

Quality Policy of the Undergraduate Program “Studies in Greek Civilization” (ELP)

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The Quality Policy of the Undergraduate Program "Studies in Greek Civilization" (hereinafter ELP; ELP is an abbreviation based on the Greek title of the Program “**Ε**λληνικός Πολιτισμός”) is fully aligned with the Quality Policy of the Hellenic Open University (HOU). It is articulated as an official statement, which is publicly available and implemented with the active participation of all stakeholders. This policy aims at the continuous assurance and promotion of quality across all levels of its operation. Within the framework of the School of Humanities of the Hellenic Open University, the programme strives to fulfill its educational and scientific objectives and ensures the quality of the educational process, aiming for the continuous improvement and upgrading of its educational mission.

The programme is committed to working closely with the School of Humanities and the Hellenic Open University to implement clear and documented quality procedures that ensure:

- Provision of Higher Education studies exclusively via the distance learning method, adapted to modern needs and centered on the principles of Open Education.
- Optimal satisfaction of students' requirements and the broader needs of those utilizing the program or affected by it, guided by study quality and labor market demands.
- Appropriateness of the structure and organization of the Study Programme through the optimal utilization of available resources.
- Pursuit of learning outcomes and qualifications in accordance with the European and National Qualifications Framework for Higher Education.
- High quality and effectiveness of the teaching work.
- Appropriateness of teaching staff qualifications, characterized by academic and pedagogical excellence, experience in distance education, and active research activity.
- Promotion of the quality and quantity of research produced by the members of the Program's academic community.
- Linkage between teaching and research, ensuring that courses are informed by the latest research data and that students develop critical thinking skills.
- Demand for graduates' qualifications in the labor market.
- Technical and scientific excellence in innovative distance learning methodologies, utilizing a modern, user-friendly digital learning environment, as well as interactive and collaborative learning tools.

- Reliable support systems for the educational process.
- Quality of the Institution's support services (library, technical support, secretarial services and counseling services).

The Programme operates according to the institutional framework governing the Study Programmes of the Hellenic Open University School of Humanities. Furthermore, it is committed to systematically taking into account observations and improvement proposals from competent evaluation committees, as well as any other statutory body or authorized person monitoring its effectiveness. In this context, the Programme documents all actions implemented for its evaluation and continuous improvement, following the Institution's prescribed quality assurance procedures. Specifically, for the Programme, the following are ensured:

- Provision of systematic and broad knowledge regarding the evolution and distinct characteristics of Hellenic culture from antiquity to the modern era.
- Cultivation of critical and synthetic thinking, and familiarity with source research and general research methods within the taught subject areas.
- Integration of the ELP programme within the broader historical context of Global Civilization.
- Study of the expressions and manifestations of Hellenic Civilization in fields such as history, philosophy, history of science, ancient, Byzantine and Modern Greek philology/literature, theater, visual arts, cinema, music, dance, Hellenism of the Diaspora, archaeology, and public and private life.
- Continuous renewal and enrichment of teaching materials to reflect research progress and new educational trends.
- Cultivation of academic writing skills, such as written and oral scientific expression, the ability to compose structured and original academic papers, and skills in presenting and defending an argument through reasoning.

The Programme is committed to the continuous review and internal evaluation of its performance, in close and constant cooperation with the Internal Quality Assurance Unit (OMEA) and the Quality Assurance Unit (MODIP) of the Institution. It is also committed to the redesign and upgrading of its Quality Policy, in accordance with the Institution's procedures. The goal is the systematic improvement of performance in all functional areas, the enhancement of educational effectiveness, and compliance with current quality standards.

The Quality Policy of the ELP programme is published on the Program's information [website](#) via the central portal of the Hellenic Open University (HOU).