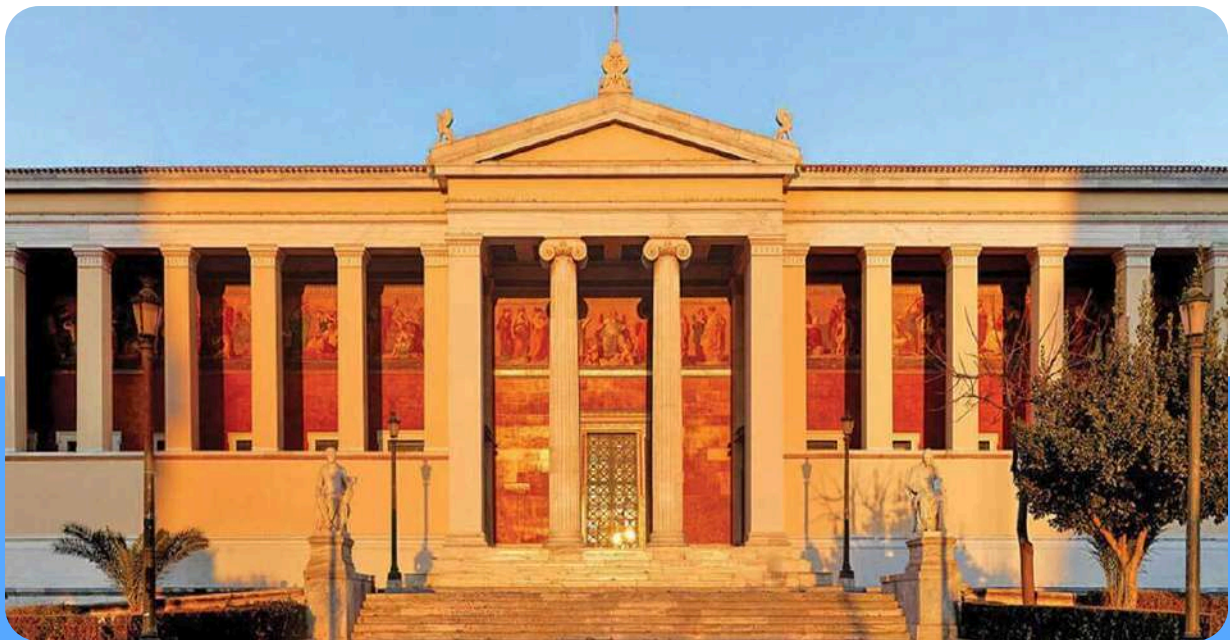


## JOINT MASTER PROGRAM

# IDENTITY, EDUCATION AND COMPETENCES FOR DEMOCRATIC CULTURE

2024-2025



## TOP COLLABORATION

### **National and Kapodistrian University of Athens**

Department of Theology (expedient)  
Faculty of Philology &  
Department of Educational Studies

with

### **The European Wergeland Centre**

(Council of Europe and the Norwegian Government)



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# ABOUT US

Joint MA Program:  
Identity, Education and Competences for Democratic Culture

**National and Kapodistrian University of Athens &  
The European Wergeland Centre**

The Joint MA Program: Identity, Education and Competences for Democratic Culture is the new international, fully online Master Program by three Departments of the **National and Kapodistrian University of Athens**,

- **Theology** (expedient),
- **Educational Studies &**
- **Philology**

in collaboration with the o **European Wergeland Centre** (EWC) of the Council of Europe and the Norwegian Government.

**An innovation in the field of Education both in Greece and abroad!**





# ABOUT US

## The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens:

- The longest standing University in Greece (est. 1837)
- Top Greek University according to international Rankings
- High quality Graduate, Undergraduate and Doctoral Studies
- Commitment to uphold international quality standards in all offered Curricula
- Distinctions of the cooperating Departments in external and internal evaluation processes
- High ranking positions in both global and European rankings.

## Distinction of NKUA in 2024\*:

- number 1 Higher Education Institute in Greece
- 16th place among European Universities
- 89th place globally

\*ανάμεσα σε 5600 Ιδρύματα σύμφωνα με το «Top Universities by Top Google Scholar Citations» της Webometrics.



In addition to the University's overall presence in the global rankings, the Collaborating Departments organizing the MA Program have also received individual especial **distinctions**. All provide certified, high-quality Undergraduate and Master Programs. More specifically, the **Department of Theology** of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, which has undertaken the administrative support of the New Master's Program has reached **the top 140 Departments** in the field of Theology and Religious Studies ( Theology, Divinity, Religious Studies) for two consecutive years, in 2023 & 2024 according to the very important **ranking by subject of the QS Ranking**.

## The European Wergeland Centre:

- is a research center founded by the Council of Europe and the Norwegian Government
- aims at education for intercultural understanding, human rights and democratic citizenship education.
- has played an important role in organizing initiatives and actions in these directions
- participates in and organizes itself research projects that promote Human Rights Education (HRE) and Education for Democratic Citizenship (EDC).

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## AT A GLANCE

The new innovative Master Program "Identity, Education and Competences for Democratic Culture" aims at consolidating Democracy through the training of teachers and trainers of all specialties, formal, informal and non-formal education in the Competences for Democratic Culture. The focus of the educational process is human rights and the processes of identity formation. Pillars of the CPMS are the Reference Framework for Competencies for a Democratic Civilization (RFCDC) (Council of Europe, 2018) and the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals 2030 Agenda. It is a highly innovative program as there is nothing like it at postgraduate level, neither in Greece nor abroad.

### Why this particular MA Program;

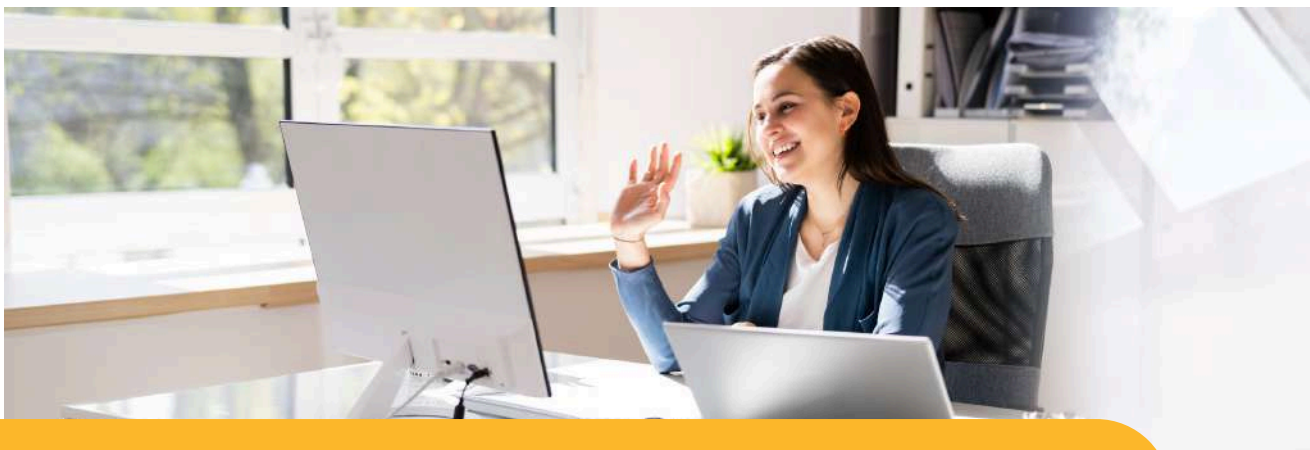
- **One-year** studies in the field of Education (2 semesters with courses + the summer for the master thesis)
- **Fully online/distance learning methods**
- **Modern experiential, interactive, student-centered teaching methods**
- **75 ECTS**
- Distinct **greek & english** Curricula
- Three Specializations:
  - **Religion, Education and Competences for Democratic Culture**
  - **Language, History, and Literature in Education and Competences for Democratic Culture**
  - **Education for Democratic Citizenship (EDC) and Human Rights Education (HRE) and Competences for Democratic Culture**

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## AT A GLANCE

- **Tuition fees:** 3.400 euros (EU students and Council of Europe students), 5.600 euros (International students)
- **Scholarships:** full or partial exemption from tuition fees/ socioeconomic and academic criteria
- **1 Scholarship by the EWC:** full exemption from tuition fees (1 per year)
- **Excellence Awards**
- **Optional Internship** and **summer school**
- **Specialized professors/instructors** from NKUA, domestic and foreign Universities.
- Expertize in modern teaching theories



The english MA Program will welcome its first students in the academic year 2025-26. The courses will be taught by distinguished instructors and researchers from various Departments of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Law Department, Preschool Education, Philology, Theology, Educational Studies), other Greek Universities (Aristotle University, Crete), and experts from foreign Institutes (U.S., Scotland, Netherlands, Norway, Ukraine).

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# INTERNSHIP SUMMER SCHOOL

The MA Program includes an optional internship, that can be formulated as the four-week international summer school, which will be implemented in collaboration with distinguished public and private entities, relevant to Master's subject-matter, i.e. Education, Human Rights and Democratic Citizenship. Designated internship programs will be offered each year with the approval of the University and the Master's Curriculum Committee.

The educational programs are addressed to all age groups and educational levels, they will be experiential and they will approach issues such as democracy, soft skills development, human rights, interculturalism, democratic citizenship, etc.\*

\*(There is no provision for recompensation for students carrying out an unpaid internship, neither from the University nor the MA Program or the collaborating entities).



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# INTERNSHIP SUMMER SCHOOL

- **Time:** Every July
- **Type:** **Optional** internship/summer school
- **Mode:** On site
- **Duration of internship:** 4 weeks
- **Entities:** NPOs, municipalities, schools, spaces relevant to Educational and social intervention. Indicative list of entities:
  - Unicef Greece
  - Initiative for the prevention of domestic violence
  - 'I Maragkopoulos Foundation for Human Rights
  - Network for Children's Rights
  - Leonteios School

**Master students apply for admission to the annual educational programs offered during the spring semester each year.**

### **Why choose the optional internship or the summer school;**

- Hands-on experience in the field of study
- Support during the research phase for the master thesis
- Additional support in the thesis writing process
- Live contact with professors and fellow students
- International educational programs with specialized instructors
- Contact with people from all over the world!
- Extra ECTS



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## Tuition and Scholarships

### Scholarship of Excellence

Partial exemption from fees

Scholarships of excellence (up to three per specialization) are awarded to honor students based on their performance in the courses of the first semester. Students are exempt from the tuition fees of the second semester of teaching. Thesis supervision and assessment fees still apply.

### Annual Excellence Scholarship by the EWC

Full exemption

A scholarship of excellence is provided by the European Wergeland Center at the beginning of the academic year to students enrolled in the MA Program, after their registration and the submission of the relevant application. The scholarship fully exempts the beneficiary from tuition fees. The criteria are set by the EWC.

### Exemption from tuition fees

Full exemption

Full exemption from tuition fees is awarded to the MA Program's students, based on financial, social criteria according to the existing legislation.

Prerequisite for eligibility: Bachelor degree of 7.5/10 or more (or equivalent grade according to each Institute's grading system).

\*Third country citizens are not eligible

# OUR VISION EDUCATION FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

Democratic Culture is not merely the Master's subject; it runs through all aspects of the educational process, from the online course and the offered educational material to the evaluation process. That is why there is special care for **accessibility**.

Education is the main pillar of shaping people's democratic consciousness, which is why Education in democratic citizenship and Education in Human Rights must begin as early as possible in people's lives and should continue throughout life.

*“Education is a social process, education is progress. Education is not a preparation for life, but is life itself.”*

*John Dewey*

**Our vision is to make Education an inclusive space, open to everyone with no discriminations.  
This is the social change we aspire to make!**



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