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MSc in AMERICAN STUDIES

Politics, Strategy and Economics

Master of Science (MSc) in cooperation with New York University's Center for Global Affairs

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Welcome from the Director



Welcome to the Master of Science (MSc) in American Studies: Politics, Strategy and Economics of the Department of International & European Studies of the University of Piraeus, Greece. The Program is taught online, in English, and in collaboration with New York University's Center for Global Affairs (CGA). It is also the first of its kind in modern Greek history. It aims to attract students who have professional goals in business, academia, politics, public administration, parliamentary organizations, consulting, the media, the military and the wider realm of public security.

The MSc in American Studies program has been established to systematically fill the void of a master's level program dedicated to the interdisciplinary study of the politics, strategy, culture and economics of the United States of America. It focuses on cutting-edge topics and current research, as well as the analysis of various regional policies of the US. The program is offered by academics with extensive knowledge and experience and a demonstrated track-record of conducting research, teaching and acting as practitioners in America but also South Eastern Europe and the wider Eastern Mediterranean.

Taught online and in English, the program aspires to attract students from Greece, Cyprus, Southeastern Eastern Europe, the Middle East, the Eastern Mediterranean, as well as neighboring regions who aim to pursue manifold professional opportunities. It thus 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 and how conflicts challenge them; to understand the changing relationship between the United States and the rest of the world and to analyze transatlantic relations in depth, as well as US policies in the Balkans, the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East.

The program aims to equip its graduates with suitable specialized knowledge and adequate tools for them to have a competitive advantage in the job market, while also offering a deeper understanding of US decision-making processes. It is supported by distinguished Professors from the University of Piraeus, New York University and other Universities in Europe, as well as globally recognized experts, who come together with great enthusiasm in this innovative curriculum.

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Why American Studies

→ Interdisciplinarity

The Master of 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. It is well suited and specifically designed to aid and advance the careers of diplomats, members of the military, civil and public servants, journalists, business executives dealing with the USA and students who ultimately aspire to higher degrees of learning within this field. Therefore, besides regular lectures and seminars, the program also includes presentations by renowned experts, as well as partly subsidized educational trips. 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.



The benefits of this program for students include :

- 1 Development of hard and soft skills that will boost career prospects in business, academia, politics, public administration, parliamentary organizations, consulting, the media, the military and the wider realm of public security.
- 2 Access to University of Piraeus and New York University's prestigious academics and experts who are shaping policy and conducting cutting-edge research in their fields.
- 3 Engagement in an international level curriculum and program at a very competitive tuition cost.
- 4 Access to public or invitation-only academic and policy-related events.
- 5 Access to a global network of colleagues, academics, experts and program graduates.
- 6 Familiarization with cutting edge academic, research think-tank, international organization and governmental landscape.
- 7 Possibility to participate in unique study visits, educational trips and interactive events.
- 8 Possibility of receiving merit-based scholarships.



Program Description

Curriculum

The content and structure of the Master of Science in American Studies: Politics, Strategy and Economics have been shaped to respond to the special academic and scientific needs born by the necessity to understand the complex history and political system of the United States, as well as the role that the country plays in regional and global affairs where issues of strategy, politics and 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 online and be successfully examined in all courses, as well as defend their thesis. The degree will be offered by the University of Piraeus. The program is taught in cooperation with New York University's Center for Global Affairs (CGA) and CGA Professors 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/multilingualism, prospects, etc.), as will be the award of any scholarships. Candidates for the program will undergo an online interview before final selection. Detailed application information can be found here: www.des.unipi.gr/en/msc/msc-american-studies

Tuition & Scholarships

Tuition fees for the Master of Science in American Studies: Politics, Strategy and Economics is 5,000 euros for the entire program. The provision of grants and scholarships with the kind support of leading companies and institutions is also anticipated.



The Summer School, hosted on the historic island of Hydra, brought together students from the University of Piraeus and NYU. As part of the program, participants visited the island's Historical Museum and had the opportunity to gain invaluable insight from Greek and international academics.

The sessions covered a range of critical topics, including Greek-American relations, energy security and the energy transition in the EU and the US, civil society in the US, climate change, and international security.





On 14 November 2024 the MSc “American Studies: Politics, Strategy and Economics” held the Welcome Ceremony for the students of 2024-2025 at the Municipal Theater of Piraeus!

On the same day, we also hosted the Academic Symposium on the U.S. Election Results with speakers from both the University of Piraeus and NYU.





American Studies students travelled to New York, where they visited the Greek National Tourism Organisation office, the Consulate General of Greece, the UN Headquarters (guided tour), and the Permanent Mission of Greece to the UN.

They also attended the conference "Transatlantic Dynamics: Navigating Power, Cooperation, and Influence in US-Greek Relations," organized by NYU's Center for Global Affairs in collaboration with the University of Piraeus. This was a truly invaluable experience for all participants.





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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