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CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR APPLICATIONS TO THE ENGLISH-TAUGHT INTER-INSTITUTIONAL – INTER-DEPARTMENTAL POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM OF STUDIES (M.Sc.) «HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY: THEORY AND PRAXIS» (MaHep) OFFERED JOINTLY BY: THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL SCIENCE AND SOCIAL WORK, UNIVERSITY OF PATRAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF THE AEGEAN, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND EDUCATION POLICY, UNIVERSITY OF THE PELOPONNESE FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2026–2027

The Inter-institutional – Inter-departmental Postgraduate Program of Studies (I.I.P.P.S.) of the Department of Educational Science and Social Work of the University of Patras, the Department of Primary Education of the University of the Aegean, and the Department of Social and Education Policy of the University of the Peloponnese, awards a Master of Science (M.Sc.) degree entitled "Higher Education Policy: Theory and Praxis (MaHep)" (Government Gazette Issue 1343/B/26-02-2024). The duration of study is two (2) academic semesters, including the preparation of a Master's thesis. Attendance is mandatory. Courses take place on Mondays and Wednesdays (3 hours each day) and on Saturdays (6 hours), delivered via distance learning in accordance with the applicable legislation. All examination procedures and the colloquium take place at the end of each semester through online written or oral examinations or via continuous coursework throughout the semester. The conduct of all examination procedures (written or oral remote exams, coursework presentations), the colloquium, as well as the interviews, will be carried out via Zoom. The program will commence in February 2027. The administrative headquarters and location of educational activities is Patras.

Awarded Degree / Specialization

Inter-institutional Master's Degree in Higher Education Policy: Theory and Praxis (MaHep).
Specialization: 1. Strategic Planning and Quality Assurance.

Number of Admitted Students

The number of admitted students to the Program for obtaining the Master's degree (European Qualifications Framework - EQF Level 7) is set at up to one hundred (100) for the academic year 2026–2027.

Prerequisites for Participation in the Selection Process

Mandatory prerequisites for prospective postgraduate students participating in the selection process are as follows:

(a) Eligible Applicants: Candidates must be graduates of higher education institutions abroad. Applications may also be submitted by graduating seniors of foreign institutions that have not yet been listed on DOATAP's National Registry of Recognized Foreign Higher Education Institutions.

(b) Language Proficiency: Candidates must hold a recognized certificate of English language proficiency of at least C1 level, or an equivalent higher education degree from an English-taught program.

Candidate Selection Process

The selection process of postgraduate students is conducted via an objective scoring system based on their qualifications. The detailed scoring rubric is described in the Appendix below and on the official website of the Program (https://mahep-upatras.gr).

Submission of Application Dossier & Deadlines

Candidates for the Postgraduate Studies Program must submit the application form in pdf format via the platform: https://register.universis.upatras.gr from **November 16, 2026 until January 15, 2027.** Selected applicants must register by **February 1, 2027.**

The required supporting documents to be uploaded electronically in PDF format via the platform are:

- Application form (submitted electronically and/or in printed format).
- Copy of higher education degree from an accredited higher education institution.
- Official academic transcript of records.
- Detailed Curriculum Vitae (comprehensive details on academic studies, teaching/professional experience, and scientific activity).
- Proof of research or professional activity (if applicable).
- Copy of second-cycle / postgraduate degree (if applicable).
- Scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals and peer-reviewed conference proceedings (if applicable).
- Internship / practical training certificates (if applicable).
- Two-sided copy of national police identity card or passport.
- For students who do not hold an undergraduate degree from an English-speaking program,

English proficiency (C1 level minimum) is certified by: First Certificate in English, TOEFL certificate (score ≥ 50), IELTS certificate (score ≥ 7.0), or Greek State Certificate of Language Proficiency (KPG - C1 level).

- Upon selection, obligation to submit a solemn declaration stating: «I have read and accept the study regulations of this postgraduate program».
- In case of a tuition waiver/scholarship application, submission of the documents specified in the relevant decisions of the Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports. Knowledge of a second foreign language will be positively evaluated.

Requirements for Foreign University Degrees (Greek Law 4957/2022)

Applications and documentation are evaluated based on Greek Higher Education Institutions (H.E.I.) and public research centers supervised by the General Secretariat for Research and Innovation, which are bound by the Registries of Article 304 of Law 4957/2022, as in force, to determine whether a foreign institution or degree type is recognized for postgraduate admission. If the qualification is included in the list of Article 307, the competent body, in addition to other documentation, must request a "Certificate of Place of Study", issued and sent by the awarding institution or research entity. If Greek Territory is certified as the place of study (or part thereof), the qualification is not recognized, unless the part completed within Greek territory took place at a public Greek University.

Tuition Fee Waiver

1) Enrolled students in the Program may be exempted from tuition fees if they meet the socioeconomic criteria of Article 86 of Law 4957/2022.
2) The submission of applications for tuition fee exemption takes place after completion of registration and payment of the first tuition installment, within deadlines announced by the Program.
3) The tuition exemption provision does NOT apply to citizens of third countries (non-EU/EEA).

At the end of each semester, student evaluation of each course and instructor takes place.

Supplementary Supporting Documents

- Additional foreign language certificates (if available).
- Copy of valid passport.
- Certificates of internship / practical training focused on Higher Education (if available).
- Certificates of professional experience in positions related to Higher Education or the European Union and in areas relevant to the subject of the Program (if available).

Scoring is conducted based on the attached Appendix. To be admitted to the Program, a candidate must obtain at least thirty (30) points according to the scoring table of Article 5 of the Program Regulations.

Tuition Fees

Tuition fees are set at €4,000 (Euros) payable in two installments. The first installment (€2,000) is paid within ten (10) calendar days following student registration, and the second installment (€2,000) is paid

at the start of the 2nd academic semester. Payment is made to the Special Account for Research Funds (ELKE) of the University of Patras, which is responsible for financial management. The viability of the Program is ensured with the enrollment of at least 10 students.

Contact and Information

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- Program Website: https://mahep.upatras.gr
- Facebook Page:

https://www.facebook.com/HigherEducationPolicyMaster/?notif_t=page_user_activity

APPENDIX – EVALUATION AND SCORING RUBRIC

(In accordance with Article 5 of the Program Regulations)

Criterion / Qualification	Scoring / Points
1. Foreign Higher Education Degree	Yes / No (Mandatory eligibility prerequisite)
2. English Language Certificate (C1 level) or Higher Education Degree from an Englishtaught program	Mandatory prerequisite
3. Bachelor's Degree Grade (Adjusted to the Greek 10-point scale)	• 5.00 – 6.00: 2 points • 6.00 – 6.49: 3 points • 6.50 – 7.00: 4 points • 7.00 – 7.49: 5 points • 7.50 – 7.99: 6 points • 8.00 – 8.49: 8 points • 8.50 – 10.00: 12 points
4. Grades in undergraduate courses related to Education Policy, European Policy, Higher Education, or Sociology of Education	2 points per course, up to 10 points maximum
5. Undergraduate Diploma / Bachelor's Thesis	• 5 points • If directly related to Education Policy, European Policy, Higher Education, or Sociology of Education: 10 points
6. Master's Thesis from another Postgraduate Program	• 5 points • If directly related to Education Policy, European Policy, Higher Education, or Sociology of Education: 10 points
7. Certified Research Experience	• 5 points • If directly related to Education Policy, European Policy, or Higher Education: 10 points
8. Publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals or peer-reviewed conference proceedings	2 points per publication, up to 8 points maximum

9. Professional work experience in Higher Education institutions, organizations related to Higher Education, or the	3 points for each semester of employment, up to 30 points maximum
European Union	
10. Internship / Practical training in positions concerning Higher Education or the European Union	2 points for each 3-month period of internship, up to 10 points maximum
11. Foreign Language proficiency beyond C1 level	• English C2: 5 points • Additional Foreign Language (B2): 3 points • Additional Foreign Language (C1 or C2): 5 points
12. Academic Interview	Up to 20 points

The Director of the Program

Georgios Stamelos
Professor