

Study Regulations
MA in Greek and Chinese Civilizations. A comparative approach

Article 1. Number of Students and Selection of candidates

1. Each year, up to 80 students may attend the program, with a minimum of 10 students per year. The number of students per class, however, is not allowed to exceed 25 students.
2. The minimum and maximum number of students may be modified by joint decision notified in writing by each one of the Parties. Such modification shall be made by way of an addendum to this implementation agreement and signed by the representations of each Party.
3. Access to the Master Degree shall be reserved to students who hold:
 - A diploma conferring Bachelor's Degree in a subject area compatible with that of the present Master's Degree. Such areas are in particular –but not exclusively– the following: philosophy, history, history of science, classical studies, archaeology.
 - The Master Program will have two entries: one may apply either to the University of Patras or to Southwest University. Admission shall in each case be subject to the regulations of Master Studies in Greece and China, respectively.
4. Access to the present Master Degree is reserved to students who have a sufficient command of the English language.
 - For non Chinese students, command of the English language shall be certified by a specific score in one of the international tests of English language proficiency (for instance, TOEFL, IELTS or IBT).
 - For Chinese students, command of the English language shall be certified by either the international English proficiency test, or a joint English Proficiency Interview organized by the Committee.
 - For Chinese students who have succeeded in the National Graduate Entrance Examination, no further certification is required.
 - Southwest University pledges, however, that it will provide advanced English courses for all the students.
5. Candidates are expected to submit their dossier within the time period that will be indicated in the Public Announcement of each year's Master's Program and those who are eligible will be invited to an online interview by the Coordinating Committee.
6. Students shall be selected on the basis of academic criteria by the Coordinating Committee. After their selection, they shall be recommended to the University of Patras and the University of Southwest for the official approval of their admission to the program. Candidates shall be notified of their selection no later than May, 31.

Article 2. Qualification Awarded

Upon successful completion of the program, and fulfilled the relevant requirements (see Article 10):

- Greek and International Students shall be awarded two separate Master Degrees: One from Southwest University signed by its Rector and the other from the University of Patras (on behalf of all Greek parties) signed by its Rector. The degrees will be accompanied by official documents which clearly indicate that they are awarded in the context of the collaboration between all the five parties.
- Chinese Students who enter the Program through the National Graduate Examination shall be awarded two separate Master Degrees: one from Southwest University signed by its Rector and the other from the University of Patras (on behalf of all Greek parties) signed by its Rector.
- Chinese Students who enter the Program without taking National Graduate Examination will be awarded a Master Degree from the University of Patras.

Article 3. Administrative and academic enrolment

1. Administrative and academic enrolment shall be annual.
2. Students shall be enrolled at two Universities: University of Patras and Southwest University.
3. Students shall pay their tuition fees of the 1st Year of Studies to Southwest University and those of the 2nd Year of Studies to the University of Patras. Tuition fees shall be 2.000 euros per year.

Article 4. Courses' language

The language of the courses shall be English. The assessment language shall be English.

Article 5. Award of the Degree

Award of the Degree is subject to students' successful performance in all the courses and in the final dissertation. In case a student fails in one or more courses, there will be a second chance to pass it before the end of the academic year (that is, before the following September). In case the student fails again, they are expected to repeat the course(s) the next academic year; the fees policy regarding these courses will be decided by the University of Patras or Southwest University depending on the year of studies to which the pertinent course(s) belong(s). In order to calculate the overall average, account shall be taken of the ECTS credits attributed to each course.

The Degree provided by Southwest University will not mention any grade. The degree provided by the University of Patras will be based on the following marking system:

- Excellent, when the overall average is equal to or higher than 8.5/10
- Very good, when the overall average is in the range of 7.0/10 to 8.4/10
- Good, when the overall average is in the range of 6.0/10 to 6.9/10

10.4. In case chinese students fail in their 2nd year of studies at Patras, they will be given the opportunity to keep their credits from their 1st year of studies and enroll in a Chinese Master Program at Southwest University.

Article 6. Regulation regarding the Student Complaints and Objections Management Mechanism

In the context of strengthening the student-centered educational process, as well as compliance with the principles of transparency and accountability, the Program establishes a Student Complaints Management Mechanism. The Mechanism is made up of rules that govern the procedure to be applied regarding the submission of complaints by students and the adoption of every appropriate measure to deal with them.

Scope of the Mechanism: The Complaints Management Mechanism established by this Regulation concerns all complaints submitted by students that relate to the quality of the services provided by the Department, both in terms of education and administrative functions.

Submission of complaints and their registration: Every person who has the status of a student has the right to submit complaints to the said Department following the following procedure. The student records his/her complaints and submits it to the Coordination Committee.

Process of handling-addressing the problem: Within 7 days from the transmission of the complaint, the Directors of the Committee examines the problem and takes the appropriate actions, informing, as the case may be, the competent body. In case it is deemed necessary, an extraordinary Assembly is convened for the discussion and decision-making. Within a reasonable time under the circumstances, the student is duly informed about the actions that have been taken and the handling in general, as well as about any relevant decisions.

Possibility of revision in a lesson: The students have the possibility to request a review to improve their score. If the student fails more than three times in a course, in accordance with the current legislation, they can, upon his application, be examined in this course by a three-member committee of Professors of the School, who have the same or a related subject and are appointed by the Dean. The person in charge of the teacher examination is excluded from the committee. The application for examination by a committee is submitted by the student at least one month before the beginning of the examination period. In case of failure in the specific examination as well, the student is referred back to the original examination method.

Activation of the Student Advocate: In the context of dealing with student complaints, it is possible to activate the Student Advocate where students can turn to settle issues with fellow students, teachers, administration: <https://synigorosfoititi.upatras.gr/>