

Quality Policy

Joint English-taught Undergraduate Programme of Studies “Sport and Exercise Sciences for Health and Performance”

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The Quality Assurance Policy of the School of Physical Education and Sport Science (Thessaloniki) for its English-taught programmes of study is fully aligned with the Quality Policy of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, as approved by the Senate of the Institution, and reflects its fundamental values.

The School of Physical Education and Sport Science (Thessaloniki) is committed to safeguarding and enhancing the quality of its teaching, research and administrative work, through the continuous improvement of all its functions and with the participation and contribution of all members of its academic community. In addition, it ensures the inclusion and support of a multicultural student body, offering equal opportunities for access and academic success to students from diverse cultural and educational backgrounds. Policies are implemented that strengthen the integration of international students into the academic and social environment of the University.

The School organises and delivers a Joint English-taught Undergraduate Programme of Studies of high academic standards, oriented towards contemporary scientific, social and professional requirements, thereby reinforcing its international academic profile. At the same time, the School is committed to creating a creative, outward-looking and multicultural learning and research environment for its students, as well as a supportive and innovative working environment for its teaching, research and administrative staff.

The teaching staff are sufficiently proficient in English as the language of instruction and possess experience in international academic settings, in order to support education in a multicultural classroom. Teaching follows contemporary pedagogical practices that strengthen students’ understanding and learning, while the needs of international students are taken into account.

Quality is recognised as a fundamental element for the realisation of the vision and mission of the School and of the Joint English-taught Undergraduate Programme. For this reason, the cultivation and consolidation of a culture of quality at all levels of their operation is considered particularly important.

Implementation of the Quality Policy — Quality Assurance

The School of Physical Education and Sport Science (Thessaloniki) and the Joint English-taught Undergraduate Programme “Sport and Exercise Sciences for Health and Performance” are committed to the implementation of a Quality Policy that:

- strengthens the academic profile and international orientation of the Programme of Studies;
- promotes the purpose, subject and strategic objectives of the Programme;
- defines the means, actions and methods for achieving them;
- ensures the participation of all interested parties (students, teaching staff, graduates, and social and professional bodies);
- promotes mobility and cooperation with organisations abroad, reinforcing its international dimension;
- applies the appropriate internal and external quality-assurance procedures with a view to continuous improvement.

Furthermore, the School is committed to cultivating a climate of communication, cooperation and transparency among all members of the academic community.

The School of Physical Education and Sport Science (Thessaloniki) and the Joint English-taught Undergraduate Programme “Sport and Exercise Sciences for Health and Performance” apply the institutionally established quality-assurance procedures of the Quality Manual of the Internal Quality Assurance System (IQAS) of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, in cooperation with the Institution’s Quality Assurance Unit (MODIP).

These procedures constitute a fundamental tool for the organisation, implementation, monitoring and continuous upgrading of the educational work of the English-taught Undergraduate Programme of Studies.

Quality Assurance Procedures

For the implementation of the Quality Policy, the School and the Joint English-taught Undergraduate Programme of Studies are committed to applying procedures that document:

- the appropriateness of the structure, organisation and content of the Programme of Studies;
- the clear formulation and achievement of learning outcomes, in accordance with the European and the National Qualifications Framework for Higher Education;
- the quality and effectiveness of the teaching work;
- the adequacy and suitability of the qualifications of the teaching staff;
- the drafting, implementation and review of annual quality objectives;
- the relevance of the knowledge and skills acquired to the labour market and to the international academic reality;
- the quality of the support services provided to students;
- the rational and efficient use of the available resources;
- the conduct of an annual internal evaluation and review of the Programme, in cooperation with the Internal Evaluation Group (OMEA) and MODIP.

The procedures for monitoring and continuous improvement include, indicatively:

- periodic review and revision of the Quality Policy;
- design and updating of the Programme of Studies in accordance with the applicable legislation and the regulations of AUTH;
- application of the Study Regulations and the relevant regulatory decisions;
- evaluation of courses and teaching staff by students;
- varied and reliable methods of student assessment;
- monitoring of the progress and professional placement of graduates;
- collection, analysis and use of quantitative and qualitative quality data;
- comparison with national and international indicators;
- transparency and publication of information about the Programme;
- regular and high-quality updating of the Programme's website (in English and, where required, in other languages);
- support for external evaluation and accreditation procedures.

Quality Objectives

The principal quality objectives of the School of Physical Education and Sport Science (Thessaloniki) for the Joint English-taught Undergraduate Programme "Sport and Exercise Sciences for Health and Performance" include:

- 1 the continuous upgrading of the quality of teaching and of the learning experience;
- 2 the continuous improvement of support services and infrastructure;
- 3 the enhancement and recognition of the research work of the teaching and research staff of the School;
- 4 the promotion of the Programme in society in order to increase its attractiveness;
- 5 the strengthening of the School's image in society;
- 6 the connection of studies with the labour market and with international developments;
- 7 the strengthening of the internationalisation and outward orientation of the Programme.

Publication

The Quality Policy is communicated and disseminated to the academic and administrative staff, to the students, and to other parties involved. The Quality Policy is available in both Greek and English and is posted on the School's website. The Joint English-taught Undergraduate Programme applies best practices of transparency, by publishing full information about the Programme to an international audience through the Programme's website.