The Athens MA in Ancient Philosophy

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**Description**

The Program promotes the study of Ancient Greek Philosophy in its entire historical and thematic range, from the Pre-Socratics to the philosophers of Late Antiquity, covering topics in metaphysics, ethics, epistemology, etc. It is the only program in Greece (and among a few worldwide) that focuses solely on Ancient Philosophy as a subject of systematic study and research, laying also special emphasis on the historical background and modern reception of Ancient Philosophy.

*The Athens MA* is the result of a collaboration between four major Greek universities, which have joined forces to create a highly competitive Program, cooperating in teaching and supervision. Courses will be taught in Athens by professors from Greek universities, as well as by visiting scholars from international institutions. Upon completion of the Program, students will be able to conduct both independent and collaborative research and will be well prepared to undertake doctoral studies. The Program admits up to 20 students per academic year.

**The Program’s Structure**

The Program lasts for a full academic year, from October 1 to September 30, and consists of two Semesters and a Summer Term. During each Semester, students are expected to take three courses (30 ECTS), and during the Summer Term they are expected to prepare and submit their MA thesis (15 ECTS).

The Program consists of five compulsory courses and one elective course (10 ECTS each):

- **Compulsory Courses**
  - I. Early Greek Philosophy
  - II. Plato
  - III. Aristotle
  - IV. Hellenistic Philosophy
  - V. Philosophy of Late Antiquity

- **Elective Courses**
  - VI. The Reception of Ancient Philosophy
  - VII. Ancient Science and Philosophy
  - VIII. Historiography of Ancient Philosophy
  - IX. Topics in Ancient Philosophy
  - X. One additional course from categories I-V

Courses are taught in Athens, primarily in person. Each course meets once a week, for a 3-hour session, and for a total of 13 weeks.

**Libraries**

All enrolled students have access to all university libraries, including the Library of the Department of History and Philosophy of Science and the School of Philosophy Library. Access to the Catalogue of all NKUA libraries is available at http://www-en.lib.uoa.gr. Blegen Library in the Center of Athens is another valuable place to study and work.

The fees of the Program amount to 1800 €.

Language of instruction is English. Knowledge of Ancient Greek and Latin is desirable but not required.

**Timeline.** Candidates may submit their applications at any time between February 1 and June 30. The Program starts on October 1, 2023.
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