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Welcome from the Director



Welcome to the Master of Science (MSc) in American Studies: Politics, Strategy and Economics at the Department of International & European Studies of the University of Piraeus, Greece.

This is the first MSc in American studies program in Greece and one of the few programs in SE Europe dedicated to the interdisciplinary study of politics, strategy and economics of the United States, and it has been formulated in collaboration with New York University's Center for Global Affairs (CGA)

The MSc in American Studies program is established to systematically fill the void of master's level programs on American studies which lead to academic titles in Greece and in the wider SE Europe region. It is an interdisciplinary program focusing on cutting-edge topics of current policies and research, and the analysis of the regional policy of the US with respect to three crucial fields: Strategy, History and the Economy. The program is offered by academics with extensive knowledge and experience of US policies in Greece, Cyprus and the greater vicinity, and a demonstrated track-record of conducting research, teaching and acting as practitioners in the region and in the USA.

Taught in English, the program aspires to attract students from Greece, the Balkans, East Europe, the Eastern Mediterranean, the Middle East and other neighboring regions, who wish to study towards their postgraduate degree in English, at an international level yet near their homes, and on a field which will open the door to manifold professional opportunities.

The MSc in American Studies program aims to contribute to the familiarization with American policy and engages students in the interdisciplinary study of the policy formulation, politics, economics, history, culture and society of the United States.

It offers students the opportunity to engage with the complex and diverse forces that have come to shape the past and present of the United States; to examine

American ideals as well as how conflicts challenge them; to understand the changing relationship between the United States and the rest of the world; to analyze transatlantic relations in depth, as well as US policies in the Balkans, Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East. It aims, on the one hand, to equip its graduates with suitable specialized knowledge and adequate tools for them to have a competitive advantage in the job market, while offering, on the other hand, a deeper understanding of academics and professionals participating in decision-making or the shaping of foreign policy and public opinion.

Building off of the enduring relationships between Greece and US based academics and researchers, the program is supported by distinguished professors from the University of Piraeus, New York University and other Universities in Europe and the US, as well as globally recognized experts, who come together with great enthusiasm in this innovative curriculum to address topical issues on American Studies.

Dr. Aristotle Tziampiris

Professor of International Relations at the University of Piraeus

Director of the Master of Science in American Studies: Politics, Strategy and Economics

Why American Studies

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Interdisciplinarity

The Master in Science in American Studies program combines the development of interdisciplinary theoretical knowledge in the fields of economics, history, politics, culture, strategy and international relations with their practical application. The interactive nature of the program encourages the development of critical skills, creative thinking and the intellectual resources that are necessary to flourish in a global context.

Innovation

Innovative methods of teaching and research are applied which include lectures, tutorials & seminars, conferences, study visits and more.

Extroversion

This program aims at the immediate incorporation of students into the market. Therefore, besides regular lectures and seminars, the program also includes study visits and presentations, as well as subsidized educational trips to research and policy analysis institutes. An important aspect of the program is its cooperation with leading academics, researchers and experts, and its strategic partnership with New York University's Center for Global Affairs.

Benefits

The benefits of this program for students includes:

1. Access to UNIPi and CGA's prestigious academics and experts who are shaping policy and conducting cutting-edge research in their field
2. Engage in an international level curriculum and program at a competitive cost
3. Access to public or invitation-only academic and policy-related events at UNIPi, CGA and other institutions
4. Develop hard and soft skills that will boost your career prospects
5. Develop a global network of colleagues, academics and experts
6. Become familiarized with the academic, research think-tank, international organization and governmental landscape
7. Participate in unique study visits, educational trips and interactive events
8. Explore the potential for unique internship opportunities in a variety of fields
9. Have the possibility to receive a merit-based scholarship
10. Study in the strategically located yet safe European country of Greece, at the cross-roads of the global interactions discussed in the program



Program Description



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Curriculum

The contents and structure of the Master of Science in American Studies has been shaped so as to respond to the special academic and scientific needs born by the understanding, analysis and study of the relations between the USA, Greece and Europe and the role that these relations play in regional and global issues where strategy, politics and the economic interests interact.

Structure

The curriculum is taught entirely in English and includes two (2) semesters of taught courses, for a total of eight (8) courses, and a summer period which is dedicated to independent research and the writing of a Master's thesis. Students are required to attend and be successfully examined in all courses, and defend their thesis with adequate marks to receive their Postgraduate Study Diploma. The degree will be offered by the University of Piraeus in coordination with New York University's Center for Global Affairs (CGA), as CGA professors will participate in the Program and advise on the curriculum.

Courses

1st Semester

1. American History: Politics Culture and Ideology
2. America's Democracy and Political system
3. The American Economy: Commerce, Energy and New Technologies
4. U.S. Foreign Policy: Alliances, Threats and anti-Americanism

2nd Semester

1. U.S. National Security
2. Transatlantic Relations
3. US policies in the Balkans and the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East
4. Art, Cinema and Popular Culture in America

Candidates & Scholarships

Eligibility

Students must have an undergraduate degree and an advanced knowledge of English. A broad range of undergraduate studies will be accepted on account of the interdisciplinary nature of the program, and the selection of candidates will be made on strict meritocratic criteria (academic records, professional experience, language competence/multi-lingualism, prospects, etc.), as will be the award of any scholarships. Candidates for the program will undergo an in person or virtual interview before final selection. Detailed application information can be found here:

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Tuition & Scholarships

Tuition for the Master of Science in American Studies: Politics, Strategy and Economics is 5,000 euros for the entire program. It anticipates the provision of grants and scholarships with the kind support of leading companies and institutions, and as mentioned these will be awarded to students based upon meritocracy. Additional scholarships may be offered during the program.



Faculty

Teaching Staff

The Master of Science in American Studies brings together the resources and energies from both regional Universities and The New York University's School of Professional Studies (SPS) and Center for Global Affairs (CGA). Teaching is undertaken by distinguished university professors as well as global experts from the field. The interdisciplinarity of this

program is reflected through the range of expertise of its professors and teaching staff, while its high caliber is evidenced through their international educational experience, abundant research, publications record and long-standing consultative, administrative and professional roles.





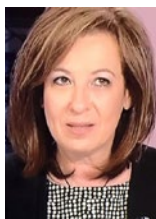
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