Enhancing Collaboration between U.S. and Greek Universities

January 2020
Greek Universities Snapshot

Library at the University of Ioannina

Auditorium at the University of West Attica

Department of Forestry, Wood Science & Design at the University of Thessaly
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Athens University of Economics and Business

Technical University of Crete

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
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Classroom at the University of Peloponnese

The Grand Hall at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
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Auditorium at the University of Western Macedonia

Facilities at the Demokritos University of Thrace

Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport at the Aegean University
Greek Higher Education Landscape

24 public Universities / Higher Education Institutions
Located in all regions of Greece
  — Autonomous, self-administered institutions
  — Undergraduate degrees of 4-5 years
  — Postgraduate degrees of 2-5 semesters
  — Academic staff of high qualifications, appointed after a strict procedure determined by law
  — New Independent Body, in 2020, for quality assurance and accreditation of higher education in Greece

University of Patras
Auditorium
Patras, Achaia
Greek Higher Education Landscape

Student body

- **880,000** students in total (undergraduate, graduate and PhD candidates)

- Approximately **80,000** new undergraduate students every year

Universities accredited by the European Union and participating in international rankings.
Exponential Boom in the Numbers of US – Greek exchanges

Over **5,000** US students chose Greece as their study abroad destination for 2017-2018
— **20%** increase compared to 2016-2017!

Over **2,500** Greek students chose the US as their study abroad destination for 2017-2018
— **5%** increase compared to 2016-2017!

These trends indicate that there is fertile ground for enhancing existing collaborations and creating new ones.
Greek Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs – Institute for International Education Partnership

December 2019 – June 2020

- A partnership established by an MoU aiming at fostering collaboration between Greek and US universities
- An Advisory Council serving as a guiding entity for participating institutions
- An informational webinar held on the 17th of December 2019 with more than 120 participants
- A delegation of senior leaders and administrators from the participating U.S. universities to Greece on a study tour of the Greek higher education system scheduled for March 28 – April 3, 2020
- A call for applications issued by the IIE. All interested institutions will be able to submit an application to join the delegation to Greece

Apply here: [https://www.iie.org/Programs/International-Academic-Partnership-Program](https://www.iie.org/Programs/International-Academic-Partnership-Program)
Why Greek Universities?
Extensive Experience in International Collaborations

Decades of experience with international collaborations

— Active participation in Erasmus programs
— Mobility agreements with universities across the world
— Courses provided in English for visiting students
— EU funded university collaborations at the EU level / European Universities Initiative participation
— E-learning facilities for most courses taught in English
Strong Ties to the US

Existing collaboration networks with US institutions

- Over 50 existing MoUs with US universities and colleges
- Numerous successful summer programs run by American institutions and academics
- Supported scholarship programs
  - E.g. Fulbright, Niarchos Foundation Academic Excellence Scholarships, State Funding etc.
Language is not a problem!

English Language Programs at both the undergraduate and post-graduate level, as well as courses in Greek

— Chance to engage in depth in a particular area of study, without a language barrier

BUT ALSO

— Opportunities to advance Greek language skills through accredited, university level courses.
Hospitable and Affordable

Low tuition costs

For English language programs aimed at non-EU students, universities usually charge a tuition fee, but one that is extremely low compared to US equivalents.

E.g. a new undergraduate program on Archaeology, History and Literature of Ancient Greece taught in the English language at the University of Athens starting in October 2020 has tuition fees of EUR 6,000/year.

Beautiful climate, Mediterranean culture and friendly people!
Wide Range of Possible Collaborations

Joint degrees

Double degrees of faculty/students/researchers

Exchanges of faculty/students/researchers

English language undergraduate or postgraduate programs

English language summer programs (4-6 weeks)

And more!
Apply to join the IAPP Greece

We look forward to receiving your applications for what is certain to be a mutually beneficial partnership for both US and Greek institutions.

Please find the application to the program at the following link:
https://www.iie.org/en/Programs/International-Academic-Partnership-Program/IAPP-Greece
Thank you!

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