

MSc IN ECONOMICS
PROGRAM'S REGULATION

LENGTH OF STUDY

The official length of the program is three (3) or four (4) academic semesters (depending on whether students choose to undertake a dissertation or take extra courses).

A student can ask for a temporary suspension of studies, which cannot be longer than two (2) consecutive academic semesters. The student in his/her request for suspension must explain the reasons why he/she asks for the suspension. His/her request is examined by the Coordinating Committee and approved by the Special Interdepartmental Committee of the Program. Suspension means that the student's period of study is paused whilst he/she is suspended and recommences on his/her return to study. On student's return, his/her study takes place under the conditions currently in force. The suspension period does not count towards the maximum period of study allowed.

The maximum period of study allowed is seven (7) academic semesters (dissertation included). This applies for cases of late dissertation submission or the possibility to repeat a course due to failure in its resit exam, upon a decision by the Special Interdepartmental Committee of the Program.

TEACHING/LECTURES

Teaching and exams of the first (fall) semester take place from September until February and teaching and exams of the second (spring) semester take place from March until July. The schedule of lectures and exams is announced at least 10 days prior to the beginning of the semester.

In case an instructor cannot give the lecture on its scheduled day and time due to unforeseen reasons, a make-up lecture is scheduled and the students are informed accordingly.

Attendance of lectures is mandatory. Absence in more than 30% of lectures for each course means that the student fails the course and must repeat it next year.

A percentage of 35% of teaching is possible to take place remotely according to the paragraph 3, article 30 of the Greek Law 4485/2017.

EXAMINATION AND ASSESSMENT

The final assessment for each course is consisted of written exams. Written exams can be partially substituted by assignments, upon the Program Committee's approval.

The formulation of the final grade in a course is determined by the course's instructor. Individual and team assignments can be part of the formulation. Participation in the exams is mandatory.

Grades can either be round numbers or decimals to a half, from zero (0) to ten (10). The passing grades are the ones greater than or equal to 5.

If a student skips an exam, he/she fails the exam.

Failure in more than two (2) courses overall (of the total of all semester courses) means failure to complete the Program and results in the end of studies.

Failure in up to two courses in an exam period allows the student to continue to the next semester, but he/she must resit the exam(s) of the course(s).

In order for the MSc in Economics degree to be awarded, the student must succeed in all master courses (dissertation included, if chosen). If this is not accomplished within the deadlines allowed, he/she can only get a plain certificate about successful completion of the courses he/she has succeeded in, and his/her studies are ended.

The Program's Committee can decide the dismissal of students if: (a) they fail in more than 2 courses per semester or in 3 in total (b) fail in the resit exams (c) do not submit the dissertation within the allowed timeframe (d) don't pay in full the tuition fees of the program.

DISSERTATION

For students who choose to undertake a dissertation, the following apply:

The Program's Committee approves a three-member examining committee for each student's

dissertation based on the student's declaration form of the suggested topic and suggested supervisor. The supervisor must be a faculty member of the Department of Economics or the Department of International & European Economic Studies or he/she must teach in the Program.

The dissertation is graded by the three-member Examining Committee (consisting of the Supervisor and two Examiners) before whom the student must defend the dissertation.

The dissertation must meet accepted postgraduate standards in terms of length and quality. This means that, through the dissertation, the student is expected to demonstrate thorough knowledge and competence in the relevant scientific field.

If the dissertation does not receive a passing grade, the student can be re-examined one additional time, which must be neither earlier than three (3) months nor later than six (6) months after the original examination. If the dissertation does not receive a passing grade in the second examination, the student leaves the program following a decision by the Special Interdepartmental Committee.

Guidelines for writing the dissertation (such as submission deadlines, length, font, structure of the dissertation, bibliographic references presentation etc) are included in the Dissertation Guide.

If the student fails to complete the dissertation within the allowed timeframe, he/she is entitled to an extension of at most two years, upon the prior agreement of the supervisor and the approval of the Special Interdepartmental Committee.

The evaluation of the dissertation is based on strict scientific criteria regarding its originality, its analytical depth, its synthesis, and its quality. Following the defense, an evaluation report is prepared which is signed by the examining committee. In order for the dissertation to be formally graded, the evaluation report is submitted by the Supervisor to the Secretariat of the Master's and Doctoral Studies of the School of Economic Sciences.

The dissertation, after its approval by the examining committee, is submitted electronically to the Secretariat of the Master's and Doctoral Studies of the School of Economic Sciences and to AUEB's library in order to be deposited in repositories.

AWARD OF THE DEGREE AND DEGREE GRADE

Students complete their studies and are awarded the MSc degree when they fulfill all program's prerequisites, which are the successful completion of all courses, the successful completion of the dissertation (if chosen) and the payment of the tuition fees.

The final grade of the MSc degree is the sum of: the courses' grades plus twice the dissertation's grade, divided by: the number of courses plus two (the dissertation is considered equivalent to two courses).

The classifications "Excellent", "Very Good" or "Good" are written on the MSc degree, based on the final grade achieved, and they correspond to:

Excellent: 8,51 – 10

Very Good: 6,51 - 8,5

Good: 5 - 6,5

The MSc degree is awarded on a special public ceremony.

From graduation until the award ceremony, a certificate of completion of studies is awarded to the student by the Secretariat of the MSc Program.

In addition to the MSc degree, a Diploma Supplement is awarded, which contains information about the nature, level, context, content and status of the studies completed by the individual named on the MSc degree to which this supplement is appended.

EVALUATION OF COURSES AND INSTRUCTORS

At the end of each teaching semester students evaluate courses and instructors of that semester by filling the electronic questionnaire of the Quality Assurance Unit (MODIP) of AUEB.

BENEFITS AND OBLIGATIONS

Master students have all the student benefits of the undergraduate students (they can use the library, the restaurant and all the academic facilities in general, take part in the athletic and cultural activities, etc) with the exemption of getting books for free; they have to buy them instead.

The student's proper overall presence and behaviour during his/her studies is a prerequisite for continuing his/her studies. Misconducts such as cheating in the exams, inappropriate behavior etc lead to the end of studies, according to law and AUEB's examination guide regulation.

Students must avoid plagiarism. Plagiarism is the use of other people's ideas, methods, and results without mentioning that they are theirs. Plagiarism is a serious academic offense and, if made, the Special Interdepartmental Committee of the Program can ask for the student's dismissal.

TUITION FEES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The tuition fees are 2500€ and they are payable in 3 installments. An amount of 500 Euros which is part of the first installment shall be paid to guarantee the offered position.

The Program can grant scholarships or excellence awards to students based on their academic merit and achievements, upon decision by the Special Interdepartmental Committee.