

THESSALONIKI

The city of Thessaloniki, located on the Thermaikos Gulf in Northern Greece, has 2,300 years of recorded history and is famous for its Byzantine churches and Ottoman buildings. Its culture, heritage and history reflect its position at the crossroads of east and west; Byzantines, Franks, Ottomans and Jews have all left their mark on the city's architecture and its people's traditions. Today it is Greece's second largest city, the largest port in the Balkans, and a significant cultural, economic and commercial centre with a population of over 1,000,000.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DEPARTMENT AT AUTH

The Department of International Relations serves as an information centre for international relations matters and links AUTh to institutions of higher education worldwide. It has enabled the University to develop a strong presence and high reputation in the international scientific and academic community.

The Department's main activities are to:

- award, promote, coordinate and manage inter-university agreements for academic cooperation agreements with foreign institutions
- enable AUTh faculty members to come into contact with foreign universities in order to develop research collaborations and programmes and to pursue teaching activities that contribute to the exchange of knowledge and experience
- promote and facilitate the exchange of students
- ensure, facilitate, monitor and fulfill AUTh's participation in international associations and organisations
- inform the university community on issues of international scientific cooperation such as conferences, inter-cultural exchanges, scholarships and competitions
- organise the hosting of foreign scientists and delegations
- · participate in international exhibitions and events
- provide administrative support for international conferences, workshops and networks in which
 AUTh is involved

EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS & SUMMER SCHOOLS

Many of these agreements provide for: a) monthly scholarships to undergraduate and postgraduate students from collaborating foreign universities to attend the intensive summer courses at the School of Modern Greek Language and Culture at AUTh. b) scholarships to undergraduate and postgraduate students from AUTh to attend summer language and cultural courses and to complete part of their studies at any of the collaborating universities.

These collaborating universities include:

- "St Kliment Ohridski" University of Sofia, Bulgaria
- York University, Canada
- · University of Strasbourg, France
- Dublin University, Ireland
- "Alexandru loan Cuza" University of laşi, Romania
- · University of Arts in Belgrade, Serbia
- "Ivan Franko" National University of Lviv, Ukraine

ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI (AUTh)

The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki is a state institution, which was established in 1925. It covers a wide range of humanities and applied sciences and its 23 hectare campus is located in the city centre. The university's structure, range of activities and size make it the largest and most comprehensive institution of higher education in Greece.

AUTh consists of 11 faculties with a total of 41 schools. More than 65,000 undergraduate and 10,000 postgraduate students are enrolled at the University, which has a teaching and research staff of 2.550. The University is supported by a 1.086 strong multi-dimensional administrative and technical service. Issues relating to international educational programmes for the mobility of faculty members and students are administered by the Departments of International Relations.



AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES

To date the Department has concluded over 140 inter-university agreements for academic cooperation with foreign universities or equivalent institutions of higher education in Europe, the Balkan and Black Sea countries, Russia, U.S.A., N. and S. America, Africa, Australia and The Near, Middle and Far East, including:

- La Trobe University, Australia
- State University of Campinas (UNICAMP), Brazil
- York University, Canada
- Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China
- Fudan University, China
- Shanghai International Studies University, China
- University of Cyprus, Cyprus
- Arab Academy of Sciences Technology and Maritime Transport, Egypt
- University of Cologne, Germany
- University of Okayama, Japan
- Chiba University, Japan
- Jordan University of Science and Technology, Jordan
- National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico
- Institute of Sharia Sciences, Oman
- Lomonosov State University, Russia
- Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Russia
- The University of Alabama, U.S.A.
- The University of California, Berkeley, U.S.A.
- New York University, U.S.A.

The aims of these agreements are the:

- exchange of faculty members
- exchange of undergraduate and postgraduate students
- · development of research collaborations and projects
- organisation of teaching activities and lectures
- promotion of summer language and cultural courses

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS & UNIVERSITY NETWORKS

AUTh's international standing is strengthened by its active participation in 35 international associations and 5 international student organisations, including:

- International Association of Universities (IAU)
- European Association of Universities (EAU)
- Black Sea Universities Network (BSUN)
- Euro Mediterranean University (EMUNI)
- Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF)
 European University Centre at Peking University (EUCaPU)
- Top Industrial Managers for Europe network (TIME)

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