



HELLENIC REPUBLIC  
**National and Kapodistrian  
University of Athens**  
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**SCHOOL OF SCIENCES  
DEPARTMENT 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):**

1.2 **Given name(s):**

1.3 **Date of birth (day/month/year):**

**Place – Country of Birth:**

1.4 **Student identification code or number:**

**2. INFORMATION IDENTIFYING THE QUALIFICATION**

2.1 **Name of qualification and (if applicable) title conferred (in original language):**

POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA SPECIALIZATION "ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION OF BIODIVERSITY"

2.2 **Main field(s) of study for the qualification:**

ECOLOGY

2.3 **Name and status of awarding institution (in original language):**

NATIONAL AND KAPODISTRIAN UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS PUBLIC UNIVERSITY – (ETHNIKON KAI KAPODISTRIAKON PANEPISTIMION ATHINON)

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:**

POSTGRADUATE STUDIES (SECOND CYCLE STUDIES)

3.2 **Official length of programme:**

2 YEARS PROGRAMME (24 months)

3.3 **Access requirements:**

BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN BIOLOGY, FORESTRY, ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, GEOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, PHARMACY, VETERINARY MEDECINE AND AGRICULTURE, either of national institutions, or international ones.

#### 4 INFORMATION ON THE CONTENTS AND RESULTS GAINED

4.1 Mode of study:

Full Time (4 semesters). Part Time (8 semesters at maximum)

4.2 Programme requirements:

Attendance for 4 semesters and the successful examination in 10 obligatory/mandatory courses, the diploma dissertation and the necessary number of optional courses (out of 8), in order to complete the minimum total of 120 ECTS.

4.3 Programme details (e.g. modules or units studied), and the individual grades/marks/credits obtained:

Course Code	COURSE TITLE	Semester	Teaching Units	Course type	ECTS credits	Grade	Academic Year
1028	Ecology	1st	3	C	6	10	February of the 1 <sup>st</sup> year
1029	Patterns of Biodiversity	1st	3	C	6	10	February of the 1 <sup>st</sup> year
1030	Conservation Biology	1st	3	C	6	10	February of the 1 <sup>st</sup> year
1031	Molecular and Evolutionary Ecology	1st	3	O	6	10	February of the 1 <sup>st</sup> year
1032	Introduction to R and Python	1st	3	O	5	10	February of the 1 <sup>st</sup> year
1033	Physical Geography and Climatology	1st	2	O	4	10	February of the 1 <sup>st</sup> year
1034	Spatial analysis with Geographic-Information systems- Remote sensing techniques	1st	3	O	6	10	February of the 1 <sup>st</sup> year
1035	Biodiversity of Greece	2nd	4	C	8	10	June of the 1 <sup>st</sup> year
1036	Statistics and Ecological modeling	2nd	3	C	6	10	June of the 1 <sup>st</sup> year
1037	Ecosystems of inland waters	2nd	3	C	6	10	June of the 1 <sup>st</sup> year
1038	Environmental legislation - Environment and governance	2nd	2	C	4	10	June of the 1 <sup>st</sup> year
1039	Plant and Animal Adaptation Mechanisms	2nd	2	O	3	10	June of the 1 <sup>st</sup> year
1040	Environmental communication (environmental education and citizenship)	2nd	2	O	3	10	June of the 1 <sup>st</sup> year
1041	Analysis of genetic and genomic data	2nd	2	O	4	10	June of the 1 <sup>st</sup> year
1042	Environmental biotechnology	2nd	2	O	4	10	June of the 1 <sup>st</sup> year
1043	Conservation and Management of Biodiversity of Greece	3rd	3	C	6	10	February of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> year
1044	Advanced Exercise of Research Methodology	3rd	7	C	14	10	February of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> year
1027	Commencement of Diploma thesis	3rd		C	10	10	February of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> year
1027	Completion of Diploma thesis	4th		C	30	10	June of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> year

C: Compulsory course, E: Optional course

Students have the option of attending courses in order to accumulate a minimum of 30 ECTS per semester. To obtain the Diploma, a total of one hundred and twenty (120) credits (ECTS) are required: a. sixty (60) ECTS from the attendance and successful examination of the compulsory courses and the optional courses of the first two semesters (30 ECTS at least per semester), b. thirty (30) ECTS in the third semester of studies (which includes the Advanced Exercise in "Research Methodology" with fourteen (14) ECTS) and c. forty (40) ECTS in total for the Diploma dissertation. For graduation, the minimum requirement for a graduate is to obtain 120 ECTS credits.

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE GREEK GRADING SYSTEM:

The grading scale ranges from 1 to 10, passing grades from 5 to 10 as follows:

6.00- 6.49: GOOD

6.50 - 8.49: VERY GOOD

8.50 - 10.00: EXCELLENT

4.5 Overall classification of the qualification (in original language):

6.00 - 6.49: "KALOS" (GOOD)

6.50 - 8.49: "LIAN KALOS" (VERY GOOD)

8.50 - 10.00: "ARISTA" (EXCELLENT)

## 5. INFORMATION ON THE FUNCTION OF THE QUALIFICATION

5.1 Access to further study:

Access to further study: ACCESS TO DOCTORAL STUDIES (THIRD CYCLE STUDIES).

5.2 Professional status (if applicable):

## 6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

6.1 Additional Information:

Practical Training (institution/duration/semester):

Erasmus+ Studies or Erasmus+ traineeships (work placements and internships) (institution/duration/semester/course equivalent):

Other:

6.2 Further information sources:

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA), [www.uoa.gr](http://www.uoa.gr)

Department of Biology, <http://en.biol.uoa.gr/departments.html>

Ministry of Education <http://www.minedu.gov.gr>

NKUA 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 (day/month/year):**

7.2 **Signature: NAME PROVIDED BESIDES SIGNATURE**

7.3 **Capacity: BY THE ORDER OF THE RECTOR, THE GENERAL DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH**

7.4 **Official stamp or seal:**

## 8. INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

Tertiary Education in Greece comprises two parallel sectors: a) the University sector, which includes the Universities, the Technical Universities and the School of Fine Arts and b) the Technological sector, which includes the Higher Technological Education institutions and the School of Pedagogical and Technological Education (ASPETE). In Greece there are twenty-two (22) Universities and fourteen (14) Technological Education Institutions. According to article 16 of the Greek Constitution, higher education is public and exclusively provided by Higher Education Institutions, which are Legal Entities under Public Law, enjoying full self-administration and academic freedom, while they are subject to state supervision and financed by the government. State supervision is carried out by the Ministry of Education, Research 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 Departments.

The academic year begins on 1st September each year and ends on 31st August of the following year. Each academic year is divided into two semesters. Each semester includes at least thirteen (13) weeks of teaching 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 - at least 240 ECTS credits). There are certain first cycle programmes offered by Universities whose duration exceeds the 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 or 4 semesters, 60/90 or 120 ECTS credits) and lead to MA or MSc degrees.

Each semester course carries a number of credits, as set by each department. The study programme of every University Department contains also 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 Departments of applied sciences (Agronomy, Forestry, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy) and at certain Art Departments (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 leading to the second cycle degree -METAPTYCHIAKO DIPLOMA EIDIKEFSIS, equivalent to the Masters degree- and the third cycle leading to the doctorate degree -DIDAKTORIKO DIPLOMA.

Source: EURYDICE NETWORK: [https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fpfis/mwikis/eurydice/index.php/Greece:Higher\\_Education](https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fpfis/mwikis/eurydice/index.php/Greece:Higher_Education)

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