Eleftherios Venizelos, a legendary statesman of Modern Greek history, envisioned a university in Thessaloniki at a time when northern Greece had just been liberated in order to support the local communities and economy.

1926: The first academic unit, the Faculty of Philosophy, opens its doors to the first students of the new University of Thessaloniki.

1927: The university moves to a state building that was previously used as a Military Hospital. Today, it is the historic building of the university.

1926-1930: The Faculty of Physics and Mathematics and the Faculty of Law and Economics are founded.

1930-1941: The Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry, the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Theology open their doors.

1950-1960: The University of Thessaloniki is rebranded as Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTh). The School of Veterinary Medicine, the Faculty of Engineering and the School of Dentistry welcome their first undergraduate students.

1980-1990: The Faculty of Education, the Faculty of Fine Arts and the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports Sciences are founded.

1990-: Aristotle University of Thessaloniki continues to expand by establishing new departments: Journalism and Mass Media, Political Sciences, Psychology, Informatics, Film Studies, and Spatial Planning and Development Engineering.

2015: Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, in collaboration with the Jewish Community of Thessaloniki, establishes a Chair in Jewish Studies.

After the Second World War and the Civil War, the University grows rapidly into a campus developed following international urban planning standards. Today, the University operates in more than 450,000 m² of building facilities.

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki was established as a city university and has grown into the largest university in Greece and a leading research institute ranked in the top 200 universities in Europe.

90 years of an amazing academic journey. And the adventure continues.
Our Vision: An Excellent, Public University with International Outreach

- **Rector**, supported by **5 vice rectors**:
  - Vice Rector for Research & Coordination,
  - Vice Rector for Human Resources,
  - Vice Rector for Planning & Development,
  - Vice Rector for Academic & Student Affairs,
  - Vice Rector for Finance.

- **University Senate**
  Composed of the Rector, Vice-Rectors, Deans of Faculties, Heads of Departments and representatives of the teaching and technical staff, administrative personnel, undergraduate and graduate students.

- **University Council**
  Composed of 15 members, 9 internal and 6 external.
  The internal members are eight full professors or associate professors and one student representative.

- **Quality Assurance Unit**
  Composed of the Vice Rector for Academic & Student Affairs and 5 internal faculty members.

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**Message from the Rector**

During its first 90+ years, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH) has grown into one of the finest teaching and research universities in the world. With more than 70,000 students in 41 Departments, it is the largest and the most multi-thematic university of Greece and one of the largest of its kind in Europe. AUTH actively promotes interdisciplinarity, research and innovation, in a fertile academic environment. AUTH strives for excellence and continuous improvement in all fields of its activities and fosters a strong program of funded research while at the same time providing access to a large variety of cultural and recreational facilities including a summer camp by the sea. Through the Erasmus mobility program and its partnerships with hundreds of universities around the globe, AUTH offers a wide range of international experiences to its students. Our students and our faculty regularly achieve distinctions at national and international level for their academic and research performance. Our alumni excel in Greece and abroad, either when pursuing further studies in the best Universities or when working for major companies and organizations all over the world.

With its main campus in the heart of Thessaloniki, a lively, vibrant, multi-cultural city at the crossroads of civilizations over the millennia, AUTH offers an exciting everyday student life!

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our University and to our city.

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**Professor Pericles A. MITKAS**

Prof. Pericles A. Mitkas received his Diploma of Electrical Engineering from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in 1985, and his MSc and PhD in Computer Engineering from Syracuse University, USA, in 1987 and 1990, respectively. Between 1990 and 2000 he was a faculty member in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Colorado State University in USA and since 2000 he is a faculty member in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at AUTH. His research interests include databases and knowledge bases, data mining, software agents, enviromatics and bioinformatics. Prof. Mitkas is a senior member of the IEEE Computer Society and has served as Project Coordinator in several US and EU research projects.
ACADEMIC STRUCTURE

FACULTIES AND DEPARTMENTS

The 11 Faculties coordinate the teaching activities, is similar and complementary subject areas and guarantee the quality of teaching and student services. The 41 Departments are in charge of scientific, research and teaching functions.

1. Faculty of Theology
   - Theology
   - Pastoral and Social Theology

2. Faculty of Philosophy
   - Philology
   - History and Archaeology
   - Philosophy and Education
   - Psychology
   - English Language and Literature
   - French Language and Literature
   - German Language and Literature
   - Italian Language and Literature

3. Faculty of Engineering
   - Civil Engineering
   - Architecture Engineering
   - Rural and Surveying Engineering
   - Mechanical Engineering
   - Electrical and Computer Engineering
   - Chemical Engineering
   - Spatial Planning and Development

4. Faculty of Economic and Political Sciences
   - Economics
   - Political Sciences
   - Journalism and Mass Communications

5. Faculty of Physical Education and Sport Sciences
   - Physical Education and Sports Sciences
   - Physical Education and Sports Sciences (Serres)

6. Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Environment
   - Agriculture
   - Forestry and Natural Environment

7. Faculty of Sciences
   - Mathematics
   - Physics
   - Chemistry
   - Biology
   - Geology
   - Informatics

8. Faculty of Law
   - Law

9. Faculty of Health Sciences
   - Medicine
   - Veterinary Medicine
   - Dentistry
   - Pharmacy

10. Faculty of Fine Arts
    - Visual and Applied Arts
    - Music Studies
    - Drama Studies
    - Film Studies

11. Faculty of Education
    - Primary Education
    - Early Childhood Education

“Gates of knowledge” George Tsaras, Professor, Faculty of Fine Arts

OTHER RESEARCH AND TRAINING UNITS

- Centre for Byzantine Research
- Institute of Modern Greek Studies
- University Farm
- Veterinary Clinics
- University Forests in Taxiarchis, Chalkidiki and Pertouli, Trikala
- Seismological Station
- UNESCO Chair in Education for Human Rights, Democracy and Peace
- Interdisciplinary Research and Innovation Centre
- Interdisciplinary Center for Aristotle Studies
- Mount Olympus Meteorological Station
- Centre for Integrated Water Resources Management (UNESCO Center Category II)
TEACHING

Our mission is to provide high quality education, accessible to everyone, in an environmentally friendly university

41 First Cycle Degree Programs
90 Second Cycle Degree Programs
8 Programs organized with foreign universities (5 in English and 3 in French)
41 Doctoral Programs
27 Agreements for joint Ph.D. Programs with foreign Universities

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki is a comprehensive university offering a broad and diversified array of programs of study, tailored to meet the needs of students. Undergraduate studies at all public Higher Education Institutions are tuition-free for all students according to the Greek Constitution. Tuition fees may be charged for short courses and postgraduate programs.

DISTRIBUTION OF DEGREE PROGRAMS
A.Y. 2015-2016

23.8% First Cycle Degree Programs
52.3% Second Cycle Degree Programs
23.8% Third Cycle Degree Programs

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

The University Library system is a coordinated network of 45 libraries and other facilities offering access to a wide range of books, journals, periodicals and electronic services. The Library responds to the information needs of research, teaching and other institutional university activities. The Library provides 3,170 places for study and research and maintains a collection of about 1.4 million volumes of printed books. Alongside the conventional library services, it also provides access to 34 databases, 178 on-line journals and 363,900 e-books. The Rare Maps and Books section contains an outstanding collection of manuscripts and other artifacts.

PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki offers a wide variety of professional programs and multidisciplinary vocational courses, the ideal way to complement and enrich one’s career. These programs are designed to satisfy the interests of students and the changing requirements of the labor market. In 2015, the University offered 76 professional programs.
UNIVERSITY MUSEUM NETWORK
A network of 15 museums and collections preserves and promotes the university’s historical, scientific and artistic assets.
  • Telloglion Foundation of Art
  • Casts Museum
  • Folklore Museum and History Archive
  • Archive of Theatre History
  • Biblical museum
  • Museum of Modern Greek History
  • Geology Museum
  • Paleontology Museum
  • Wildlife Museum
  • Museum of Zoology
  • Botanical Museum
  • Museum of Criminology
  • Psychology Instruments Museum
  • Architecture Museum
  • Technical Museum of Spatial Planning Instruments and Maps

CENTRE FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING
The Centre for Foreign Language Teaching is an academic unit of AUTh which offers courses in languages for specific purposes. The main languages taught are English, German, French, Italian, Russian and Turkish. Courses are offered to students free of charge up to six semesters. Students may select from a range of compulsory, required elective, and elective courses, which are assigned regular ECTS credit units.

SCHOOL OF MODERN GREEK LANGUAGE
Since 1970 the School of Modern Greek Language of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki has been offering Greek language and culture courses to foreigners and people of Greek origin living abroad. The School offers tailor-made courses for specific purposes, as well as training seminars for teachers of Greek. The School also focuses on various activities and cultural events, and hosts hundreds of students from all over the world, thus creating a multicultural environment.

LIFELONG LEARNING
Aristotle University operates a popular Lifelong Learning Program to cater to the increased needs of Greek society for training, learning and specialization. The Lifelong Learning Courses offered by AUTh operate within a framework that guarantees a high level of education compatible with the role of a public university, as well as the effectiveness, the quality, the legitimacy and the validity of the educational services provided.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki has traditionally put great emphasis on archaeological research in order to uncover, preserve and promote Greek cultural heritage. The University sponsors and manages a large number of excavation sites, where the faculty from the Department of History and Archaeology conduct research with the active participation of undergraduate and postgraduate students.
ACADEMIC STAFF AND RESEARCHERS

The highly competitive academic environment of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki has always attracted high quality (by international standards) junior and senior faculty. According to the Greek law, the teaching staff must hold a doctorate degree. A large percentage of our faculty have completed part or all their studies abroad, mainly at European and North American universities. Several of them held an academic or research position in universities or research institutes abroad before joining AUTh.

FACULTY EXCELLENCE

Many of our faculty members have been internationally recognized and received honors such as medals, prizes, honorary professor and doctorate degrees. Distinguished professors have been elected as members of the Academy of Athens and other National Academies. A good number of our faculty have served the Greek state as ministers, general secretaries, members of executive boards, and members of national committees.

THE PEOPLE

3,496 faculty and support staff

1,940 faculty members

- 647 professors
- 461 associate professors
- 636 assistant professors
- 196 lecturers

1,497 service and supportive staff

- 502 supportive staff
- 521 administrative staff
- 474 service staff

FACULTY BY GENDER

1,940

- 626 Female
- 1,314 Male

SUPPORT STAFF BY GENDER

502

- 292 Female
- 210 Male

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF BY GENDER

521

- 342 Female
- 179 Male
AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING RESEARCH AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY

The University recognizes and rewards the outstanding research or creative achievements of national or international significance accomplished by all members of its academic community. Awards are also given for a sustained record of excellence. A major part of the work must have taken place at AUTh. Nominees are reviewed by a university-wide committee, appointed by the Rector.

STAFF TRAINING

Continuous training is a key instrument for professional growth and for improving the quality of the services provided. The University has invested in internal training programs, fostering direct staff involvement.

The University supports participation in post-graduate and specialization programs, as a mechanism for empowering its human resources. Incentives for participation in these programs are widely available. Over 100 technical and administrative personnel have taken advantage of this opportunity for learning and professional growth in European and non-European countries.

STAFF MOBILITY

The action via the Erasmus+ framework on Staff Mobility for Training enables teaching, research and administrative staff to spend a few weeks of training in an enterprise, organization or higher education institution in another participating country. Recently, the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki has become active in the Erasmus+ International Program extending educational cooperation beyond Europe. Until today, more than 4,500 staff members have used this opportunity.

DISABILITY SUPPORT

The University pays particular attention to accommodate the needs of people with disabilities or in situation of personal difficulty. Employment policies include support services and targeted placements for disabled staff throughout their career. Every effort is taken to ensure that all disabled students will have equal and unobstructed access to the facilities required by their programs of study.
TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS
Acad. Year 2014-2015
74,215 students
~ 4,000 international students

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ENROLLMENT
65,567

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS BY GENDER
65,567 students
52% Female
48% Male

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN A MASTER’S PROGRAM
4,594

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN A PH.D. PROGRAM
4,054

DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENTS
88.3% Undergraduate Students
6.2% Master’s Students
5.5% Ph.D. Students

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
The objectives of the program are to increase the students’ awareness of market trends and skills needed, to improve their competitiveness in the job market, and to establish a contact network between our students and potential employers.

In the period 2010-2015, a total of 9,105 students from 23 Departments completed an internship in 710 public organizations and 1,654 private companies. The Internship Program is co-financed by the European Social Fund and National Resources.

STUDENT SERVICES
The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki provides students with a significant number of services, aiming to improve the quality of academic life. These services include:

• University Student Club (USC).
  The USC offers free meals on a daily basis for qualified students. The USC also provides basic health and psychological support to all AUTh students (home, EU and international).

• Student Halls of Residence.
  Social and economic criteria are considered for the selection of the students eligible for accommodation.

• University Gym

• Career Services Office

• University Summer Camp at Kalandra

• Day Care Unit for preschool-aged children

“Everyone is very friendly here. I am happy! I found a very interesting thing today: the food is free for everyone (breakfast, lunch and dinner ☺). I hope more students will come in the future.”

Carlos Viscasillas, Universidad Católica de Ávila, Spain.
CAREER SERVICES OFFICE
The main goal of the Career Services Office (CSO) is to facilitate the successful transition of our students and recent graduates from the university to the work environment. CSO helps the students search for a job commensurate with their qualifications, skills and experience, providing them with the valuable information about further education and job opportunities. CSO also provides counseling services for compiling a CV, submitting reference letters, developing job interview skills, career planning and applying job search techniques. During the academic year, CSO holds several workshops and seminars to provide interested students with information.

UNIVERSITY SPORTS
The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki promotes sports among students and staff through a wide array of athletic events coordinated by the University Gym. Students can participate in individual or team sports activities, including the interdepartmental championships of Erasmus students. The AUTH teams participate in the interuniversity championships.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES
The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki maintains a Symphonic Orchestra, a Choir and the Opera Oberta. Student societies are engaged in different cultural activities such as theatre, music, arts, and photography. AUTH organizes the “Students’ Week” every May when student societies present their work to the AUTH members and to the people of Thessaloniki.

UNIVERSITY SUMMER CAMP
The University SummerCamp at Kalandra, in Chalkidiki, was established in 1960 in a pine forest next to a beautiful beach and it has become an integral part of the AUTH experience. During the summer months, the Camp offers recreational, educational and cultural activities to all members of the university community but mostly to students. Respecting and protecting the environment are two of the fundamental principles, which govern its operation. Aristotle University organizes summer schools at the Camp. The lively exchanges of views and the summer camp activities make this brief, intense period of study, an extraordinary and enriching experience.

A SELECTION OF INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS IN AUTH

AEGEE
European Students Forum, http://www.aeggee.org

A.I.E.S.E.C.

B.E.S.T.
Board of European Students of Technology, http://www.best.eu.org

Co.Mv.o.S.
Cooperation and Motivation of Students, http://comvos-unigr


ELSA Thessaloniki

Erasmus Student Network of AUTH, http://www.auth.esngreece.gr

IAESTE
The International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience, http://www.iaeste.org

IEEE AUTH Branch
Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, http://ieee.ee.auth.gr

IVSA
International Veterinary Students' Association, http://www.ivsagreece.org
The Mission of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki is to produce internationally acknowledged research results.

RESEARCH ACTIVITY 2009-2015

- 113 million € funded by the European Union
- 86 million € for research and services to private firms
- 45 patents granted (25 national, 10 EPO and 10 WIPO)
- 10 licensing agreements
- 4 spin-offs
- 533 Research projects funded by the European Union and other European organizations (e.g. European Space Agency)
- 795 public organizations involved in the research projects
- 445 private organizations involved in the research projects
- 13,200 PhD candidates and research fellows employed in the AUTH’s research projects (total number of contracts)

THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

AUTH’s Research Committee (RC) is responsible for the financial management of all types of funds for research, educational training, technological development, and continuing education projects. RC also provides scientific, technological and other related services that contribute to linking the University and its people with local and global industry.

RESEARCH POLICY

AUTH’s research policy has two main objectives: a) to promote quality and b) to foster excellence in research.

At the basis of our quality policy lie the principles of measurement, correction, evaluation and redefinition, which, ultimately, guarantee the development of quality products and/or services.

The policy of excellence, aiming at the University’s distinction in the international research arena, is implemented through our participation in a large number of nationally and internationally funded research projects. It is further supported by adopting an interdisciplinary approach and by incorporating processes for innovation in research activity. This policy also recognises high individual and team performance.

RESEARCH PERFORMANCE

The total number of published articles in 2015 by members of AUTH was 7,924 and the top cited publications represent 8% of the University’s article production (Web of Science).
RESEARCH LABORATORIES
The high quality services and technical consultancy provided by the 250 laboratories of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki are offered to the private and public sector, domestic and foreign. These include 23 laboratories for services, 5 certified and 10 accredited. The certified labs provide research services according to international standards and the accredited labs adhere to a quality system that complies with international standards and possess a proven technical competence.

THE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER OFFICE (TTO)
TTO is part of the Research Committee and its scope is to facilitate and promote the exploitation of research results. The office provides information and support services to the research community for:
- Technology transfer agreements (mainly through licensing agreements, negotiations, financial terms, conditions, obligations, disclosure/non-disclosure agreements, royalty fees, etc.)
- Establishment of spin-off companies (support in business planning, promotion and networking)
- Networking and promotion between researchers and enterprises (for the development of new products and services)
- Protection and management of intellectual property rights (IPRs)
- Exploitation of the research results

CENTRE FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH AND INNOVATION
The establishment of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research and Innovation in February 2014 confirms the commitment of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki to strengthen its role as a catalyst in the regional and national economic growth by creating a new, efficient interdisciplinary cooperation structure. In this way, AUTH, as the leading research center in Northern Greece, will continue to guide the creation of new knowledge along with innovation in a wide range of research areas. The center is located in a 8,000 m² building in the area of the innovation zone of Thessaloniki (next picture).
INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK

AUTh is widely recognized as a vibrant center of learning which draws its inspiration from a long tradition of academic achievement. This can be underpinned, among other things by the fact that as much in science, as in the arts and divinity, medicine and technology, it prides itself in its international outlook.

AUTh’s STRATEGY

The main objectives of the AUTh’s internationalization strategy are as follows:

- Strengthen its role in the European and international knowledge community.
- Enhance its visibility among the traditionally prestigious academic institutions all over the world, by establishing long-term cooperation schemes at all research, education and training levels.
- Reinforce its traditional presence as a leading education and research institution in southeastern Europe and eastern Mediterranean.
- Play a decisive role in academic exchange, good practices dissemination, and knowledge diffusion.
- Support multicultural co-existence, social and cultural cohesion, and sustainable regional development.
- Make multilateral rather than unilateral approaches a core aspect education, research and administration level.
- Make its graduates able to think and act across traditional academic boundaries and across national borders.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AGREEMENTS

AUTh has 156 bilateral agreements with universities in Europe, the USA, Canada, Australia, and Asia to promote research, academic cooperation and communication among students and academic staff.

AUTh operates an International Relations Unit which aims at promoting, coordinating and administering the agreements of academic cooperation.

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

AUTh has 156 international bilateral agreements with foreign universities.

- **Student Mobility (2005-2015)**
  - Incoming Students: 379
  - Outgoing Students: 349

- **International Students**: ~ 4,000

Academic Staff Mobility (2005-2015)

- **Incoming Academic Staff**: 586
- **Outgoing Academic Staff**: 445

156 Inter university Agreements

1,489 Bilateral Agreements with European universities
**ERASMUS+**

| 14,789 | AUTH students have studied for at least one semester in a European university |
| 680    | AUTH students worked for a short period of time at European educational institutions and organizations |
| 10,527 | foreign students have attended courses at AUTH |
| 1,489  | Bilateral Erasmus+ agreements |
| 568    | Partner European universities within the Erasmus+ framework |
| 70     | Partners outside EU universities within the Erasmus+ framework |
| 40%    | of the national quota of the new Erasmus framework |

The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki has been actively promoting student and staff mobility throughout Europe since the Erasmus Program first steps and today through Erasmus+ and Erasmus+ International. Currently AUTH holds approximately 1,489 active bilateral agreements with 568 European universities within the framework of the Erasmus+ Program accounting for almost 40% of the total Erasmus+ mobility in Greece. AUTH also cooperates with around 70 Universities outside EU in the framework of the Erasmus+ International Program and its inter-institutional agreements. The university participation in the Erasmus Mundus consortia has enabled exchanges with universities from the Balkans, Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea, Asia and Latin America.

"As an Erasmus MUNDUS from Morocco in the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, I would like to invite every student from the whole world to come to Thessaloniki the lovely city where the life doesn't stop, everything that you need you can find it here, also you can meet all the nation because this is the biggest city of students in Greece, I would like to encourage you to come to Greece because it is a beautiful country, it's really the paradise of the earth :)"

Youssef Elmoutaki, Université Cadi Ayyad, Morocco.

"Go to Thessaloniki. It was the best experience in my life. Erasmus forever. 😊 I was satisfied with all of my subjects at AUTH. I didn’t have any problems with the professors there. Actually, I wish you the best with your organization for Erasmus students and also I would like to thank you so much for your help with everything that I needed."

Sitterová Andrea, Metropolitan University Prague

"I really enjoyed my ERASMUS stay in Greece. Thank you for the great opportunity and for being such a nice host! The free time activities organized by ESN and the School of Modern Greek language are great."

Ulrich Nikos, Groningen University

"My Erasmus here at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki was one of the best experiences that I have had. Smiling teachers, smiling students and lots of fun!"

Oskar Norsesowicz, Uniwersytet Im. Adama Mickiewicza, Poland.
Most of the Faculties are housed in the main campus, which is located in the center of the city of Thessaloniki and covers an area of about 33.4 hectares. Some Faculties have facilities in satellite campuses in and around the city, which cover an additional area of almost 25 hectares (including the university farm).

In accordance with its strategic plan, the University pursues estate development and has a consolidated program, in order to house all educational and research activities in its own premises.
SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

PUBLIC SERVICE
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki has always been committed to public service and remains focused on its goal to bring about positive change to the community, the region and the nation. Whether teaming up with local organizations to tackle health care issues, bringing the arts to underserved areas or collaborating with city and national groups to solve environmental problems, AUTh has a rich tradition of partnership-building with organizations and community members with a view to promoting equity, access, and social justice.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS
Through its main mission of education and research, AUTh has made a significant contribution to the understanding and dissemination of environmental issues. The integration of sustainability and environmental awareness in every aspect of university life and in the university’s public service and outreach activities constitutes one of its main objectives. In this context, the strategic plan of 2015-20 adopts several good practices aiming at:
• energy saving
• encouraging the use of renewable energy sources
• reducing air pollution and emissions related to climate change
• improving sustainable mobility and accessibility
• encouraging and disseminating the organic farming and traditional forms of cultivation
• improving the overall quality of life in the campus

A UNIVERSITY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
National and international scientific meetings, conferences and symposia are continuously organized by AUTh bringing to the city thousands of scientists, researchers and artists from around the world.
The University community maintains close links with Thessaloniki and contributes to the city’s cosmopolitan feeling and outward looking vision. Some significant initiatives include:

Sundays at AUTh:
For three Sundays in May, AUTh opens its doors to the public and invites visitors of all ages to observe scientific experiments, to participate in innovative educational activities, to visit the University’s museums and collections, to play with robots and ancient toys, to simulate and analyze earthquakes, or to learn how to make good wine.

Students’ Week:
In a period that actually lasts two months, AUTh’s students organize a wide range of events including sports races, concerts, theater and dance performances, art and technology exhibitions, tours, and contests.

Vegetable Gardens Program:
AUTh created educational gardens for growing winter and summer vegetables in the University’s farm. The gardens are available to the citizens of Thessaloniki, who cultivate them in order to train themselves and to produce agricultural products for family use.

AUTh’s Ceremony Hall regularly hosts the State Orchestra of Thessaloniki and in return, students can attend the Orchestra’s concerts free of charge.