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Ionian University is an academic institution located across several islands of the Ionian Sea, offering unique programs and disciplines. Through constant investment in quality – reflected in excellent certification results in our quality assurance system and study programs – we cultivate our unique educational identity, which in turn becomes a critical element of the successful career of our graduates. Ionian University offers subjects that genuinely reflect the dynamic developments in science and technology and the demanding arts and humanities fields.

At the heart of Ionian University are our students. For this reason, their studies are supported by institutional services that help students during their academic studies, making them members of a contemporary academic community, or more aptly, of an academic “family”, from the very start. As members of this “family”, they systematically cultivate meaningful connections with their disciplines, along with a growing sense of collaboration among various scientific subject areas. This is perhaps the most vital attribute of the academic identity of Ionian University.

The essential updates of study programs (undergraduate and postgraduate) are possible through continuous investment in basic and applied research and by feeding back these research results in the educational process. At the same time, Ionian University has a dynamic presence in implementing training and lifelong learning programs, thus strengthening its academic and broader social role at regional, national, and international levels.

The pages of this document highlight the special and unique identity of studies at Ionian University; this unique identity paves the way to the discovery of a “tomorrow” that honours the expectations of young people who consciously aim toward a brighter future.

The Rector of Ionian University,

Professor Andreas Floros

Ionian University

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Ionian University was founded in 1984 in the city of Corfu, Greece, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with a unique aesthetic, rich history, and multidimensional cultural tradition. It is the proud academic successor of the Ionian Academy, the first Greek University, which was founded and operated on the island of Corfu from 1824 until the union of the Ionian Islands with Greece in 1864.

Ionian University consists of five Faculties and ten Departments, located not only on Corfu (its seat) but also on three other islands: Kefalonia, Zakynthos, and Lefkada. The subjects studied and the curricula of the university Departments in the humanities, science, economics and the arts exhibit a notable degree of originality. Some of them are unique in Greece, complementing this originality with a high degree of interdisciplinarity.

The graduates of the University have brilliant academic and research prospects. Having a solid educational and research presence in the national and international academic and research world, Ionian University offers the necessary skills for a successful professional or academic career through its undergraduate studies, nineteen Master's programs and several opportunities for doctoral and postdoctoral research it provides.

Guided by high-quality criteria and focusing primarily on the students, academic life is characterised by responsiveness and the provision of a variety of educational and pastoral services available to students, such as:

Accommodation and Catering Services: Many students are offered free accommodation based on financial and social criteria. In addition, student restaurants operate on every island with a university department.

Library and Information Center: A modern university library offers approximately 80,000 titles of documents (books, brochures, offprints, audiovisual material, etc.), as well as digital copies and subscriptions to electronic databases (<https://library.ionio.gr/en/>).

Studies abroad with the Erasmus+ Programme: This program allows students to study or do an internship abroad and learn foreign languages at about 250 partner universities with which Ionian University cooperates (<https://sites.ionio.gr/international/en/>).

Internships: During their undergraduate studies, students have the opportunity to complete training for two months in public or private institutions in any



city of Greece under the guidance of an employee of the host institution and the supervision of faculty members from Ionian University.

Career Office: The Career Office offers substantial support to students and graduates through a series of initiatives, actions, and tools, such as personalised career counselling, information on postgraduate studies and scholarships, information on internships and training seminars, the establishment, organisation, and operation of the Alumni network and the creation of long-lasting relations between graduates and the University (<https://career.cie.ionio.gr/>).

Training & Lifelong Learning Centre: The centre provides professional development, training, and lifelong learning programs to higher education graduates, employees of companies and organisations, or adults in general, offering certification to the trainees (<https://kedivim.ionio.gr/>).

Research is an essential pillar of the activities of Ionian University, and the **University Research Centre** has recently been added to the crucial research ecosystem. The centre aims to support cutting-edge research, junior researchers, and interdisciplinary projects; it fosters connections with centres of excellence, manages the creation

of knowledge repositories, and promotes applied research at the regional level, as well as collaborations with entities responsible for the exploitation of research results (<https://urc.ionio.gr/en/>).

The social impact of the operation of Ionian University is ongoing, focusing on the Region of the Ionian Islands and beyond. Through actions such as the establishment of the network of **Museums of Ionian University**, the **establishment of the UNESCO Chair** against Threats to Cultural Heritage, the recent establishment of the **Ionian Hall of Science**, and the founding participation in the **International Network of Scholars at Risk (SAR)** in Greek higher education institutes, Ionian University makes a significant contribution to several vital areas, responding to actual societal needs.





Department of History

history.ionio.gr/en



Short Description

The Department of History was founded in Corfu in 1985. It is the only Department in Greece with an exclusive focus on History. The Department currently employs 29 members of staff (including professors, associate and assistant professors, special educational personnel, laboratory teaching personnel, special teaching personnel, adjunct teachers, and academic scholars) and its total active student population is approximately five hundred.

Studies

The Department of History provides its students with a solid background in History from antiquity to the present throughout its four-year Bachelor's degree program. Emphasis is given to social, economic, political, and global history. Furthermore, adopting an interdisciplinary perspective, the Department offers a wide range of academic disciplines in humanities.

The Department runs four (4) high-quality **Master's Programs**: 1. *History and Documentation* (2 years), 2. *Methodology of Criticism and Publication of Historical and Archival Sources* (3 semesters), 3. *Historical Demography* (2 years), and 4. *Historical Research, Didactics, and New Technologies* in collaboration with the Department of Informatics of Ionian University (2 years). It also offers **PhD studies** and postdoctoral research opportunities in areas within its research interests.

The Department of History runs four (4) **laboratories**, which operate on the fundamental principle of connecting teaching to research, for the creation of new knowledge: 1. Laboratory of History Documentation and Mediterranean World Research, 2. Laboratory of Modern History Documentation, 3. Laboratory for the Study of the Ancient World and 4. Laboratory for Educational Innovation/EDI Lab.

Summer Schools

Since 2017, the Department of History has been organising Summer Schools in July- August titled *Greek Language and Culture*, open to anyone interested in developing their linguistic skills in the Greek language and applying that knowledge to history, philosophy, and other disciplines. The duration of the Summer Schools in Corfu is one month, and they combine the exquisite beauty of the island's natural landscape with its unique architecture, arts, and culture, as Corfu is a spectacular UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site.

International Collaborations

The Department of History has been actively involved in the **Erasmus+ Programme** and has signed bilateral agreements with several European Universities, mainly in France, Germany, Italy, and Spain. The mobility of students and staff is a principal aim of the Department's policy. In addition, the Department has signed Memoranda of

Understanding (MoUs) and Special Protocols with non-European Universities, such as Georgia State University in Atlanta and Shanghai International Studies University (S.I.S.U.) in China, to enhance each institution's competitive advantage in the discipline of History as well as their international standing.

Furthermore, the Department has signed MoUs with Frederick University in Cyprus, Université Paul-Valéry Montpellier III, Université Paris-Sorbonne (Paris IV), and the University of Pavia, with the aim of co-supervising dissertations and PhD theses and cultivating outstanding research that leads faculty and students to high quality academic and professional training.

Conferences

The Department of History organises and participates in conferences and workshops relevant to its research fields, such as the Panhellenic Academic Libraries Conference, the Changing Cities International Conference, the International Scholars' Symposium on Sports, Society & Culture, and the International Conference in Economic and Social History.

Looking into the Future

The Department of History has already launched the operation of two English-speaking International Programs (*Classics Today* and *Adriatic Studies*, respectively) addressing international students. Both are expected to start in the next academic year.

The department is committed to increasing and supporting international exchange and participation through new international collaborations and enhancing existing networks.



Department of Foreign Languages, Translation and Interpreting

dflti.ionio.gr/en



Short Description

The Department of Foreign Languages, Translation and Interpreting (DFLTI), based in Corfu, is the only University department in Greece that offers state-of-the-art translation and interpreting studies (T&I).

Studies

The four-year undergraduate program of study is organised in two paths: (a) Translation and (b) Interpreting (for 3rd year or graduate students after a selection process), leading to a Bachelor's in Trilingual Translation or Interpreting (Greek-English-French or Greek-English-German). Students can also attend Spanish, Italian, Farsi (Persian), Russian, Turkish, Chinese, and Korean classes.

In years 1 and 2, students focus on language and (inter)cultural studies, linguistics, literature, translation theory, political science, law, and economics and

work with various textual genres. In years 3 and 4, the focus is on more specialised translation or interpreting courses. Students are also introduced to terminology and terminography, subtitling, dubbing, the translation of multimedia texts, and translation technology.

DFLTl offers two tuition-free, high-level **Postgraduate Programs** (Master of Arts):

- *M.A. in Science of Translation*, a 3-semester program founded in 1998
- *M.A. in Politics, Language, and Intercultural Communication*, a 3-semester program founded in 2018

DFLTl offers **PhD studies** in Translation, Interpreting, and other relevant fields, ranging from 3-5 years, and Postdoctoral research opportunities to researchers who have already obtained a PhD in areas that fall within its research interests.

DFLTl has five (5) **laboratories** encompassing research and education: 1. Geocultural Analyses (GEOLAB), 2. Language and Politics, 3. Legal, Economic, Political, and Technical Translation, 4. Translation of Greek Literature, and 5. Language, History, and Culture of the Ionian Islands.

Summer Schools

DFLTl annually runs three Summer Schools:

- GEOLAB and the British Buckingham University Centre for Security and Intelligence Studies (BUCSIS) jointly organise the International Summer School in Mediterranean Security and Culture in Corfu (<https://geolabinstitute.org>)
- Summer School of Greek Language, History, and Culture co-organised with the Departments of History and Music Studies (<https://sites.ionio.gr/css/2020/en/>)
- The International Summer Academy for Intercultural Communication

International Collaborations

DFLTl has more than 60 active **Erasmus+** agreements with universities in Europe, N. America, and Africa and several active MoUs with foreign universities and

organisations, such as George Mason University, USA, Bluefield State College, USA, Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway, Moscow State Pedagogical University, Russia, the University of Tirana and the University of Shkodra, Albania, the European Commission Directorate-General for Translation and the UNESCO Chair on Threats to Cultural Heritage and Cultural Heritage-related Activities.

DFLTl collaborates with Université Paul-Valéry Montpellier III in France to co-supervise PhD dissertations.

DFLTl has active participation in several international scientific networks. It is an associate member of Erasmus+ European Masters in Technology for Translation and Interpreting (EM TTI). It offers internships to students, contributes to curriculum updates, surveillance, and evaluation, and organises lectures and seminars. It participates in the European Doctoral School on the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP Doc School), an initiative that is part of the European Security and Defence College. It also participates in the EuroDiscourse Summer School, Lawmaking as discourse and action.

Conferences

The Department of Foreign Languages, Translation and Interpreting (DFLTl) organises and participates in conferences and workshops relevant to its institutional fields of research, such as the international conference “Multilingual theories and practices,” the Novel Encounters Literature Festival, the International Conference on “Creative Writing,” and the forum for Translation and Interpreting Professionals.

Looking into the Future

The Department is actively seeking new international collaborations as well as study and research opportunities. Furthermore, the Hellenic Sign Language Interpreters Association is joining forces with DFLTl to collaborate on various levels.



Department of Archives, Library Science and Museology

ilam.ionio.gr/en



Short Description

The Department of Archives, Library Science and Museology (DALM) is the only university department in Greece under the umbrella of Information Science. Established in 1993-1994, DALM aims to provide students with a solid academic foundation and the required skills to professionally curate information in all aspects of the information-intensive fields of Archives, Library Science, and Museology, as well as on issues relating to their organisation, management, and development. DALM promotes research in the aforementioned fields through a global approach and study of documents and museum objects as information carriers, both cultural and social meaning agents.

Studies

Undergraduate studies at DALM extend over

four (4) academic years, leading to a Bachelor's degree. 70% of the courses taught are compulsory to all students, while 30% are specialisation courses in Archival Studies, Library Science, or Museology. Combining two of the three specialisations mentioned above is also possible.

The Department offers 3 **Master's degrees**: 1. *Cultural Information Management (3 semesters)*, 2. *Digital Information Management - Information Services (3 semesters)*, and 3. *Preservation & Management of Cultural Heritage (3 semesters)* in collaboration with the Department of Environment of Ionian University.

Students holding a Postgraduate Specialisation Diploma or a Postgraduate Degree from a Greek or foreign University recognised by NARIC (National Academic Recognition Information Centre) are entitled to enrol in the second cycle of postgraduate studies to carry out **doctoral research** for a minimum of 3 years.

All programs of study are offered in Greek, while PhD studies can be carried out in other languages as well (at present, the department supports PhD students in English).

The Department also offers **postdoctoral research** opportunities to researchers who have already obtained a PhD in areas that fall within its institutional research interests. The duration of the postdoctoral research is at least 24 months, and no fees are involved.

DALM supports cross-border international research projects funded by the EU as well as projects funded by national and local stakeholders. The Department has four (4) official teaching and **research laboratories** to promote research and support the educational process: 1. Digital Libraries and Electronic Publishing, 2. Historical and Cultural Documentation, 3. Information Technology, and 4. Museology, Protection, Restoration, and Utilisation of Cultural Assets. They have produced significant research

results published in various scientific journals.

Summer Schools

The department is currently developing study programs and summer schools in English.

International Collaborations

The mobility of students and staff is a principal aim of the Department's policy. In this framework, DALM has been actively involved in the **Erasmus+ Programme**, having signed bilateral agreements with several universities in Italy, Spain, Portugal, Cyprus, and Turkey.

Research-wise, the Department's four research laboratories have developed international co-operations, while academic staff members lead international research projects as principal investigators.

Conferences

The Department of Archives, Library Studies and Museology organises and participates in conferences and workshops relevant to its fields of research, such as the Panhellenic Academic Libraries Conference, the IEEE Authorship and Open Access Symposium, and the International Conference on Information Law and Ethics.

Looking into the Future

The Department of Archives, Library Studies, and Museology will continue focusing on Information Science, specialising in galleries, libraries, archives and museums (GLAMs), humanities data and information, and heritage management in the physical and digital worlds. It will continue offering online courses, seminars, and services, developing International Research Collaborations, organising Summer Schools, establishing Research Grants schemes, and becoming a university teaching and Information Science research hub for the Adriatic, the Balkans, and the Eastern Mediterranean.



Department of Informatics

di.ionio.gr/en



Short Description

The Department of Informatics has been operating in Corfu since 2004-2005 and deals with theoretical and applied Informatics. The Department's purpose is to cultivate and promote the Science of Computing, focusing on the theory and applications of Informatics in the areas of Humanistic Informatics as well as on the design, development, operation, and management of Information Systems.

Studies

The Department of Informatics offers a four-year Bachelor's degree program with two streams. The Information Systems stream deals with the efficient and effective use of information and communication technologies in organisations to achieve a competitive advantage and quality in providing products and services. The Humanistic Informatics stream focuses on the impact of modern technologies on human thought, perception, work and creativity, social relations,

education, science, political and cultural action, and the effect of human presence, intellect, and behaviour in the science of Informatics.

The Department offers six (6) **Postgraduate (Master of Science - MSc) Programs**: 1. *Digital Applications and Innovation (2 semesters)*, 2. *Big Data-Driven Network Systems (3 semesters)*, 3. *Historical Research, Teaching, and New Technologies (2 years)* in collaboration with the Department of History of Ionian University, 4. *Bioinformatics and Neuroinformatics (3 semesters)* in partnership with the Hellenic Open University, 5. *Digital Health and Analytical Service (3 semesters)*, in collaboration with Harokopion University and the University of Piraeus, and 6. *Digital Technologies in Hospitality Management and Tourism (3 semesters)* in partnership with the Department of Tourism of Ionian University. The department also offers **doctoral (PhD) studies**, ranging from 3 to 6 years.

The Department runs five (5) **Research Laboratories**: 1. Bioinformatics and Human Electrophysiology (BiHELab), 2. Computational Modeling (CMODLab), 3. Humanistic and Social Informatics (HILab), 4. Information Systems and Databases (ISDLab), and 5. Networks, Multimedia, and Security Systems (NMSLab).

Summer Schools

Summer schools are a unique opportunity for researchers and scientists from around the world to participate in state-of-the-art research and teaching activities and to exchange innovative ideas and methods while exploring the beautiful island of Corfu. The summer schools organised by the Department include, among others, summer schools in Environmental Informatics, Educational Technologies, Digital Technologies, Innovation in Tourism Entrepreneurship, Robotics and Programming, Information Communication Security,

Neuroscience, and Mathematics Education. Furthermore, the Department organises and actively participates in various groups and events related to professional careers, arts, computer science, and entertainment, such as TEDxIonianUniversity, Mindspace at Corfu, Ionian CTF, and Ionian IEEE Student Branch.

International Collaborations

The Department has signed bilateral agreements with 16 higher education institutions for the mobility of students, teaching staff, and administrative personnel via the **Erasmus+ Programme**. These collaborations include countries such as Cyprus, Norway, Portugal, Italy, Spain, Finland, Malta, Germany, Croatia, and Latvia.

Conferences

The Department organises international conferences, workshops, events, and lectures focused on topics related to the science of Informatics. Examples of conferences, workshops, and events organised by the Department include, among others, the Genetics, Geriatrics and Neurodegenerative Research, the International Workshop on Semantic and Social Media Adaptation & Personalisation, the South-East Europe Design Automation, Computer Engineering, Computer Networks and Social Media Conference, and the Mediterranean Conference on Information Systems.

Looking into the future

The Department of Informatics' priority is increasing connections with distinguished institutions, acting as an excellence hub in international partnerships, and organising summer schools and international conferences. Its constant goal is to improve its academic syllabus, increase research funding, and act as a point of excellence and reference within the local community and the broader Ionian region.



Department of Digital Media and Communication

dmc.ionio.gr/en



Short Description

The Department of Digital Media and Communication (DDMC) is a modern Department that combines the science of Communication with Information & Communication Technologies. It is located in Argostoli, Kefalonia's capital, approximately 2 km from the city centre.

Studies

The Department has a modern eight-semester study program, which leads to a Bachelor's degree. The modules offered cover general knowledge in the science of Communication and Information & Communication Technologies, as well as more specialised knowledge depending on each student's orientation.

The media approach presupposes a visual, social, cultural, aesthetic, and technological perspective, thus giving the methodological practice a multi-faceted dimension. The Department seeks to

create an educational environment that promotes the interdisciplinary understanding of Digital Media and Communication and the research of this scientific field in a constantly updated manner. The curriculum of the Department is focused on Communication using Information & Communication Technologies. It includes courses in distinct scientific specialities, such as communication, marketing, advertising, internet, tourism, culture, journalism, and public relations.

Postgraduate studies: Since 2020-2021, the Department has been operating a very successful Postgraduate Studies Program entitled *New Media Communication and Digital Marketing*, which consists of three semesters and awards an MSc Degree. Furthermore, the Department offers a **Doctoral program (PhD)** related to all of the department's research areas as they are determined by the research interests of its faculty members.

On-site, there are four (4) fully licensed institution **research laboratories** that cover vital interest areas of the Department:

- Digital Transformation Laboratory (DIGITAL)
- Laboratory of Influence and Interaction Technologies (INTER Lab)
- New Media Communication and Usability Lab (NeMeCU LAB)
- Laboratory for the Study of Ionian Islands Hellenism of the Diaspora

Summer Schools

The Department runs summer schools annually, as its facilities and location on the island's picturesque capital make it an ideal destination for this purpose.

International Collaborations

The Department of Digital Media and Communication participates in the **ERASMUS+ Programme** to enhance student mobility and cooperation opportunities, mainly in journalism, audio-visual

techniques and media production, marketing and advertising. Within this framework, it has signed bilateral agreements with universities in several European countries, such as France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Poland, Slovakia, and Germany.

Furthermore, the academic staff has intense research activity in many subjects that relate to the interests of the Department while maintaining collaborations with many other University Departments in Greece and abroad, such as International Hellenic University, Brunel University, London, and Hochschule Darmstadt - University of Applied Sciences, Germany.

Recently, the department designed and presented the **Ionian Hall of Science** (<https://science.ihellenism.org/>), an initiative aiming to identify and bring together all scientists of Ionian origin or current residents of the Ionian Islands as well as those working in Greece or abroad. The aim is, through Science, to assist in the future development of the Ionian Islands.

Conferences

The Department regularly organises workshops, webinars, guest speaker lectures, and conferences, such as the 1st Meeting on Sustainable Tourism Development, the Global Information Infrastructure and Networking Symposium (GIIS 2022), the 1st Annual Greek-speaking Conference of Communication Labs (cclabs2022), and the 5G: Empowering the Marketing and Tourism Ecosystems Webinar.

Looking into the future

As Digital Media and Communications are constantly changing and evolving fields, the Department seeks to advance and expand research collaborations and provide innovative education interdisciplinary programs in partnership with universities and other institutions worldwide.



Department of Audio and Visual Arts

avarts.ionio.gr/en



Short Description

A leading department in Greece, which prepares its students for the highly demanding and competitive environment of contemporary artistic creation, the **Department of Audio and Visual Arts** combines theoretical and technological scientific knowledge and creative hands-on expression.

Studies

The Department offers undergraduate (Integrated Master) and postgraduate studies focusing on practice-led research. The undergraduate course is a five-year digital art and audiovisual production program through teaching and practice-based research in the broader field of new media arts and mass communication. During the last semester of studies, students prepare and present their thesis and personal works during Art and Science events, such as the annual Audiovisual Arts Festival and at various other art venues and institutions.

Postgraduate Studies

MA: *Audiovisual Arts in the Digital Age (3*

semesters): This postgraduate program aims to promote scientific knowledge, research, and artistic creation in the interdisciplinary creative field of digital audiovisual art and communication/creative industry. It is designed primarily for artists who have already shown their creativity and artistic works using traditional expressive means and who wish to acquire expertise in the new forms of media to further develop their creative skills and identity as artists.

Joint Master's degrees: 1. *Sonic Arts and Audio Technologies (3 semesters)* in partnership with the Department of Music Studies of Ionian University, 2. *New Technologies in Environmental Education and Sustainable Development (3 semesters)*, in collaboration with the Department of Environment of Ionian University.

PhD Studies: The Department offers a Doctoral Studies Program, which offers specialisation in its main disciplines of study, in particular, the creative interaction between artistic expression and the development of leading-edge technology required to support it.

Studies are supported by four (4) **research laboratories** integrated into the department: 1. Interactive Arts / InArts (2015), 2. Audiovisual Signal Processing / EP.O.A.SI (2015), 3. Performative Environments in the Arts Research / PEARL (2017), and 4. Applied Music Acoustics and Oscillations (2022).

Summer Schools

The Department has developed the *Summer School in Hybrid Arts* series, composed of a curriculum of short-term seminars and labs aiming to integrate Greek mythological inspiration connected with the Ionian Islands and the unlimited possibilities of new media. The program has included Brain Imaging, Experiential Anatomy, Site-Specific Arts,

Astrophotography, Storytelling in Museums and Bio Art. All topics are taught in English by the academic staff of Ionian University and international guest instructors.

International Collaborations

The Department has signed bilateral agreements, especially within the **ERASMUS+ Programme**, with European and international educational institutions in Belgium, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, France, Finland, Germany, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia, Turkey, and the UK.

The Department also coordinates many funded research programs, such as the Hub of Art Laboratories, the European Art-Science-Technology Network for Digital Creation, Joint Initiatives for the Enhancement of the Tourism Product of the Program Areas through Cinema and Holograms: Digital Tour Guide using Augmented Reality and Holograms.

Conferences

The Department organises several national and international conferences and festivals, such as *the Global Online Symposium META-Xenakis, the Ionian Contemporary Animation Festival ICONA, the International Conference EUTIC, the International Conference on Digital Culture & AudioVisual Challenges, and the annual Audiovisual Arts Festival.*

Looking into the future

The MAREs or 'Master of Arts by Research' in Hybrid Arts, developed by the Department, aims to prepare emerging researchers, either for professional work or before a PhD program, encouraging theoretical inquiry and experimentation where frontier areas of science and emerging technologies underpin art practice and fostering creativity in a high-tech world. This master's degree program is in English and is mainly conducted online. However, there are intense short-term residencies.



Department of Music Studies

music.ionio.gr/en



Short Description

The Department of Music Studies was founded in 1992 and is located in a historical building within Corfu's Old Castle, close to the city's historical centre. The island of Corfu has enjoyed a rich musical tradition and holds a special place in the musical culture of modern Greece.

Studies

The Department has a dynamic 5-year program covering five different areas of Music Theory and Practice: *1. Theory and Composition, 2. Instrumental Performance, Vocal Performance, and Conducting, 3. Music Technology, 4. Music Education, 5. Musical Science, Historical Musicology, and Ethnomusicology.*

It offers three specialisations (Composition, Performance, and Musical Sciences) and produces professional composers, performers, music teachers, researchers, and music technicians. The European Credit Transfer System (ECTS), to which the Department adheres, allows students to move freely between significant European music institutions. The degrees awarded by the

department are considered equivalent to those awarded by European and American Institutions, Conservatories, Music Academies, and University Music Departments.

Special Characteristics: The Department is unique in Greece in that it offers a comprehensive program of study in rare areas: **Early Music, Orchestral Conducting, Choral Conducting, Organ, Jazz, Electroacoustic Music, and Music Therapy.**

Postgraduate Studies

The Music Department currently offers two postgraduate courses: 1. *MA: Music Pedagogy (4 semesters)*, with two specialisations: (i) *Music Pedagogy in Schools and the Community*, (ii) *Choral Conducting of Children's choirs in Schools and the Community*, and 2. *MA: Sonic Arts and Audio Technologies (3 semesters)* in collaboration with the Department of Audio and Visual Arts of Ionian University.

The Department offers **doctoral programs** under three broad areas: Music Composition, Music Performance, and Musical Science.

The Department also runs three **Research Laboratories**: 1. Hellenic Music Research Laboratory, 2. Laboratory of Electro-Acoustic Music Research, and 3. Early Music Laboratory.

Summer Schools and events

The Department organises numerous summer programs, research seminars, and cultural events, often in collaboration with local or international organisations, such as the **Summer Ionian Academy**, the **Piano Festival**, and the **Cello Mediterranean Festival**. It also has its youtube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSKtIXEtrS2BR_DDw0aV2dg/featured

International Collaborations

One of the strategic aims of the Music Department is to encourage international collaborations among colleagues and students. Since 1999, the Department

has hosted over 250 visiting academics from universities and music academies abroad. Every year, 30% of its academic staff visit various Academic Research Centres, Conservatories, Music Academies, and Universities abroad.

To facilitate student mobility within the **Erasmus+ Programme**, the Department of Music Studies has signed bilateral agreements with several countries, such as Austria, Cyprus, Finland, and the Netherlands.

The Department participates in international organisations, projects, and forums, such as the International Association of Schools of Jazz (IASJ).

Conferences

The Music Department has demonstrated a notable activity regarding the organisation of musicological conferences. A few of the most recent ones are as follows:

-The 13th Inter-departmental Musicological Conference (19-21 November 2021), an annual scholar event under the auspices of the Hellenic Musicological Society.

-“Music Creation and Practice in Modern Greece” (8-10 April 2022), a conference co-organized by the Hellenic Music Research Lab of the Department and Corfu Philharmonic Society.

-“Days of Electroacoustic Music 2022” (22-25 September 2022), an annual meeting with a panhellenic appeal that offers an open space for composers of electroacoustic music and other related fields to demonstrate their creations and ideas.

Looking into the future

Since 1992 the Department of Music Studies has become one of the most prominent Music Departments in Greece. It has reached international recognition through quality research, performances in Greece and abroad, highly acclaimed compositions, training programs, editions of journals, and publication of books and recordings. The Department of Music Studies will continue to offer students high-quality professional training, as well as to expand research and musical activities, and increase and intensify exchanges with international institutions.



Department of Environment

envi.ionio.gr/en



Short Description

The Department of Environment is located in Zakynthos and is housed in well-equipped, state-of-the-art teaching facilities. Students can acquire professional skills based on theory, laboratory teaching, and field exercises.

Studies

The Department offers an undergraduate four-year program, which leads to an Environmental Science BSc degree. The program aims to provide an understanding of the processes affecting the environment and the ecosystems and a critical understanding of the technologies involved. Students can complete part of their degree in other European Universities using the **Erasmus+ student exchange Programme** and obtain professional experience via an optional scheme of practical training in the workplace.

The Department currently operates two **interdepartmental postgraduate programs** that lead to an MSc degree: *1. New Technologies in Environmental Education and Sustainable*

Development (3 semesters) in collaboration with the Department of Audio and Visual Arts of Ionian University, and 2. *Preservation and Management of Cultural Heritage (3 semesters)* in partnership with the Department of Archives, Library Studies, and Museology of Ionian University. The Department accepts international students in the courses mentioned above.

The Department also offers **PhD Research programs** in English. As part of the Erasmus+ Teaching and Research Network, the Department accepts English-speaking students at the postgraduate level.

Five (5) formally established **research laboratories** promote scientific research and support teaching: 1. Chemistry and Environmental Protection, 2. Environmental Management and Sustainable Development, 3. Environmental Physics, Energy, and Environmental Biology, 4. Software Engineering and Geoinformatics Applications, and 5. Mathematical Physics and Computational Statistics.

Summer Schools

The Department offers lifelong training programs in Greek via the university's Lifelong Learning Centre (KE.DI.VI.M.). Summer schools that the Department organises include 1. *Power Python Summer School*, a summer school in the form of programming laboratory courses for advanced subjects and well-resourced language libraries, emphasises data analysis and processing. It is organised in collaboration with the University of Patras and Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. 2. *Information and Communication Technologies in the Promotion and Management of Natural and Cultural Resources for Tourism Development*. 3. *Summer School in Sustainable Tourism in Island Protected Areas - Design & Management*. 4. *Dynamics and Management of the Mediterranean Marine Environment*, in collaboration

with the Universities of Aegean and Piraeus, the Marine Park of Zakynthos, and tutors' participation from the Hellenic National Meteorological Service and the Universities of Algarve, Cardiff, and Lille.

International Collaborations

Within the framework of the **Erasmus+ Programme**, the Department of Environment has signed bilateral agreements with universities in several countries, such as France, Spain, Belgium, Portugal, the Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Serbia, and Turkey.

Furthermore, the Department has active collaborations with other European and non-European universities and research centres, such as the Department of Ecosystem Science and Management and Materials Research Institute, Energy and the Environment Laboratory, Pennsylvania State University, the Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Bologna, Italy, Charles University, Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, Prague, Czech Republic, the School of Transport Engineering & Built Environment, College of Engineering & Built Environment, TU Dublin, Ireland, the Department of Biogeochemistry and Geology, Leibniz-Zentrum für Marine Tropenforschung (ZMT), Bremen, Germany and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Evolution, Ecology, and Behavior, USA.

Looking into the future

Among the Department's priorities is the continuous enrichment of the undergraduate study program, the undertaking of research projects, the accreditation of undergraduate and master's programs as well as of laboratory services, the design, implementation, and monitoring of a sustainability plan, the establishment of stable connections with industry and academia and lastly the strengthening of the Department's relations with society.



Department of Food Science and Technology

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Short Description

The Department of Food Science and Technology is located and operates on 42 acres of privately owned land and a 2,000 m² building in Argostoli, the picturesque capital of Kefalonia island. It delivers high-quality studies in the relevant fields. Students acquire theoretical and practical training, knowledge, and skills in the agri-food sector, including the areas of production, processing, safety and quality control, microbiology, toxicology, chemistry, analysis, food technology, and biotechnology, ensuring that graduates will have a successful career in the Food Science and Technology sector.

Studies

The duration of the undergraduate program is four academic years (eight semesters). The curriculum includes mandatory and elective courses, a research thesis, and a two-month internship. The curriculum is flexible, thus

allowing students to create their own curriculum by choosing from the elective courses that best fit their personal scientific, professional or research pursuits and accomplishments.

Postgraduate Studies: The Department offers two funded PhD programs in cutting-edge food science and biochemistry topics: *1. Production of edible films with functional properties through the development of biorefinery strategy and 2. Production and applications of microbial carotenoids.*

The Department possesses seven (7) **research laboratories** to address and promote research excellence for undergraduate and postgraduate students and visiting researchers: 1. Food Microbiology Lab, 2. Wine and Spirits Quality Control Lab, 3. Soil Science Lab, 4. Physiology and Aromatic Plants Lab, 5. Food Chemistry and Industrial Fermentations Lab, 6. Biological Plant Protection and Fruit & Vegetable Technology Lab, and 7. Toxicity Control and Bioactive Compounds Lab.

Summer Schools

The Department organises summer schools relevant to its field of study, such as Organic Viticulture - Oenology, Organic Farming, Agri-food sector, and Organic Olive Growing. The activities are offered to Greek graduates with relative specialisation fields, undergraduate and master's or doctorate students and professionals.

International Collaborations and Research

Exchanges of academic staff members and students through the **Erasmus+ Programme** document the extroversion of the Department. The Erasmus+ mobility partnerships include universities in Spain, Italy, France, and Serbia, while international collaborations involve universities in the UK, Hong Kong, Germany, Portugal, and Nepal.

European co-operations are also supported by the participation of Academic staff members in COST Actions and the submission of joint publications and research proposals, mostly with partners from Mediterranean countries (e.g., Cyprus, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Morocco, and Tunisia) through European calls (e.g., Interreg, Life, Prima, etc.).

The Department's Research status has significantly enhanced over the last years, exhibiting an average of more than 4,000 citations per year. Indicative research projects are: 1. FoodBiomes - Infrastructure of Microbiome Applications in Food Systems, 2. Food Innovation RI - Research Infrastructure on Food Bioprocessing Development and Innovation Exploitation, 3. DIGIFLORA - Development of digital applications to highlight the flora of the Ionian Islands, and 4. BIOCONSION - Recording, Characterization, Evaluation and Conservation of Natural Genetic Resources of the Ionian islands in the National Strategy for Biodiversity Context: Native Species with Medicinal Value.

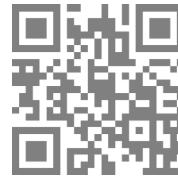
Looking into the future

The Department envisages developing the possibilities to co-organise and offer study programs to international students of all levels, expanding international collaborations, developing master's programs, offering training in the field of Agri-food Bioeconomy, ongoing research for the development of sustainable food systems, developing scientific innovations towards a farm to fork and food-bioeconomy strategies, and expanding infrastructure through agreements regarding a new building and cutting-edge scientific equipment.



Department of Tourism

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Short Description

The Department of Tourism was founded in 2018 and is based in Corfu. Its mission is to provide a solid academic background in the scientific field of Tourism and an interdisciplinary approach by offering courses in Management, Economics, Informatics, Marketing, Sustainable Development, and International Relations. The philosophy of the Department's curriculum examines the nature and characteristics of the tourism industry. It explores how it can be promoted, managed, and transformed with the support of modern management tools but also with the contribution of digital technologies. The vision of the Department is to develop, compose, and integrate the scientific fields related to tourism development and management of tourism and hospitality firms. The fulfilment of this vision will be achieved through excellence in education and research and joint initiatives with tourism sectors.

Studies

The four-year undergraduate studies curriculum of the Department focuses on the following main topics: Tourism Management, Digital Tourism, Tourism & Culture, International tourism, language, and law and Thematic tourism.

Postgraduate studies: The Departments of Tourism and Informatics of Ionian University jointly provide the MSc. *Digital Technologies in Hospitality and Tourism Management (3 semesters)*, which has the objective to offer specialised knowledge and the development of skills in the use of new digital technologies (big data analytics, collaborative applications, mobile computing, humanitarian data management technologies, innovative technologies, digital representation) in the field of tourism and hospitality businesses to develop and manage innovation.

Summer Schools

The Department is planning, in collaboration with the Department of Informatics of Ionian University, to organise summer workshops on the following topic: *Digital Technologies and Innovation in Tourism Management*.

International Collaborations and Research Programs

The Department of Tourism has developed partnerships with several European universities in Cyprus, Portugal, and Spain within the framework of the **Erasmus+ Programme** to enhance student mobility and strengthen the European dimension of their studies. As part of the International Academic Partnership Program (IAPP) of Greece, the Department has also initiated a collaboration with the University of Alabama in the USA.

Furthermore, the Department of Tourism participates in the following research programs: **IRSCHEN** is a partnership between educational institutions, businesses, and regional development agencies that identify an excellent opportunity to develop and improve their skills and services in new technology tools. The objective is to open up new paths of collaboration in terms of open and distant Cultural Heritage Education through the strategic alliance of partners from 4 countries. **SusTour** is a partnership between educational institutions, businesses, and vocational training centres to develop a joint trans-disciplinary HE e-Course among HE faculties relative to sustainable tourism to improve the knowledge and skills of their students (postgraduate, graduate, or undergraduate), employees, and employers in the tourism sector on issues concerning the sustainable design and management of sustainable tourism destinations (jointly with the Department of Informatics). **DIN-ECO** is a project with the general objective of increasing the innovation and entrepreneurial capacity of the participating HEIs and enabling their integration into European innovation value chains and ecosystems.

Looking into the future

The department of Tourism intends to expand student mobility within the Erasmus+ Programme, undertake further European and International research projects, develop international exchange programs with US universities for students, PhD researchers, and academic staff, design joint postgraduate and doctoral programs of studies, and develop collaborative research initiatives with universities in Europe and the United States.



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