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**Postgraduate Programme
in
Southeast European Studies
2010-11**

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Introduction

The Postgraduate Programme in Southeast European Studies was originally founded in 1999 as part of a broader project (“U/SEE Project”), under the auspices of the European Union’s Royaumont Process. The Universities which participated in the “U/SEE Project” were the following: University of Tirana, University of Sarajevo, Sofia University, University of Zagreb, University of Belgrade, Sts Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje, Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest, University of Bucharest, University of Maribor, University of Ankara and University of Athens. Since its foundation, the Programme has been organised and run by the Faculty of Political Science and Public Administration of the University of Athens.

The Programme was founded at a time of violent upheaval in Southeastern Europe, with the goal of contributing to the promotion of peace, democracy and reconciliation in the region. It aims to stimulate discussion and promote awareness of the region, to facilitate cross-border academic and scientific cooperation, and to bring together students from all over the region and beyond in order to promote mutual understanding and good neighbourly relations. Among the Programme’s strong assets is its multinational and interdisciplinary character.

Programme Structure and Content

The one-year English-speaking Master’s programme includes coursework and research. Classes run from October to May and take place on weekdays after 4 p.m. Class attendance is compulsory.

The courses that will be taught in the academic year 2010-11 are the following:

- Modern and Contemporary History of Southeastern Europe
- Nationalism in Southeastern Europe
- European Integration and Southeastern Europe
- Politics and Society in Contemporary Southeastern Europe
- The Political Economy of Transition: The Case of Southeastern Europe
- Sources of Conflict in Southeastern Europe

Students will be required to take an introductory test at the beginning of the Programme. During the two semesters, students are required to make oral presentations, take mid-term tests and submit written essays, according to the organization of each course. Upon completion of the coursework they pursue further research, leading to the submission of a dissertation in September.

Faculty

The teaching staff comes primarily from the Faculty of Political Science & Public Administration of the University of Athens. Academics from other institutions in Greece and abroad may also be invited to teach on the Programme.

Admission requirements

A maximum of twenty-five (25) students will be accepted onto the programme in 2010-11, most of them originating from Southeast European countries. A limited number of other nationals may also be accepted. In addition to the above number, the Programme will also accept one (1) holder of a scholarship from the Greek State Scholarships Foundation (IKY) in the Programme’s field of study and one (1) non-Greek citizen who has been awarded a scholarship by the Greek state.

Eligible to apply are graduates of Greek Higher Education Institutions or foreign Higher Education Institutions which have been recognised by the Greek state as equivalent.

Preference will be given to graduates in the fields of study covered by the Programme. In the case of foreign degrees, official recognition by Hellenic Naric is a prerequisite for participation in the Programme (please see the website of Hellenic Naric <http://www.doatap.gr>). Further information on this process will be provided once the candidate selection process is complete.

Tuition Fees

In pursuit of the Programme's aims as outlined above, the Coordinating Committee grants exemption from the Programme fees to students with citizenship *of specified Southeast European countries*, which are the following:

- *Albania*
- *Bosnia-Herzegovina*
- *Bulgaria*
- *Croatia*
- *Hungary*
- *Kosovo under UNSC Resolution 1244*
- *Montenegro*
- *Romania*
- *Serbia*
- *Slovenia*
- *The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*
- *Turkey*

Greek citizens and citizens of other countries: The tuition fees are € 1500, payable in one non-refundable instalment at the time of registration

Documents required

1. The completed application form (which may be downloaded from our web site: <http://www.pspa.uoa.gr>).
2. A statement of purpose in English (500 words maximum).
3. A certified copy of the applicant's first degree (a minimum GPA of 6.5/10 is a prerequisite for acceptance on the Programme). Applicants who will not have graduated by the application deadline but are expected to graduate in 2010 should submit a signed statement declaring (a) their current grade point average, (b) the number of courses they need to pass in order to graduate, and (c) that the final degree will be submitted, at the latest, by registration in October.
4. A certified copy of the applicant's official university grades transcript.
5. Official translations into Greek of documents 3 (degree) and 4 (transcript), required when the original documents are in a language other than Greek or English. Students submitting their documents in English should be aware that if accepted on the Programme, they will be required to provide official translations into Greek for registration at the University of Athens.
6. Proof of excellent knowledge of the English language in the form of certified copies of (a) Proficiency of Michigan or Cambridge or (b) TOEFL with a minimum score of 230 (computer based), 570 (paper-based) or 88 (Internet-based) or (c) of a University degree on English Language and Literature or (d) of a degree from an English speaking University (If the university is located in a non-English speaking country, applicants should also attach a certificate from the University certifying that all courses were conducted in English).
7. Two recommendation letters, at least one of which should be from a faculty member of your own university. Recommendation letters should be written in English or Greek, have an original signature and stamp of the relevant institution and should be attached to the application in a sealed envelope with the referee's signature over the flap. Applicants are asked to use the "Form for Referees" which is part of the application material.

8. Simple photocopies of other supporting documents e.g. knowledge of other foreign languages, seminar attendance certificates, etc.

Applications

Applications can be submitted from **20 January – 23 April 2010** (post-stamped).

No documents will be accepted after the 23 April 2010 deadline.

The Selection Committee reserves the right to interview candidates.

Scholarships

For Greek citizens

The site of the Career Office of the University of Athens includes scholarships provided by state and non-state foundations and endowments to Greek students for graduate studies. Please refer to “metaptyxiaka-ypotrofies” (in Greek) at the home page of the career office: <http://career-office.uoa.gr/>

For non-Greek citizens

Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation

<http://www.onassis.gr/> (home page-refer to “Public Benefit Foundation” and then “Scholarships”)

<http://www.onassis.gr/sectpage.php?lang=en&secID=3&subID=4&sub2ID=2> (link to “Programmes of Scholarships for Foreigners”)

State Scholarship Foundation (IKY)

<http://www.iky.gr/> (home page - refer to “Scholarships”)

<http://portal.iky.gr:8068/portal/content/default/foreign-scholarships/welcome.html> (link to “Scholarships for Foreigners”)

Ministry for Foreign Affairs:

1. The E1 Directorate for Educational and Cultural Affairs, including undergraduate and postgraduate studies in Greece, is located at 3, Akadimias Str., 5th floor (Office 504), Working hours: Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 10.00-12.00. Tel: +30 2103682274. Further information available from the Greek Embassies.
2. **Hellenic Aid** grants approximately 100 scholarships each year to foreign and expatriate students from developing countries for graduate and postgraduate studies at Greek universities and technological education institutes.
Tel.: +30 2103683561 - 2
<http://www.hellenicaid.gr/frontoffice/portal.asp?cpage=NODE&cnode=64&clang=1>
Further information available from the Greek Embassies.

US citizens may seek financial assistance through the Fulbright Foundation in Greece. For more information please refer to “Scholarships for American Citizens” at <http://www.fulbright.gr/>

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