the JMDP	32
ARTICLE 3. ADMISSION TO THE JMDP - SELECTION PROCEDURES - TUITION-FREE ENROLLMENT	34
1. Applications.....	34
2. Selection Procedure	36
3. Tuition Free Enrollment.....	36
ARTICLE 4. COURSE PROGRAMME	37
1. Course programme for the Joint Master's Degree	37
2. Instructors in the JMDP – Teaching Assignment.....	40
3. Fees for teaching staff	41
4. Supervision	41
5. Evaluation – Knowledge Assessment	41
6. Master Dissertation.....	42
7. Grade calculation of the Joint Master's Degree	43
ARTICLE 5. FINANCIAL SUPPORT / RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	43
1. Resources	43
2. Management	44
3. Expenses.....	44
ARTICLE 6. STUDY IN THE JMDP	45
1. Course Attendance.....	45
2. Suspension of studies.....	46
3. Part-time studies	46
4. Infrastructure of the JMDP.....	46
5. Degree Fulfillment.....	49
6. Institutional Repository of the University of Thessaly	49
7. Certificates.....	50
8. Secretarial Support, Technical, and Financial Assistance.....	50

9. Scholarships.....	50
10. Website of the JMDP.....	50
ARTICLE 7. QUALITY ASSURANCE	50
1. Copyright and plagiarism.....	50
2. Research Ethics Committee / Three-member Internal Research Ethics Subcommittee.....	50
3. Programme Evaluation / Quality Assurance	51
ARTICLE 8. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS	51

INTRODUCTION

The Joint Master Degree Programme (JMDP) entitled: "Field Archaeology in Greece: Interdisciplinarity and Cutting-edge technologies" of the Department of History, Archaeology and Social Anthropology of the University of Thessaly operates according to the provisions of Law 4957/2022, as amended and in force.

The JMDP will be conducted in collaboration with the following universities:

- 1) Ionian University - Department of History, Greece [main partner]
- 2) Roma Tre University, Department of Humanities (Dipartimento di Studi Umanistici), Italy.

The Internal Regulations of the JMDP "Field Archaeology in Greece: Interdisciplinarity and Cutting-Edge Technologies" follow the General Regulations for Postgraduate Studies of the University of Thessaly - https://www.uth.gr/sites/default/files/contents/2023/20230222_kanonismos.pdf and is initially approved by the Assembly of the Department of History, Archaeology and Social Anthropology of the University of Thessaly and then by the Senate of the University of Thessaly after the agreement of the Postgraduate Studies Committee of the University of Thessaly, and then published in the Government Gazette, posted on the Department's website, notified to the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs and entered into force.

The Internal Regulation may be modified and periodically reviewed through continuous improvements and updates, without losing its basic structure and content, by decision of the Assembly of the Department of History, Archaeology, and Social Anthropology of the University of Thessaly, upon relevant recommendation of the Director of the Postgraduate Program and approval by the Senate.

ARTICLE 1. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. Goal of JMDP

The proposed programme is primarily aimed at graduates from abroad holding a degree to the Humanities Studies and has a twofold purpose:

- students are enabled to delve into the role of Archaeology within a contemporary interdisciplinary framework that addresses critical questions of contemporary societies, and
- they acquire specialized knowledge in the application of methods involving cutting-edge technologies, by participating in field research conducted in the Greek territory.

The achievement of the above objectives is crucially facilitated by the structure of inter-institutional / interdisciplinary collaboration, as a wide range of research activities in the field are carried out by the three partners (archival research, ethnoarchaeology, field research, surface survey, marine/underwater/cave archaeology, studies and analyses of archaeological complexes and findings, management – from registration to dissemination – of cultural heritage data). Each partner institution contributes to a distinct area of expertise. In this way, conditions are provided for intensive training and application of the methods in practice that is in the field. A specific goal of the program is for students, upon successful completion, to acquire professionally valuable skills related to the use of cutting-edge technologies in the specialized field they choose.

Greece due to its cultural significance and wealth, attracts interest of archaeologists and other scientists, and it is also a field where many foreign scientific institutions are active. The prospect of obtaining a master degree alongside the examined monuments, both in archaeological sites and in museums, and

the involvement of students in archaeological field research, constitute a significant incentive for foreign students who do not have the opportunity for direct engagement with the archaeological field and the ancient Greek monuments during their studies. Therefore, it is evident that the opportunities offered by the JMDP will attract intense interest of foreign students who would desire, beyond their theoretical training, to experience field research in Greek territory, something that foreign institutions cannot offer.

The JMDP will strengthen and bridge a gap in postgraduate studies in archaeology both in our country as well as in those abroad. Foreign-language master degree programmes in archaeology have been already operated in other Greek universities, but none of them covers this specific topic. Some partial relevance can be found in the "MA in Greek and Eastern Mediterranean Archaeology" programme at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and the "Cultural Heritage Materials and Technologies" master programme at the University of the Peloponnese, which, however, focuses on the analysis of archaeological materials and the management of cultural heritage rather than field archaeology.

The JMDP significantly differs from the aforementioned programmes as it aims to integrate methods from the humanities and the natural/technological sciences, achieving to apply interdisciplinary approaches in the field of archaeology.

2. Subject Modules of the JMDP

The subject module of the JMDP focuses on the osmosis of the humanities and the natural/technological sciences, leading to a substantive, cohesive - rather than additive - interdisciplinarity.

Archaeology provides the field in which the instrumental role of cutting-edge technologies is activated, enabling the development of a new spectrum of methods that intensively broaden the scope of observation, multiplying the questions that can be posed about the material culture of past societies and the answers that can be gathered.

Simultaneously, archaeology may connect the knowledge derived from archaeological research with the search for solutions to the current conditions of social and environmental crisis, exploring, among other things, the optimal relationship between human activities and the rapidly changing natural elements and resources of our world. Understanding the relationship of continuities and ruptures/changes/transformations through time of human societies is a goal of archaeological research.

3. Title of the Joint Master's Degree

The successful completion of the JMDP, leads to the award of a Joint Master's Degree (JMD) entitled "Field Archaeology in Greece: Interdisciplinarity and Cutting-Edge Technologies" (MSc in Field Archaeology in Greece: Interdisciplinarity and Cutting-Edge Technologies).

4. Categories of Candidates

In the JMDP holders of a bachelor's degree in Humanities from Greek Universities (Universities and Technological Educational Institutes) or equivalent institutions from abroad are accepted. Upon the acceptance of candidates holding a degree in relevant fields of study, the Steering Committee of the JMDP decides, taking into account the overall qualifications of each candidate.

A maximum of twenty (20) students per intake can be admitted to the JMDP.

ARTICLE 2. JOINT MASTER'S DEGREE

1. Duration of Studies

The duration of studies for the award of the Joint Master's Degree is set at three (3) academic semesters.

2. Joint Master's degree requirements

Candidates complete their studies for the acquisition of the Joint Master's Degree by fulfilling the minimum number of courses and credits required for the degree, and by the successful completion of the master's dissertation. The Curriculum Committee verifies the completion of the studies for the award of the Joint Master's Degree.

3. Structures and bodies of the JMDP

For the organization and overall functioning of the Joint Master Degree Programme (JMDP) concerning the relevant authorities, the provisions of the model regulation for postgraduate and doctoral studies at the University of Thessaly (in accordance with Law 4957/2022) are adhered to.

https://www.uth.gr/sites/default/files/contents/2024/20230410_Kanonismos_PMS_68547156.pdf

In accordance with Article 81 of Law 4957/2022, the administrative bodies of the postgraduate programmes are structured as follows:

- (a) the Postgraduate Studies Committee and the Senate of the University of Thessaly
- (b) the Curriculum Committee
- (c) the Steering Committee of the JMDP,
- (d) the Director of the JMDP
- (e) the Secretarial Support for the JMDP

3.1. The Senate, which is the responsible body for all administrative or organizational matters related to postgraduate studies and exercises the powers stipulated in paragraph 1 of Article 82 of Law 4957/2022.

Specifically:

- a) approves the establishment of the JMDP or/and the modification of the Decision of Establishment of the JMDP,
- b) approves the extension of the duration of operation of the JMDP,
- c) constitutes the Curriculum Committee

3.2. In our case, where the Master's degree programme is inter-institutional, the responsibilities of the Department Assembly are carried out by the Curriculum Committee. This committee is established by a decision of the Senate of the Institution that provides administrative support for the JMDP, following a recommendation from the Assemblies of the collaborating departments or the competent bodies of the collaborating Institutions.

The Curriculum Committee has the following responsibilities:

- a) Proposing to the Senate, through the Postgraduate Studies Committee, the necessity for establishment/modification to the JMDP, as well as the extension of its duration.
- b) Establishes committees for the evaluation of applications from prospective graduate students and approves their enrollment in the JMDP.
- c) Assigns the teaching responsibilities among the instructors of the the JMDP.
- d) Appoints the Director of the JMDP.

- e) Appoints the members of the Steering Committee of the JMDP.
- f) Forms examination committees for the evaluation of the MSc students' theses and appoints the supervisor for each dissertation.
- g) Verifies the successful completion of the studies to confer the Joint Master's Degree.
- h) Approves the JMDP budget following the recommendation of the Steering Committee
- i) Exercises any other authority provided by specific provisions.

The Curriculum Committee is formed by a decision of the Senate of the University of Thessaly, following recommendations from the Assemblies of the collaborating departments, and consists of faculty members, in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 81 of Law 4957/2022. The number of members and its composition are determined by the Protocol of Cooperation of the JMDP as follows:

- Two (2) members from the Department of History, Archaeology, and Social Anthropology of the University of Thessaly
- Two (2) members from the Department of History of the Ionian University
- Two (2) members from the Department of Humanities of Roma Tre University

Emeritus Professors from the collaborating departments may participate in the Curriculum Committee, provided they belong to the teaching staff of the JMDP.

3.3. In our case, where the master's degree programme is inter-institutional, a Steering Committee with a two-year term may be formed, consisting of the Director of the JMDP and four members of the Curriculum Committee, in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 81 of Law 4957/2022.

The Steering Committee is responsible for monitoring and coordinating the operation of the program, particularly:

- a) prepares the initial annual budget of the JMDP and any modifications, provided that the MSc Program has resources according the Article 84, and proposes its approval to the Research Committee of the Special Account for Research Funds,
- b) compiles a report, an analytical account of the research and educational work, and other activities of the JMDP. This report is submitted for approval to the Curriculum Committee,
- c) approves the expenditure of the JMDP,
- d) approves the granting of scholarships, whether merit-based or not, in accordance with the provisions set forth in the establishment decision of the JMDP and the Regulations for postgraduate and doctoral studies,
- e) proposes to the Curriculum Committee the distribution of teaching duties, as well as the assignment of teaching tasks to the categories of instructors mentioned in Article 83,
- f) proposes to the Curriculum Committee the invitation of Visiting Professors to meet the teaching needs of the JMDP,

g) drafts a plan for the modification of the curriculum, which it submits to the Curriculum Committee for approval

h) proposes to the Curriculum Committee the redistribution of courses among academic semesters, as well as matters related to the qualitative improvement of the curriculum

3.4. The Director of the JMDP comes from the members of the Faculty of the University of Thessaly, with priority given to the rank of Professor or Associate Professor. The appointment is made by the Steering Committee for a two-year term, with the possibility of renewal without limitation.

In our case, where the master's programme is inter-institutional, one (1) member of the Curriculum Committee is appointed as the Director of the Joint Master's Degree Program, as stipulated in paragraph 4 of Article 81 of Law 4957/2022.

The Director of the JMDP has the following responsibilities:

a) Presides the Steering Committee, prepares the agenda, and convenes its meetings.

b) Proposes matters concerning the organization and operation of the JMDP to the Steering Committee.

c) Proposes to the bodies of the JMDP and the Institution issues related to the effective operation of the JMDP.

d) Acts as the Scientific Coordinator of the JMDP according to Article 234 of Law 4957/2022 and exercises the corresponding responsibilities.

e) Monitors the implementation of decisions made by the bodies of the JMDP and the Internal Regulations for Postgraduate and Doctoral Programs, as well as overseeing the execution of the JMDP budget.

f) Exercises any other authority specified in the establishment decision of the JMDP.

3.5. The JMDP has the same resources and can, according to current legislation, hire external collaborators for administrative and secretarial support.

ARTICLE 3. ADMISSION TO THE JMDP - SELECTION PROCEDURES - TUITION-FREE ENROLLMENT

1. Applications

Admission to the JMDP is conducted in accordance with the current legislation, the Regulations for Postgraduate and Doctoral Studies of the University of Thessaly, and the provisions and regulations of this JMDP Regulation.

Annually, a call for applications is published and posted on the official websites of the JMDP (<https://fa.ha.uth.gr/>) and the Institution. The applications, along with the necessary documentation, are submitted electronically in the candidate submission platform: <https://fa.ha.uth.gr/application-form/>, during April (PHASE I).

This deadline may be extended by decision of the Curriculum Committee (Phase II).

The required documents submitted by each candidate are as follows:

1. Copy of degree or certificate of completion of studies (Submission of the degree must be completed before the start of enrollment in the JMDP).
2. Certificate of detailed academic transcript, including the degree grade and indicating the GPA.
3. In case English is not the candidate's native language, a certificate of proficiency in English (C2 level) is required. Certified language proficiency certificate in other languages should also be submitted.
4. Certification of computer skills
5. Copy of identity card or passport.
6. Curriculum vitae (to be completed on the specific form found on the online application platform).
7. Graduate thesis or scientific paper on related subject to that of JMDP, if available.
8. Statement outlining the reasons the candidate wishes to participate in the specific JMDP and presenting relevant scientific considerations (1000-1500 words).
9. Two (2) letters of recommendation from faculty members of the candidate's university should be sent directly by the faculty member within the specified deadline to the JMDP email address (fa@uth.gr).

In the case of candidates holding a bachelor's and/or master's degree from a foreign institution, the Secretariat of the JMDP, in accordance with the current legislation, verifies whether the institution of origin is listed in the National Register of Recognized Foreign Institutions and if the specific type of degree is listed to the National Registry of Foreign Recognized Academic Title Types, which is found on the website of DOATAP.

Provided that the degree from a foreign institution is listed in the catalog of DOATAP under article 307 of Law 4957/2022, the Secretariat of the JMDP is required to request a Certificate of Place of Study, which is issued and sent by the foreign institution. The degree is not recognized if the place of study or part of them is certified as the Greek territory, unless the part of the studies carried out in Greek territory is in a public university, in accordance with Law 3328/2005 (Government Gazette A' 80).

The evaluation and the selection of admitted candidates are based on the overall of the candidate's portfolio and oral interview, (on a scale of 1 to 100) according to the following criteria:

S/N	SELECTION CRITERIA	POINTS %
1	Grade of the degree	30%
2	Publications in scientific journals, Presentations at scientific conferences	5%
3	Possession of other Master's degrees	5%
4	Relevant work and/or research experience	10%
5	Letters of Recommendation	20%

6	Oral Interview	30%
	Total	100%
S/N	SELECTION CRITERIA	POITNS %

2. Selection Procedure

The Steering Committee, based on the established criteria, draws up the evaluation list of the candidates and submits it for approval to the Curriculum Committee of the JMDP. Specifically, the process is as follows: a) Initially, the Steering Committee compiles a list of all candidates who have applied b) The Steering Committee proceeds compiles another list including the rejected candidates who do not meet the minimum formal criteria. c) Candidates who meet the minimum formal criteria are called for an oral interview, which is conducted by members of the Steering Committee. d) The candidates are then ranked according to their grades. e) The final evaluation list is compiled. f) The Steering Committee submits the final evaluation list to the Curriculum Committee for approval g) The Curriculum Committee of the JMDP approves and validates the evaluation list of the selected candidates, which is then posted on the website of the JMDP and on the websites of the three cooperating Institutions.

Successful candidates enroll in the JMDP within the deadline announced by the Secretariat of the JMDP. The announcement also mentions the supporting documents that are required to be submitted by the candidates in order to complete the enrollment. In case of non-registration of one or more students, the runners-up, if any, will be invited, based on their order in the approved evaluation list, to enroll in the JMDP. In case of a parity, all candidates with equal scores are selected.

The selected candidates are obliged to pay the first installment of tuition fees during the month of September before the start of the program and provide proof of payment to the Secretariat of the JMDP. Subsequently, they proceed with their registration at the JMDP in the Secretariat.

The registration of students who hold a degree from a foreign institution is completed only by providing a certified copy of their diploma (by any legal means).

3. Tuition Free Enrollment

According to article 86 of Law 4957/2022, registered students of a Postgraduate Studies Programme may attend it free of charge, if the payment of tuition fees is provided for, provided they meet the financial or social criteria set by law. A prerequisite for the granting of the right to free tuition on the basis of economic or social criteria is the fulfilment of the conditions for excellence in the first cycle of studies, corresponding at least to the possession of a grade equal to or higher than seven and a half with an excellent mark out of ten (7,5/10), provided that the evaluation of the basic degree presented for admission to the MSc programme has been awarded in accordance with the ten-point scale of a higher education institution (HEI) in the country, otherwise this criterion is applied proportionally in accordance with the respective evaluation scale, if the degree has been awarded by a foreign institution.

The total number of students attending free of charge may not exceed the number corresponding to thirty percent (30%) of the total number of enrolled students per academic year. If the calculation of the number of beneficiaries of the exemption from tuition fees results in a decimal number, it shall be rounded to the nearest whole number. If the number of beneficiaries of the exemption exceeds this percentage, the beneficiaries shall be selected in descending order until the number is reached.

Citizens of third countries cannot apply for the exemption of tuition fees.

The submission of applications for free study per MSc takes place after the completion of the admission process of students to the MSc and within a period of time determined by the Director of the MSc.

ARTICLE 4. COURSE PROGRAMME

1. Course programme for the Joint Master's Degree

A) Curriculum

FIRST SEMESTER

S/N	CODE	TYPE (C/S)*	COURSE	UNIVERSITY	ECTS	TEACHING STAFF MEMBERS (INDICATIVE)
1	Core Module 1	C	The discipline of Archaeology	UTH***	10	Alexander Mazarakis Ainian Giannis Lolos
2	Core Module 3	C	Archaeological Excavation	UTH	10	Alexander Mazarakis Ainian Giannis Lolos Ifigenia Tournavitou
3	Select Module	S**			10	
TOTAL ECTS					30	

* C: Core – S: Select

**S: Students will choose one select module from those offered for the semester.

***UTH: University of Thessaly

SECOND SEMESTER

S/N	CODE	TYPE (C/S)*	COURSE	UNIVERSITY	ECTS	TEACHING STAFF MEMBERS (INDICATIVE)
1	Core Module 2	C	Landscape Archaeology and archaeological field survey	UTH or IoU or URT***	10	Giannis Lolos Andreas Kapetanos Konstantinos Sbonias Emeri Farinetti
2	Select Module	S**			10	
3	Select Module	S**			10	
Σύνολο ωρών διδασκαλίας και ECTS					30	

* C: Core – S: Select

**S: Students will choose one select module from those offered for the semester.

***UTH: University of Thessaly, IoU: Ionian University, URT: University Roma Tre

Select Modules

S/N	CODE	COURSE	PLACE	SEMESTER	ECTS	TEACHING STAFF MEMBERS (INDICATIVE)
1	S. Module 1	Digital Humanities: Archaeo-informatics and their methodological constraints / Data Management	IoU	B	10	Stathis Pavlopoulos

2	S. Module 2	Ethnoarchaeology / Experimental Archaeology	IoU	B	10	Andreas Kapetanios Georgia Kordatzakis
3	S. Module 3	Marine Archaeology	AF*	Summer Period	10	George Koutsouflakis
4	S. Module 4	Household archaeology	UTH	A or B	10	Giannis Lolos Stella Souvatzis
5	S. Module 5	The archaeology of death and burial	UTH or IoU	A or B	10	Ifigenia Tournavitou Konstantinos Sbonias
6	S. Module 6	Archaeology of the Sacred	UTH or IoU	A or B	10	Alexander Mazarakis Ainian Andreas Kapetanios
7	S. Module 7	Archaeology of primary and secondary production	IoU	B	10	Andreas Kapetanios
8	S. Module 8	Geo-archaeology - Geology, Geophysics and Archaeology	AF	Summer Period	10	George Apostolopoulos Katerina Theodorakopoulou
9	S. Module 9	Archaeological materials	URT of AF	B or Summer Period	10	Anno Hein Rossana Valente Georgia Kordatzakis
10	S. Module 10	Bioarcheology	AF	Summer Period	10	Irini Skourtaniotis
11	S. Module 11	Ancient Epigraphy and Numismatics	IoU or URT ή AF	B or Summer Period	10	Ioannis Kalliontzis Giulio Vallarino
12	S. Module 12	Landscape and digital archaeology	ΠRT ή AF	B or Summer Period	10	Emeri Farinetti

*AF: Archaeological Field

FIELD RESEARCH SUMMER PERIOD

S/N	FIELD PROJECT /COURSE	ECTS
1	Field Research (Practical Training)*	20
2	Course in the Field Research **	10
	Total ECTS	30

*Field Research (Practical Training): Students are required to participate for one month in one or more field research project offered (Refer to the Table of Field Research Programs below).

**Field Course: Students will attend and be examined on a selective course, which will be taught as part of the field research project of their choice. The offered courses are listed in the Table: Select Courses (Refer to the above Select Courses Table).

FIELD RESEARCH PROJECTS

S/N	CODE	RESEARCH PROJECT	SITE LOCATION	DIRECTOR	UNIVERSITY
1	F.T. Project 1	Systematic Excavation at Magoula Plataniotiki	Magnesia, Thessaly	Giannis Lolos	University of Thessaly
2	F.T. Project 2	Systematic Excavation at Makrychori	Larisa, Thessaly	Iphiyenia Tournavitou	University of Thessaly
3	F.T. Project 3	Systematic Excavation at Lathouriza	Vari, East Attica	Alexander Mazarakis Ainian	University of Thessaly
4	F.T. Project 4	Systematic Excavation Material Study at Thorikos	Laurion, Northeast Attica	Andreas Kapetanios	Ionian University
5	F.T. Project 5	Surface Survey at Western Megaris	Megara, Western Attica	Emeri Farinetti	University Roma Tre
6	F.T. Project 6	Systematic Ethnoarchaeological research and study of archaeological material on the island of Agios Georgios	Hydra, Saronic Gulf	Andreas Kapetanios	Ionian University
7	F.T. Project 7	Surface Survey and Systematic Excavation at Sikyon	Corinthian Gulf, Northeastern Peloponnese	Giannis Lolos	University of Thessaly
8	F.T. Project 8	Systematic Excavation at Vryokastro	Kythnos, Cyclades	Alexander Mazarakis Ainian	University of Thessaly
9	F.T. Project 9	Systematic Excavation at Oropos	Northeast Attica	Alexander Mazarakis Ainian	University of Thessaly
10	F.T. Project 10	Systematic Excavation and material study at στη Therasia	Santorini, Cyclades	Konstantinos Sbonias	Ionian University
11	F.T. Project 11	Underwater Archaeological Research at Fournoi	Ikaria, Eastern Aegean	George Koutsouflakis	Πανεπιστήμιο Θεσσαλίας

MASTER DISSERTATION THIRD SEMESTER

S/N	COURSE	ECTS
1	Master Dissertation	30

B) ECTS DISTRIBUTION

During the first and second semester students must accumulate sixty (60) credits (ECTS), through the attendance and successful examination in three (3) Compulsory Courses (C.Modules) and three Select Courses (S.Modules). The credits of each course equals to ten (10) credits.

During the summer period, each student is required to participate for at least one month in one or more of field research projects (F.T. Projects) offered, which are directed by members of the three partner institutions. Successful participation in field research projects is equal to twenty (20) credits (ECTS). Additionally, students must attend and pass a select module taught within the framework of the chosen

field research project. The successful attendance of the course is equal to ten (10) credits (ECTS). Therefore, during the summer period, each student must accumulate thirty (30) credits (ECTS).

During the third semester, students are obligated to complete a master's dissertation. The dissertation, ranging from 15,000 to 20,000 words, must be submitted at the end of the third semester. The successful completion of the master dissertation is equal to thirty (30) credits (ECTS).

In the case the master's dissertation is completed within the framework of the Double Degree Programme conducted in collaboration with University Roma Tre, the guidelines and rules for the preparation of the master dissertation are those applied in the "Archaeology" Master's Degree Programme of University Roma Tre.

2. Instructors in the JMDP – Teaching Assignment

The teaching duties of the JMDP are assigned by the decision of the Curriculum Committee, following a proposal from the Steering Committee, to the following categories of instructors:

- (a) Faculty members, Specialized Teaching Staff, Laboratory Teaching Staff, and Specialized Technical Laboratory Staff of the Department or other Departments or Schools of the same or another Higher Education Institution or Higher Military Institution may be assigned additional teaching duties beyond their legal obligations if the MSc Program charges tuition fees,
- (b) Emeritus professors or retired members of the faculty of the Department or other Departments of the same or another Higher Education Institution,
- (c) Collaborating Instructors,
- (d) Appointed Instructors,
- (e) Visiting professors or visiting researchers,
- (f) Researchers and specialized operational scientists from research and technological organizations referred to in Article 13A of Law 4310/2014 (Government Gazette A' 258) or other research centers and institutes, either domestic or foreign, 8 (g) Scientists of recognized prestige who possess specialized knowledge and relevant experience in the subject matter of the postgraduate program.

By decision of the Curriculum Committee, auxiliary teaching duties may be assigned to doctoral candidates of the three partner institutes, under the supervision of a lecturer of the JMDP.

The assignment of teaching duties for the JMDP is carried out by decision of the Curriculum Committee, following a proposal from the Steering Committee of the JMDP.

Members of the Teaching and Research Staff, and in other similar positions are not allowed to be exclusively employed in MSc Programmes.

The teaching staff has the following responsibilities:

1. Fulfill teaching duties assigned to them, whether contractual or non-contractual, with consistency and responsibility.
2. Post digital educational material on the Open eClass platform of the JMDP.
3. Annual review of the Course Information.
4. Provide their contact details to students and specifying office hours.

5. In case that they are unable to attend scheduled lectures, they must inform the Secretariat of the MSc Program in a timely manner.
6. Participate in committee assemblies if appointed.
7. Communicate with students either as supervisors or academic advisors.

3. Fees for teaching staff

All categories of teaching staff may be remunerated exclusively from the resources of the JMDP. The payment of fees or any other benefits from the state budget or public investment program is not allowed. By decision of the competent body of the JMDP regarding the assignment of teaching duties, the amount of remuneration for each instructor is determined. Specifically, instructors who hold the status of faculty members may receive additional compensation for work they contribute to the postgraduate program, provided they fulfill their minimum legal obligations as stipulated in paragraph 2 of Article 155 of Law 4957/2022. The last paragraph is applied proportionally to members of the Specialized Teaching Staff, Laboratory Teaching Staff, and Special Technical Laboratory Staff, provided they fulfill their minimum legal obligations. The exclusive employment of faculty members solely in postgraduate programs of the Department or the School is not allowed.

Details regarding relevant remuneration contracts for faculty members are determined by the by the Special Account for Research Funds.

4. Supervision

For each candidate, the Curriculum Committee, following a proposal by the Steering Committee, appoints a faculty member, as an academic advisor. The Academic Advisor of the JMDP is responsible for monitoring and supervising the progress of the students.

The right to supervise master dissertation is granted to the to the instructors of categories a) to f) of article 4 par. 2 of law 4957/2022 provided they that they hold a doctoral degree. By decision of the Curriculum Committee, following the recommendation of the Steering Committee of the JMDP, the supervision of dissertations may be assigned to faculty members, Special Teaching Staff (STS), and Laboratory Teaching Staff of the three partner Departments who have not undertaken teaching duties in the JMDP, provided that they hold a doctoral degree.

The supervisor is responsible for the scientific oversight of the Master Dissertation and is appointed by the Steering Committee upon request of the candidate. The candidate's application should include the proposed title of the dissertation, the proposed supervisor, and a summary of the proposed dissertation.

For the examination of the Master Dissertation, a three-member Examining Committee is established by the Curriculum Committee, following a proposal from the Steering Committee of the JMDP. The committee is composed of the supervisor and two other scholars who are either faculty members or researchers of recognized research institutions, holding a PhD in the same or related scientific discipline as the Master Dissertation topic.

The number of Master Dissertations that each instructor can supervise should not exceed five (5).

5. Evaluation – Knowledge Assessment

The assessment and grading of each course are the exclusive responsibility of the instructor who teaches it and they are complete independence from other courses. The evaluation of the student's performance in that specific course (assignments, examinations, etc.) relies on objective that are are clearly defined and stated in the handbook of each course.

The grading is on a scale of zero (0) – ten (10): Distinction (8.5 to 10), Merit (6.5 to 8.5, exclusive), and Pass (5 to 6.5, exclusive).

In case of failure in the examination of a course, the student is obliged to retake the exam in the September examination period. If the student fails again, the failure is considered final, and the student withdraws from the JMDP.

In case of urgent needs or circumstances due to any force majeure reasons, alternative assessment practices may be implemented, such as the remote written or oral examination, provided that the integrity of the assessment process is ensured.

In cases of illness or recovery from serious illness, it is recommended that the instructor facilitate the student in any way they consider appropriate (e.g., remote oral examination). During the oral examination the instructor ensures the presence of a third party.

6. Master Dissertation

All students, during the third semester, undertake a supervised research project at one of the three collaborating institutions participating in the JMDP: a) Department of History, Archaeology, and Social Anthropology of the University of Thessaly, b) Department of History of the Ionian University, or c) Department of Humanities of Roma Tre University.

The Master Dissertation (M.D.) is written in the English language and is up to 15,000 and 20,000 words.

The M.D. has a clearly research-oriented character and a topic related to one of the courses of the JMDP. It is publicly defended before a three-member Examination Committee (1 supervisor and 2 scholars) established by the Steering Committee, following a proposal from the Director of the JMDP. The members of the Examination Committee must hold a PhD in the same or related scientific discipline as the M.D. topic.

The candidate should submit to the Secretariat of the JMDP the proposed title of the M.D., a brief summary of the research topic and the name of the suggested supervisor. The latter nominates the supervisor. The supervisor and the 2 members of the Examination Committee are established by the Steering Committee, following a proposal from the Director of the JMDP and belong to the aforementioned instructor categories of the JMDP (Refer to the above Section 4: Supervision).

In exceptional cases, if there is an objective inability or significant reason (such as illness, absence abroad, etc.), it is possible to replace the supervisor or a member of the Examination Committee after a decision by the Director of the JMDP and the approval of the Steering Committee.

According to the current legislation, scholars who have the right to supervise M.Ds. inform the Secretariat of the JMDP in writing about the proposed M.D. topics.

The process for submitting the M.D. for examination is as follows:

When the candidate deems that the M.D. is ready to be examined, they shall submit the final draft for reading and feedback to the supervisor. Based on their comments, the candidate makes the final corrections and submits the revised draft, no later than twenty (20) days before the defense date.

The approval of the thesis entails that the students will publicly defend it before the three-member Examination Committee (1 supervisor and 2 scholars), at their chosen institution. The date and place of the defense is determined by the Coordinating Committee. The M.D. is graded by the members of the Examination Committee immediately after its defense. Approval requires the concurring opinion of two-thirds (2/3) of the Committee members.

The M.D., once approved by the Examination Committee, is submitted by the candidates to the library. The M.D. must be posted on the website of Institutional Repository of the University of Thessaly (<http://ir.lib.uth.gr>) and on the website of the JMDP.

Regarding issues of confidentiality, respect for personal data, and other ethical and moral rules concerning Master Dissertations, the Department of History, Archaeology, and Social Anthropology has established a Tripartite Committee on Research Ethics and Deontology.

Regarding the procedure, interested parties should submit: 1) a request for the examination of the proposal, 2) a description of the research proposal, 3) research protocols, consent forms and other supporting documents, deemed necessary based on the scientific fields.

Templates for drafting the relevant documents can be found on the website of the University of Thessaly at the following address: <https://www.uth.gr/panepistimio/thesmika/themata-deontologias>.

After reviewing the proposal, the Curriculum Committee issues a Certificate of Approval for the M.D. proposal. In case of rejection of the application or disagreement among the committee members, the matter will be referred to Committee for Research Ethics of the University of Thessaly. The Certificates of Approval will be posted on the information system of the Quality Assurance Unit (MO.DI.P.).

The Handbook with Dissertation Guidelines is posted on the official website of the JMDP., and it is common for all three partner institutes.

In the case the master's dissertation is completed within the framework of the Double Degree Programme conducted in collaboration with University Roma Tre, the guidelines and rules for the preparation of the master dissertation are those applied in the "Archaeology" Master's Degree Programme of University Roma Tre.

7. Grade calculation of the Joint Master's Degree

The successful completion of the JMDP, which leads to the award of the Joint Master's Degree, presupposes that the postgraduate student obtained a passable grade in seven (7) courses and in his/her dissertation.

The final grade of the Joint Master's Degree (JMD) is determined by the sum of the grades of the courses (core, select, and field research) and the grade of the Master Dissertation as follows:

$$\text{JMD grade} = \frac{[(\text{MX1 Grade} * \text{ECTSMX1}) + (\text{MX2 Grade} * \text{ECTSMX2}) + \dots (\text{MX Grade} * \text{ECTSMXn}) + (\text{EPP Grade} * \text{ECTSEMPP}) + (\text{M.D.E. Grade} * \text{ECTSM.D.E.})]}{120}$$
, where Grade MX1 = Grade of First Course of X semester and so on, ECTSMX1= Number of ECTS in course X1 semester, EPP= Field Research Project, M.D.E = Master's Thesis.

ARTICLE 5. FINANCIAL SUPPORT / RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

1. Resources

The resources of the JMDP may come from:

- (a) tuition fees,
- (b) donations, sponsorships, and financial support of any kind,
- (c) bequests,
- (d) resources from research projects or programs,
- (e) any other legal source.

The management of the resources of the JMDP is carried out by the Special Account for Research Funds of the University of Thessaly according to the funding allocation provided for in article 84 of Law 4957/2022.

2. Management

The Director of the JMDP is responsible for the financial management of the JMDP. The Director is responsible for drawing up the budget and the financial report of the JMDP, under the scrutiny of the Financial Committee of the JMDP, and they are submitted to the Curriculum Committee for approval once a year. The eligibility of expenses is scrutinized by the Special Account for Research Funds of the University of Thessaly.

The Director of the JMDP has the responsibility of monitoring, executing the budget and issuing payment orders for the relevant expenses. The Director of the JMDP (Scientific Director of the Programme) is responsible for the feasibility of the expenses and the submission of the required supporting expenses to the Special Account for Research Funds of the University of Thessaly for their scrutiny, clearance and payment. In case that an expenditure has not been determined in advance in the JMDP budget, a reformation of the budget is required. After the Curriculum Committee approves the Director's substantiated request regarding budget reform, the Special Account for Research Funds approves the new budget.

The remuneration of the instructors of the JMDP is carried out after a relevant certificate has been submitted to ELKE by the President of the Department at the end of each semester, and whatever else is provided by the Research Committee. The provisions of Law 4957/2022 apply uniformly to all the financial management procedures of the funded PMS.

The remuneration of the instructors of the JMDP is carried out provided that the Head of the Department submits a relevant certificate to the Special Account for Research Funds at the end of each semester. Moreover, the remaining required documents must also be submitted to the Special Account for Research Funds so that the payment can be finalized.

3. Expenses

The budget of the JMDP has been allocated for the period 2024-2029 (1st five-year cycle) as follows for each year:

REVENUE	TOTAL
1. Own resources of the Higher Education Institution	0,00 €
2. State budget / Public investment programme	0,00 €
3. Donations, sponsorships, and financial support of any kind	0,00 €
4. Bequests	0,00 €
4. Resources from research projects or programs	0,00 €
5. Any other legal source	0,00 €
6. Tuition Fees (20 candidates study at JMDP of which 30% are entitled to free tuition enrollment, i.e. 20-30%= 6 students are exempt from paying tuition fees. The rest will pay tuition fees 4000 x 14= €56,000)	56.000 €
TOTAL ANNUAL REVENUE	56.000 €

EXPENSE CATEGORY	TOTAL
1. Equipment and software expenses	0,00 €
2. Scholarship expenses for graduate students	2.000,00 €
3. Consumable expenses	500,00 €
4. Travel expenses of the instructors of the JMDP	2.700,00 €
5. Student Travel Expenses for Educational Purposes	4.000,00 €
6. Teaching fees for faculty members of Higher Education Institutions and research centers and institutes that participate in the organization of the JMDP	10.000,00 €
7. Teaching fees for adjunct members of Higher Education Institutions that participate in the organization of the JMDP	0,00 €
8. Teaching fees for scholars falling under the category of article 83 of Law 4957/2022	11.000,00 €
9 Administrative and technical support expenses	4.000,00 €
10. Other expenses, such as, dissemination costs, purchase of educational material, conference organization, field work expenses	5.000,00 €
11. Withholding of 30% of the Tuition Fees by the Special Account for Research Funds	16.800,00 €
12. Withholding of 12% of donations, sponsorships, and financial support of any kind, bequests and resources from research projects or programs by the Special Account for Research Funds	0,00€
TOTAL EXPENSES	56.000,00 €

ARTICLE 6. STUDY IN THE JMDP

1. Course Attendance

The duration of the JMDP is equal to three (3) semesters. Each semester comprises thirteen (13) weeks of courses and the exam period. The Master Dissertation is submitted by the end of the third semester.

In case a course cannot be held as scheduled due to a serious disability, it is envisaged that it will be rescheduled. The date and time of the make-up class are posted on the website of the JMDP.

Attendance of courses is compulsory. Unexcused absences may not exceed 30% of the total teaching hours.

The statement of courses is mandatory for each semester. If a candidate fails to meet the deadline for the statement, he/she does not have the right to attend the courses of the respective semester. In this case the Curriculum Committee decides upon continuation of the candidate's studies.

Students are evaluated at the end of each semester based on their progress during the semester (contribution to class discussions, presentations, and essays) and their final essay or written/oral exams, or a combination of these.

The withdrawal of a student from the JMDP without refunding the tuition fees upon a decision by the Curriculum Committee, following a relevant proposal from the Steering Committee, is possible in cases of non-compliance with the following obligations:

- Regular attendance of classes, with a minimum attendance rate of at least 70% each semester.
- Submission of required coursework for each course within the prescribed deadlines.
- Attendance of examinations.
- Respect for and adherence to the decisions of the bodies of JMDP, as well as academic ethics.

Students are able to apply to extend their study period for up to one (1) academic semester, following a reasoned request from the student and approval by the Curriculum Committee. The maximum allowed duration of studies is set at four (4) academic semesters.

2. Suspension of studies

Students who have not exceeded the maximum duration of their studies with a reasoned request to the Curriculum Committee, may apply for a temporary suspension of enrollment, which does not exceed a total of two (2) consecutive academic semesters. Suspension of studies may only be granted for serious reasons and must be accompanied by the necessary documentation.

During the period of suspension, the postgraduate student shall lose his/her status as a student. After the expiry of the suspension, the student continues his/her studies immediately without application and his/her name appears in the attendance records. The period of suspension shall not be counted towards the minimum and maximum periods of regular study.

3. Part-time studies

Part-time enrollment in the JMDP is not available.

4. Infrastructure of the JMDP

The program will operate in the facilities of all three partner Institutions.

1. Infrastructure of the Department of History, Archaeology and Social Anthropology (IACA) of the University of Thessaly

The classrooms, laboratories, equipment, and administrative structure of IACA, the Library of the University of Thessaly, and the facilities/equipment of archaeological research projects are utilized to meet the teaching and research needs of the JMDP.

The Archaeology Laboratory, which is located in the Papastratos building complex of the University of Thessaly in Volos (Building "Roza Imvrioti", 6th floor), was set up and organized with the aim to support the Department's archaeological courses and research, to assist students' training in modern archaeological methods and approaches, and become a place where research activities can be conducted. The Laboratory has a valuable library, its book collection is regularly enriched and updated, and the appropriate material and technical infrastructure (computers, topographic instruments, microscopes, etc.) that facilitates and enhances the educational process.

The Educational Archaeological Collection (Papastratos building complex of the University of Thessaly, Building "Roza Imvrioti", 5th floor) was officially established in October 19, 2001. The purpose of its establishment is to support archaeology courses and promote specialized educational processes that develop research skills, self-action, the ability to conduct projects, etc. A part of the collection supports courses related with technology, bioarchaeology, pottery, metallurgy, etc. The material constituting the special collections support applications of archaeometry, computational archaeology, electronic mapping, museology, etc. The space where the collection is hosted has been equipped with storage

cabinets and showcases, as well as with the necessary technical and laboratory equipment that will assist in the material's documentation. Furthermore, there have been requests to the relevant Ephorates for material transferring, and their positive response has made a major contribution to the goals that have been set.

The Informatics Laboratory of IAKA will serve the need of teaching of the JMDP.

The need of the students and faculty of the Department for specialized bibliographic research (books, offprints, e-journals, databases, etc.) is covered by the Central Library of the University of Thessaly.

The Department also provides technological support to the students of the JMDP, offering them access to the equipment of the Archaeology Laboratory, the classroom of the Educational Archaeological Collection, and the Informatics Laboratory.

The official website of JMDP (<https://fa.ha.uth.gr/about-us/>) is constantly updated, containing all the information and announcements related to the JMDP, and serves as the official source of information for students.

2. Infrastructure of the Department of History of Ionian University

The facilities of the Department of History and of other institutions of Ionian University which will serve the needs of the JMDP are as follows:

A. Department of History (Ioannou Theotoki 72, 491 32 Corfu):

1. Rooms and equipment of the Laboratory for History Documentation and Mediterranean World Research
2. Rooms and equipment of the Laboratory for the Study of the Ancient World
3. Rooms and equipment of the Master's Program "History and Documentation"
4. Informatics Laboratory
5. Four seminar rooms

The facilities include infrastructure for teaching and training in research methods. Particularly, they comprise workspaces and teaching rooms, libraries with a range of books and scientific journals, audiovisual equipment, electronic equipment, and software for training in informational systems and applications of digital humanities (including systems for managing multiple data - Geographic Information Systems, Databases, processing of two-dimensional design and audiovisual material, etc.). The capacity of the facilities ranges from 15 to 40 people, and they host lectures, seminars, laboratory exercises, and tutorial laboratory exercises.

B. Campus of Ionian University (Ioannou Theotoki 72, 491 32 Corfu):

Central Library and Information Center

The Central Library of Ionian University hosts the remarkable collection of Greek and foreign books of the Department of History. The collection also comprises rare old books and a series of maps (historical etc.). Furthermore, the library offers students online access to scientific journals and databases provided by the HEAL-LINK portal, along with other repositories, databases, and specialized research resources for humanities studies. The library collection is open to all members of Ionian University either for on-use use in the reading room or for borrowing. Access to international and Greek digital libraries and resource repositories for students and faculty members is also provided.

C. Courses and seminars held in the field

a. In Corfu town (in proximity to the Department of History):

- at the Archaeological Museum of Corfu,
- at the Archaeological Site of Palaiopolis / Mon Repos,
- at the Byzantine Museum of Antivouniotissa,
- at the Corfu Public Library (GAK),
- at the Corfu Reading Society

b. In other parts of the island, in historic settlements and archaeological sites and other places recognized for their outstanding cultural and historical value.

3. Infrastructure of the Department of Humanities of Roma Tre University

The Department of Humanities of the University of RomaTre University carries out research activities at a high international level, with collaborations and exchange agreements with academic and scientific partners in many countries. The main areas of interest of the Department include archaeology, with a particular interest for teaching and research in methods of archaeological investigation between theory and application of new technologies. In the department are active the DigitalHumanitiesLab (DH Lab) and the Geo-cartographic Laboratory “Giuseppe Caraci”, that organizes seminar series in “Digital Earth and Smart Governance. GIS strategies and tools for the management of territorial and cultural heritage”.

Archaeological fieldwork opportunities for students are offered by the department, in Italy, Northern Africa and Lebanon. In Greece, the Department has been carrying out since 2019 an archaeological field survey project in Western Megaris (namely WeMALP – Western Megaris Archaeological Landscape Project) co-directed by Emeri Farinetti (RomaTre University and Italian Archaeological School at Athens) and Panagiota Avgerinou (Hellenic Ministry of Culture – Ephorate of Western Attica). New technologies and the most up-to-date methods in field research are applied, such as low-altitude aerial photogrammetry (from drone flights), laser scanner, DGPS positioning and mapping, GIS analyses, 3D modelling of landscape areas and archaeological features, systematic artefact surface survey with the help of mobile GIS.

4. Infrastructure of the Archaeological Field Projects

RESEARCH PROJECT	SITE LOCATION	DIRECTOR	INFRASTRUCTURE
Systematic Excavation at Magoula Plataniotiki	Magnesia, Thessaly	Giannis Lolos	School of Platanos village at Almyros, Archaeological Museum of Almyros
Systematic Excavation at Makrychori	Larisa, Thessaly	Iphiyenia Tournavitou	School of Makrychori village, Archaeological Museum of Larissa
Systematic Excavation at Lathouriza	Vari, East Attica	Alexander Mazarakis Ainian	Storage facilities of the the Archaeological Museum of Piraeus and the National Archaeological Museum
Systematic Excavation Material Study at Thorikos	Laurion, Northeast Attica	Andreas Kapetanios	“House” of the excavation in Lavrio, Archaeological Museum of Lavrio
Surface Survey at Western Megaris	Megara, Western Attica	Emeri Farinetti	Archaeological Museum of Megara
Systematic Ethnoarchaeological research and study of archaeological material	Hydra, Saronic Gulf	Andreas Kapetanios	Accommodation on the island of Agios Georgios, Archaeological Museum of Lavrio

on the island of Agios Georgios			
Surface Survey and Systematic Excavation at Sikyon	Corinthian Gulf, Northeastern Peloponnese	Giannis Lolos	Center for the Study of Ancient Sikyon, which is a two-story neoclassical building, fully renovated, with offices and libraries on the ground floor and accommodation rooms for collaborators on the upper floor.
Systematic Excavation at Vryokastro	Kythnos, Cyclades	Alexander Mazarakis Ainian	The "Study Center of the Archaeological Mission of Vryokastro" was established in 2003 and is now housed in a building at the entrance of Chora in Kythnos, with a central workspace and accommodation areas.
Systematic Excavation at Oropos	Northeast Attica	Alexander Mazarakis Ainian	Archaeological Museum of Oropos. Building of the former High School of Skala Oropou.
Systematic Excavation and material study at στη Therasia	Santorini, Cyclades	Konstantinos Sbonias	Archaeological Museum of Thera
Underwater Archaeological Research at Fournoi	Ikaria, Eastern Aegean	George Koutsouflakis	Research project facilities, support vessels

5. Degree Fulfillment

A postgraduate student is considered a holder of the Joint Master's Degree upon fulfilling all requirements. The prerequisites for the graduates' participation in the oath ceremony are as follows:

1. The successful completion of studies, as provided in the Internal Regulation of the JMDP.
2. The submission of the Academic Identity in the Secretariat of the JMDP.
3. Resolution of pending issues related to the library.
4. Resolution of any financial obligations.

The Oath Ceremony is not a prerequisite for the successful completion of studies, but it is a necessary condition for the issuance of the Postgraduate Diploma. The oath ceremony is organized by the Dean's Office to which the JMDP belongs, in the presence of the Dean of the School, the Head of the Department of IAKA, and the Director of the JMDP.

In exceptional cases (studies, residence or work abroad, health reasons, etc.), postgraduate students, who have successfully completed the JMDP, may apply to the Secretariat of the JMDP for an exemption from the oath ceremony. The exemption from the oath ceremony is validated by the Curriculum Committee.

6. Institutional Repository of the University of Thessaly

Following any suggested revisions by the Examining Committee, the graduate submits two copies of the approved M.D. to the Library of the University of Thessaly, one (1) hard bound copy and one (1) digital copy. The Secretariat of the JMDP does not complete the stages of issuing the of the Postgraduate Diploma unless it has previously received from the candidates a certificate of dissertation submission from the Library of the Institution. All these works are published in the institutional repository of the University: <http://ir.lib.uth.gr/handle/11615/1>"

7. Certificates

The format of the Joint Master's Degree and the oath ceremony details are determined by the institution's regulations. The format of the Diploma Appendix is determined based on the current decision of the Rector's Council of the 224th /17-10-2008 session and the provisions of Ministerial Decision Φ5/89656/B3/13-8-2007.

8. Secretarial Support, Technical, and Financial Assistance

The administrative support for the JMDP is provided by the Secretariat of the Department of History, Archaeology, and Social Anthropology of the University of Thessaly. The Department's secretariat has the appropriate experience and responsibility to carry out the administrative support. Their remuneration

They possess the necessary experience and responsibility, with their consent, and their remuneration is covered by the budget of the Interdepartmental Postgraduate Program. Additionally, a person will be hired to provide administrative support on a part-time basis.

9. Scholarships

Two excellence scholarships, each worth €1,000, are provided.

A scholarship will not be granted if the postgraduate student is already receiving a scholarship from another source.

Scholarships will not be awarded to students enrolled in the JMDP without the obligation to pay tuition fees.

Scholarships will be awarded to the two highest-scoring applicants after evaluation of their portfolios and oral interviews.

10. Website of the JMDP

The official website of JMDP (<https://fa.ha.uth.gr/about-us/>) is constantly updated, containing all the information and announcements related to the JMDP, and serves as the official source of information for students.

ARTICLE 7. QUALITY ASSURANCE

1. Copyright and plagiarism

The copyright of the Master Dissertations or patent rights or commercial exploitation rights of the theses are determined by relevant decisions of the Ethics Committee of the University of Thessaly.

Any kind of plagiarism in coursework, publications or writing of Master Dissertation, fabrication of research data and unscientific behaviour in general is prohibited. The Ethics Committee is responsible for informing the students of the MSc and for imposing penalties where necessary. Detailed guidelines on this matter will be issued by the University Ethics Committee.

No Master Dissertation is submitted for support unless it has first been checked by the online plagiarism prevention service of the Central Library of the Foundation.

2. Research Ethics Committee / Three-member Internal Research Ethics Subcommittee

According to Law 4957/2022, Article 279, the Research Ethics Committee is empowered to offer assessments on ethical and moral considerations pertaining to articles intended for publication in scientific journals, or for the preparation of a thesis or doctoral dissertation.

However, pursuant to the decision of the Rectorate in session no. 53/23-10-2019, concerning matters of confidentiality, respect for personal data, and other ethical and moral standards pertaining to undergraduate and postgraduate dissertations, each Department establishes a three-member Internal Research Ethics Subcommittee.

Regarding the procedure, interested parties must submit: 1) a request for the proposal examination, 2) a description of the research proposal, 3) research protocols, consent forms, and other necessary documentation, determined based on scientific fields.

Templates for the preparation of related forms are available on the University of Thessaly's website at the following address: (<https://2018.uth.gr/panepistimio/thesmika/themata-deontologias/ΕσωτερικήΕπιτροπή Ηθικής και Δεοντολογίας/Σχετικά Έντυπα-Έγγραφα>)

After reviewing the proposal, the Department's Committee issues a Certificate of Approval for the undergraduate dissertation proposal, postgraduate dissertation, or doctoral dissertation. In case of rejection or disagreement within the Committee, the matter will be referred to the University of Thessaly's Ethics and Research Committee. Certificates of approval will be posted in the Quality Assurance Unit information system.

3. Programme Evaluation / Quality Assurance

The JMDP as a whole, as well as its individual courses, will be systematically evaluated according to the recommended procedures and criteria established by the Internal Quality Assurance System of the University of Thessaly, contributing to its continuous improvement.

ARTICLE 8. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Any issue that arises in the future that is not covered by relevant legislation or the respective Postgraduate Studies Regulations will be addressed through decisions of the Assembly of the Department, following recommendations by the Program Director and the Program's Coordinating Committee and the University Senate, by amending the Regulations and publishing them in the Government Gazette.

Regular revisions of these Internal Postgraduate Studies Regulations may take place every two years.