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# Enhancing Collaboration between U.S. and Greek Universities

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# Greek Universities Snapshot



Library at the University of Ioannina



Auditorium at the University of West Attica



Department of Forestry, Wood Science & Design at the University of Thessaly



# Greek Universities Snapshot



Athens University of  
Economics and  
Business



Technical University of Crete



Aristotle University of  
Thessaloniki





# Greek Universities Snapshot



Classroom at the University of  
Peloponnese



The Grand Hall at the National and  
Kapodistrian University of Athens



# Greek Universities Snapshot



Auditorium at the University of Western Macedonia



Facilities at the Demokritus University of Thrace



Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport at the Aegean University





# Greek Higher Education Landscape

**24** public Universities / Higher Education Institutions

Located in **all regions** of Greece

- Autonomous, self-administered institutions
- Undergraduate degrees of 4-5 years
- Postgraduate degrees of 2-5 semesters
- Academic staff of high qualifications, appointed after a strict procedure determined by law
- New Independent Body, in 2020, for quality assurance and accreditation of higher education in Greece



**University of Patras**  
Auditorium  
Patras, Achaia



# Greek Higher Education Landscape

## Student body

- **880.000** students in total (undergraduate, graduate and PhD candidates)
- Approximately **80.000** new undergraduate students every year

Universities  
accredited

by the European  
Union

and participating in  
international  
rankings.



# Exponential Boom in the Numbers of US – Greek exchanges

Over **5,000** US students chose Greece as their study abroad destination for 2017-2018

— **20% increase** compared to 2016-2017!

Over **2,500** Greek students chose the US as their study abroad destination for 2017-2018

— **5% increase** compared to 2016-2017!

These trends indicate that there is **fertile ground for enhancing existing collaborations and creating new ones.**





# Greek Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs – Institute for International Education Partnership

December 2019 – June 2020

- A partnership established by an MoU aiming at fostering collaboration between Greek and US universities
- An Advisory Council serving as a guiding entity for participating institutions
- An informational webinar held on the 17th of December 2019 with more than 120 participants
- A delegation of senior leaders and administrators from the participating U.S. universities to Greece on a study tour of the Greek higher education system scheduled for March 28 – April 3, 2020
- A call for applications issued by the IIE. All interested institutions will be able to submit an application to join the delegation to Greece

Apply here:

<https://www.iie.org/Programs/International-Academic-Partnership-Program>



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University of Athens**  
Lab  
Athens



# Why Greek Universities?

# Extensive Experience in International Collaborations

## Decades of experience with international collaborations

- Active participation in Erasmus programs
- Mobility agreements with universities across the world
- Courses provided in English for visiting students
- EU funded university collaborations at the EU level / European Universities Initiative participation
- E-learning facilities for most courses taught in English





# Strong Ties to the US

## Existing collaboration networks with US institutions

- Over 50 existing MoUs with US universities and colleges
- Numerous successful summer programs run by American institutions and academics
- Supported scholarship programs
  - E.g. Fulbright, Niarchos Foundation Academic Excellence Scholarships, State Funding etc.



# Language is not a problem!

English Language Programs at both the undergraduate and post-graduate level, as well as courses in Greek

- Chance to engage in depth in a particular area of study, without a language barrier

BUT ALSO

- Opportunities to advance Greek language skills through accredited, university level courses.



# Hospitable and Affordable

## Low tuition costs

- For English language programs aimed at non-EU students, universities usually charge a tuition fee, but one that is extremely low compared to US equivalents

— E.g. a new undergraduate program on Archaeology, History and Literature of Ancient Greece taught in the English language at the University of Athens starting in October 2020 has tuition fees of EUR 6,000/year.

Beautiful climate,  
Mediterranean culture and  
friendly people!





# Wide Range of Possible Collaborations

Joint  
degrees

Double Exchanges  
degrees of faculty/  
students/  
researcher  
s

English  
language  
undergraduat  
e or  
postgraduate  
programs

English  
language  
summer  
programs  
(4-6  
weeks)

And more!



# Apply to join the IAPP Greece

We look forward to receiving your applications for what is certain to be a mutually beneficial partnership for both US and Greek institutions.

Please find the application to the program at the following link:

<https://www.iie.org/en/Programs/International-Academic-Partnership-Program/IAPP-Greece>



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# Thank you!

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