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Vision

The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA) is a learner-focused and research-oriented public university covering a wide spectrum of scientific fields. Its vision is to promote excellence in education and innovation in research, scholarly and other creative endeavours and also be actively involved with local, national and global communities.

Mission and Policies

The mission of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens is to advance knowledge and educate students in sciences and arts that will best serve the nation and the community in the twenty-first century. In all academic units our researchers and faculty strive for innovation. In each member of the NKUA community we seek to develop the passion for excellence as well as the ability to think critically and contribute in research and innovation.

All members of our academic community are free from discrimination, harassment and sexual misconduct in their learning environment and work setting. Everyone has the same access to facilities, rights and obligations in accordance with the University policies, and Greek and international laws.

Strategic Goals

The historical profile of the University and its people determine its goals and priorities. We aspire to generate and share knowledge, ensuring significant contributions to public policy-making. We focus on the internationalization of our University and its openness towards our stakeholders. We endeavor to work effectively with other institutions and organisations - national and international - whenever such partnerships may lead to outstanding performance in both research and education - and also enhance structures for collaboration across Schools and Departments.

Specific targets of the Schools and Departments of the University are set in accordance with the quality criteria for Higher Education. More specifically, the university's faculty and staff systematically promote the intellectual, professional, social, and personal development of the students. Our faculty is committed to excellence through the delivery of modern undergraduate and postgraduate education; they are also committed to implementing the highest standards in research, judged by professional and their organizations comparators, across our range of subjects thus ensuring that research and innovation are integral to academic excellence.

NKUA at a Glance

History and Status

Inaugurated in 1837 under the original name "Othonian University".

The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens has been the oldest higher education institution of the modern Greek state and the first university in the Balkan and Eastern Mediterranean area. In 1932 it was formally renamed as "The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens", a public, self-governed legal entity, under the auspices of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs.

Schools, Departments and Services in Figures

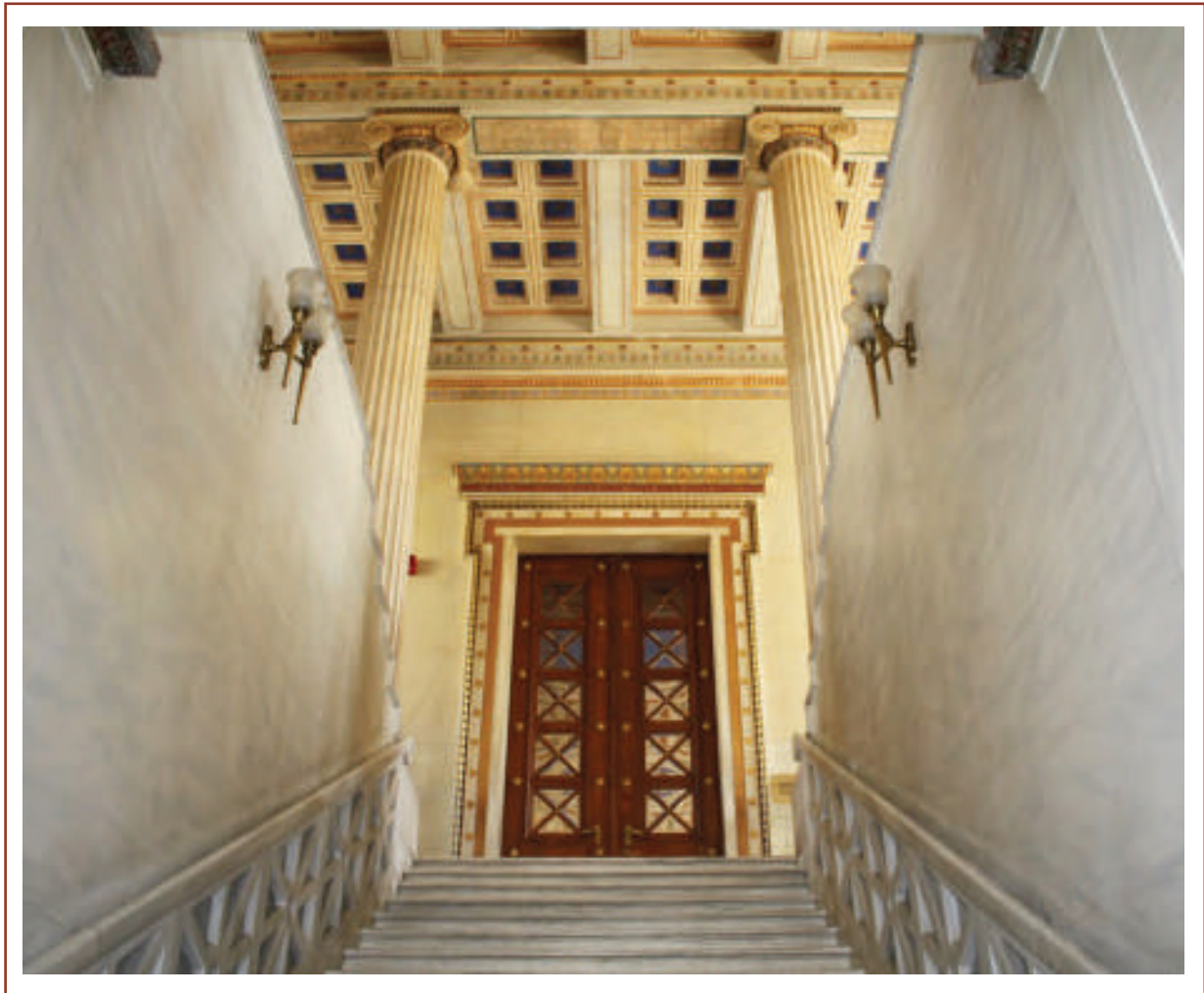
- Schools: 8
- Departments issuing corresponding degrees: 33
 - Bachelor Degrees offered: 33
 - Postgraduate programs: 136
- University Research Institutes: 5
- University Hospitals: 2
- Departments under the auspices of the School of Health Sciences: 76
- University Laboratories: 210
- Libraries: 8 School libraries and 2 libraries belonging to the University Club
- Museums: The *History Museum of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*, the *Historical Archive of the University* and 13 *thematic museums*.

Faculty and staff

- Professors (all ranks) and other teaching staff: 2,104
- Administrative staff : 1,087
(Total: 3,191)

Students:

- Undergraduates: 39,088
- Graduate students (Master): 11,479
- Graduate students (PhD): 14,240
- International Students: 5,654



Administrative and Academic Structure of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

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SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY (<http://deantheol.uoa.gr>)
Dean: Prof. Apostolos Nikolaidis

Department of Theology (<http://en.theol.uoa.gr/>)
Chair: Assoc. Prof. Thomas Ioannidis
Department of Social Theology (<http://www.soctheol.uoa.gr/>)
Chair: Prof. Sotirios Despotis

SCHOOL OF LAW (<http://en.law.uoa.gr>)
Dean: Prof. Dionysia Kallinikou

SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCES (<http://deaneconpol.uoa.gr>)
Dean: Prof. Michail Spourdalakis

Department of Political Science and Public Administration (<http://en.pspa.uoa.gr/>)
Chair: Christos Lyrintzis
Department of Economics (<http://en.econ.uoa.gr/>)
Chair: Prof. Nikolaos Ireiotis
Department of Communication and Media Studies (<http://en.media.uoa.gr/>)
Chair: Prof. Dimitrios-Stamatios Charalambis
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Department of History and Archaeology (<http://en.arch.uoa.gr/>)
Chair: Prof. Panagiotis Valavanis
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Chair: Prof. Maria-Zoi Foundopoulou
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Chair: Prof. Evangelia Sakelliou- Schultz

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Chair: Prof. Maria Papadima

Department of German Language and Literature (<http://en.gs.uoa.gr/>)

Chair: Prof. Anastasia Antonopoulou

Department of Italian Language and Literature (<http://en.ill.uoa.gr/>)

Chair: Prof. George Mikros

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Department of Chemistry (<http://www.chem.uoa.gr/>)

Chair: Prof. George-Isidoros Kokotos

Department of Mathematics (http://noether.math.uoa.gr/?set_language=en)

Chair: Prof. Apostolos Burnetas

Department of Biology (<http://en.biol.uoa.gr/>)

Chair: Prof. Kyriakos Georgiou

Department of Geology and Geoenvironment (<http://www.geol.uoa.gr/index.php/en>)

Chair: Prof. Nikolaos Voulgaris

Department of Informatics and Telecommunications (<http://www.di.uoa.gr/eng>)

Chair: Prof. Antonis Paschalis

Department of History and Philosophy of Science (<http://en.phs.uoa.gr/>)

Chair: Prof. Jean Christianidis



SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Dean: Prof. Efstratios Patsouris

School of Medicine (<http://school.med.uoa.gr/en/>) Chair: Prof. Petros Sfikakis

Department of Dentistry (<http://en.dent.uoa.gr/>) Chair: Prof. George Iliadis

Department of Pharmacy (<http://en.pharm.uoa.gr/>) Chair: Prof. Panagiotis Marakos

Department of Nursing (<http://en.nurs.uoa.gr/>) Chair: Prof. Chryssoula Lemonidou

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION (<http://www.deanecd.uoa.gr>)

Dean: Prof. Thalia Dragona

Department of Primary Education (<http://www.primeu.uoa.gr/english.html>)

Chair: Assoc. Prof. Thomas Mpampalis

Department of Early Childhood Education (<http://www.ecd.uoa.gr/?lang=en>)

Chair: Prof. Thalia Dragona (acting Chair, by the Senate's decision)

SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT SCIENCE (<http://en.phed.uoa.gr>)

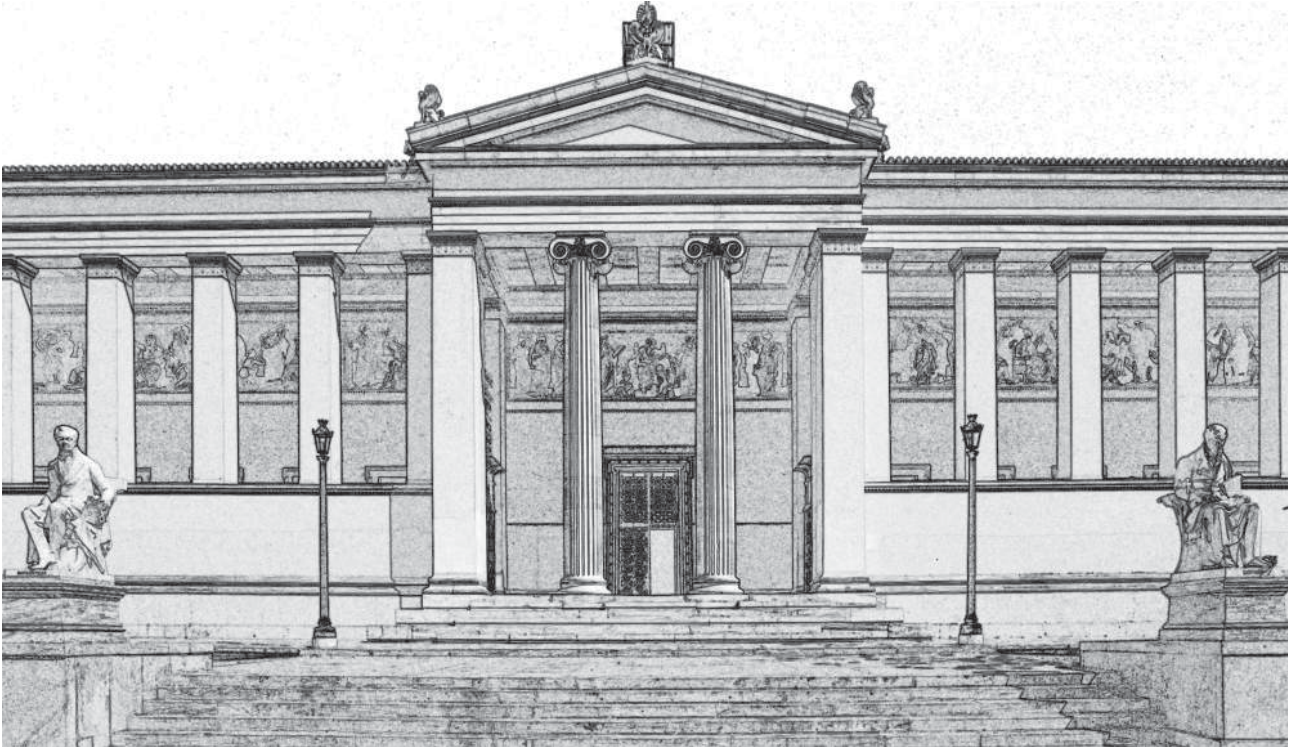
Dean: Prof. Nikolaos Geladas



1. Overview – Historical Background

The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens is a public university located in Athens, Greece. It is the oldest higher education institution of the modern Greek state and the first university in the Balkan and Eastern Mediterranean area. The University was founded by the Royal Decree of April 22, 1837 under the name “Othonian University” in the honour of its founder, Otto of Bavaria (in Greek, “Othon”), the first king of modern Greece.

Initially, it comprised four Schools; Theology, Law, Medicine and the School of “Philosophy and Other Fundamental Studies” (which included applied sciences and mathematics). During its first year of operation, the institution had 33 professors, while courses were attended by 52 students and 75 non-matriculated “auditors”.



Its first seat was a neo-classical house on the north slope of the Acropolis hill, originally the residence of architects Stamatios Kleanthis and Eduard Schaubert (but currently the premises of The History Museum of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens). As it was the first university in the newly established Modern Greek state, as well as in the Balkan and the Eastern Mediterranean area, its role has been decisive, historically and socially, for the production of knowledge and the promotion of cultural life in the country and beyond.

In November 1841 the university relocated to a building designed by the Danish architect Christian Hansen. Its front wing, also known as the “Propylaea”, was completed in 1842–1843. The building was decorated by painter Karl Rahl, forming, together with the buildings of the National Library of Greece and of the Athens Academy, the famous neoclassical “architectural trilogy” of Athens. Nowadays this historic building primarily serves administrative and ceremonial purposes. The Othonian University was renamed to “National University” in 1862, after King Otto was forced to leave the country.



In accordance with the will of the significant donor Ioannis Dombolis, a law was issued on July 17, 1911, with which “The Kapodistrian University” was founded (named after Ioannis Kapodistrias, the first head of the independent modern Greek state). From 1911 until 1932 the University was thus separated into the Kapodistrian University (the humanities departments) and the National University (the science departments). In 1932, the “National University” and the “Kapodistrian University” were formally united (Law 5343/1932) into “The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens”, a fully self-governed legal entity of public law.

Up to the early 20th century, the NKUA was the only university in Greece which offered degrees in the Medical, Natural and Social Sciences, Law and Economy, Theology, Literature, History and Archaeology.

Throughout its history a number of our students and faculty members have played a crucial role in research innovation, medicine, literature and in nearly all fields of sciences; we should mention, among others, George Papanicolaou, Helene Glykatzi-Ahrweiler, Constantin Carathéodory. We are also proud of the two Nobel prize-winners in Literature, Odysseas Elytis and George Seferis, who have studied at the NKUA, and Nikos Kazantzakis who was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Literature in nine different years.

The profile of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens is constantly changing to encounter new challenges, to upgrade the undergraduate and postgraduate programs, and to enhance the services provided to the students and the wider community. Regarding research, innovation and care for citizens, the significant contribution of NKUA to the health of the Greek people cannot be underestimated.

Featured History

Since the foundation of NKUA most Prime Ministers of Greece, Presidents of the Republic, as well as a significant number of Ministers and Judges of Supreme Courts have been students and/or Professors of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

Since 1860, in order to honour distinguished personalities, internationally famous for the advancement of knowledge in the arts and sciences, a significant number of Honoris causa doctorates have been offered by our University.

Among others, we should especially mention the following:

Nobel Laureates:

- John Nash (Nobel Prize in Economics)
- Edward Prescott (Nobel Prize in Economics)
- Harry Markowitz (Nobel Prize in Economics)
- Peter Agre (Nobel Prize in Chemistry)
- Jean-Marie Lehn (Nobel Prize in Chemistry)
- François Jacob (Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine)
- Luis J. Ignarro (Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine)
- Harald zur Hausen (Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine)
- Derek Walcott (Nobel Prize in Literature)
- Odysseas Elytis (Nobel Prize in Literature)
- Joseph Sifakis (Turing Prize, considered as “Nobel Prize in Informatics”)



Among other renowned personalities and internationally distinguished for the advancement of science, the following have been awarded a Honoris causa doctorate from NKUA:

- Pierre Paul Émile Roux (1912)
- Charles Émile Picard (1937)
- Max Planck (1937)
- Sir Alexander Fleming (1946)
- George Papanicolaou (1949)
- Nicholas Negroponte (1999)
- Rudolph Emil Kalman (2003)



Honoris causa doctorates have been also awarded to internationally famous personalities in the areas of Literature, Culture, Politics and Religious affairs:

Literary Personalities

- Joseph Rudyard Kipling (1924)
- John Ritsos (1987)
- Umberto Eco (1995)
- Avram Noam Chomsky (2004)
- Peter Stein (2004)
- Margaret Atwood (2013)
- Hélène Glykatzi-Ahrweiler (2014)

Political Personalities (foreign)

- Léon Gambetta (1870)
- Georges Clemenceau (1912)
- Woodrow Wilson (1918)
- J. William Fulbright (1978)
- Jacques Delors (1992)
- Glafkos Clerides (1996)
- Roman Herzog (1997)
- Vladimir Putin (2001)
- Jacques Lang (2001)
- Giuliano Amato (2001)
- Vaclav Klaus (2006)
- Helmut Schmidt (2014)
- Ferenc Madl (2014)
- François Hollande (2015)
- Nicos Anastasiades (2016)
- Pierre Moscovici (2017)



Ecclesiastical Personalities

Metropolitan of Athens, Procopios (1882)

Archbishop of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch, Benjamin (1937)

Archbishop of Nova Justiniana and All Cyprus, Makarios (1957)

Metropolitan of Switzerland, Damaskinos (1990)

Patriarch of Moscow and all Russia, Alexius II (1992)

Archbishop of Tirana, Durrës and All Albania, Anastasios (1998)

Archbishop of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch, Bartholomew (1999)

Archbishop of America, Demetrios (2005)

Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams (2010)

Archbishop of Athens and All Greece, Ieronymos II (2010)

Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa, Theodoros II (2012)

2. Study Programs, Facilities and Services

2.1 Studying at the NKUA

NKUA's mission is to provide a high quality, relevant education enabling the broadest possible community of learners to achieve their goals and enrich the world. All Schools and Departments are committed to their educational and research mission and to ensure the rights of each academic community member.



2.1.1. Undergraduate Studies

Spanning eight (8) Schools — Theology; Law; Economics and Political Sciences; Philosophy; Sciences; Health Sciences, Education, Physical Education and Sport Science — and thirty three (33) Departments, the education at NKUA covers more than just science. Each department offers one Bachelor's degree.

Students are accepted into a Department according to Greek Law requirements for Public Universities.

In order for a student to obtain a Bachelor's degree in NKUA, at least eight (8) semesters of studies are required by Law. In some Departments the duration of studies is ten (10) semesters and in order to obtain a Bachelor's degree in Medicine a study period of twelve (12) semesters is compulsory. The courses offered by each Department are described in its curriculum, which is constantly upgraded to meet new technologies and standards. According to each curriculum's requirements, students may also have to participate in specific laboratory experimental courses they also have the opportunity to select some courses from wider thematic cycles, participate in workshops, seminars, outdoor activities, etc. To each course correspond a number of ECTS credits and a weight factor.

A Bachelor's degree is obtained after calculating the curriculum's credit-weighted average, derived according to each Department's requirements; the Grading system has the following ranges: Excellent (8.50 – 10.00), Very Good (6.5 – 8.49), Good (5.00 – 6.49).

2.1.2. Postgraduate Studies

We aim at our graduates' personal and professional success; we endeavour to make them not only highly employable, but also able to gain influence and respect in their interactions with academics, researchers and the community in general.

The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens offers 136 postgraduate programs, covering a variety of scientific fields and arts.

Four of these postgraduate programs are offered in cooperation with major research institutes as follows:

- "Athens International Master's Program in Neurosciences": in cooperation with the Foundation Biomedical Research of the Academy Athens (BRFAA), the Hellenic Pasteur Institute (HPI), the Biomedical Sciences Research Center "Alexander Fleming" / (BSRC Fleming) and the National Center for Scientific Research (NCSR) "Demokritos" (<http://masterneuroscience.biol.uoa.gr>)
- "Microelectronics" : in cooperation with the Institute of Communication and Computer Systems of the National Technical University of Athens, the Institute of Advanced Materials, Physicochemical Processes, Microsystems & Nanotechnology (IAMPPMN) of NCSR "Demokritos" and the Grenoble Institute of Technology (<http://cgi.di.uoa.gr/~vlsi/index.html>)
- "Information Technologies in Medicine and Biology": in cooperation with the Technological Educational Institute (TEI) of Athens, the Foundation for Biomedical Research of the Academy of Athens (BRFAA) and the Institute of Informatics and Telecommunications of the NCSR "Demokritos" (<http://itmb.di.uoa.gr/indexEng.html>)
- "Medical Physics - Radiation Physics": in cooperation with Greek Atomic Energy Commission and the NCSR "Demokritos" (<http://medphys.med.uoa.gr/>)



We should also highlight the International Joint Postgraduate Programs offered, some of which (and the relevant Schools/Departments of NKUA offering these programs) are as follows:

- The “European Master in Classical Cultures” with 11 partner Universities (Department of History and Archaeology)
- The Greek-French Joint Master: “Specialised Public Law” (School of Law and University of Montesquieu-Bordeaux IV)
- The Greek-French Joint Master: “Foreign-Language Teaching in Europe” (Department of French Language and Literature and University of Angers)
- The Joint M.A. degree in Education and Human Rights (Department of Early Childhood Education and the Institute of Education, University College London)
- The International Master’s Program “European Master’s Program on Society, Science and Technology” with 13 partner Universities (Department of History and Philosophy of Science)
- The Postgraduate Program “Intravascular Surgery” (School of Medicine and University of Milano – Bicocca)
- The Postgraduate Program “Clinical Neurophysiology” (School of Medicine and Montreal Neurological Institute, McGill University)
- “Didactics and Methodology of Mathematics” (Department of Mathematics, Department of History and Philosophy of Science, Department of Philosophy, Pedagogy and Psychology and the University of Cyprus)
- “School Counselling and Guidance” (Department of Primary Education and the University of Cyprus)

In addition, the following Postgraduate Programs are offered in English:

- Southeast European Studies, since 1999 (<http://www.see.pspa.uoa.gr>)

- Master in Business Administration Program, with specialization in Internal Auditing has operated from the academic year 2016-17 (<http://www.ddomo-ia.econ.uoa.gr>).

Furthermore, from the Academic year 2017-18 two new Postgraduate Programs taught in English have been announced:

- Master in Greek and Eastern Mediterranean Archaeology (<http://meditarch.arch.uoa.gr/site/meditarch>)
- Athens International Master's Program in Neurosciences (<http://masterneuroscience.biol.uoa.gr>)

Finally, it is of special interest that NKUA has established Cooperation Agreements with twenty eight (28) European Universities for the co-supervision of Ph.D. dissertations covering all academic fields of the University.

2.1.3. Postdoctoral Studies and Research

The NKUA fosters cooperation with scientists conducting postdoctoral research in areas related to its various Departments' research fields. Such cooperation mainly refers to providing postdoctoral research supervision or counselling support by one or more members of the host Department's Research and Teaching members, enabling access to scientific material and equipment or assigning specific research projects.

2.1.4. Summer Schools

Occasionally, **summer schools** are organised in special areas of interest, which are popular with a large number of students, for example, "The Cultural Heritage Management: Archaeology, architecture and urban planning" - Summer School in Athens, Marathon and Kea (Cyclades, Aegean Sea), in 2016.

2.1.5 Featured History - Special Achievements and Awards

The NKUA encourages graduate and postgraduate students to participate in international competitions of their scientific field. Recent, indicative examples where graduate and postgraduate student teams have participated and, with the guidance of our academic staff, have been awarded in Olympiads and International competitions are as follows:

- Graduate and Postgraduate students of the Law School participate with exceptional results in the Law international competitions: a) ELSA Moot Court Competition on World Trade Organization Law (EMC2 - 2017). The NKUA team was awarded for Best Written Submission Respondent and for the Best Written Submission Overall, b) ELSA Human Rights Moot Court Competition (NKUA team won



the first prize in 2015), c) ELSA Moot Court Competition on World Trade Organization Law (NKUA won the “Best Written Respondent Submission Award” prize), d) the NKUA team was the European Champion for two consecutive years (2015, 2016) in the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition, e) Distinction at the “Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot” for 2015 and 2016 , etc.

- Teams from the Department of Mathematics participate each year and are awarded with medals at Olympiads and International competitions; for example, a) three medals were awarded to our mathematics students’ team in the SEEMOUS (South-Eastern European Mathematics Olympiad for University Students) Olympiad for 2017; b) four medals awarded in the SEEMOUS Olympiad for 2016; c) four medals awarded at the IMC (International Mathematics Competition) in 2015; and d) five medals awarded at the IMC (International Mathematics Competition) in 2016.
- 1st Prize award for students of the Department of Informatics & Telecommunications at the innovation competition NBG i-bank #fintech crowdhackathon (2016).
- Award of a postgraduate student of the Department of History and Archaeology at the international competition for the theme “Peace and Security in the 21st Century - a Youth Perspective for Achieving It”, organized by NATO-Public Policy Division (2016).

2.2. Services and facilities

We offer a range of facilities and support to our undergraduate and postgraduate students. Some indicative services are listed as follows:

Counselling Services	Support services	Studying and Leisure facilities
Student Ombudsman		8 School Libraries and 2 Libraries at the University Club
Psychosocial Intervention Unit	Accessibility Unit for Students with Disabilities	Computer and Multimedia Center
Advisory Office - School of Theology	Student Support Fund	Foreign Languages Teaching Center
Advisory Office - Department of Primary Education	Students' Halls of residence	Modern Greek Language Teaching Center
Community Mental Health Center	Student Food services	University Gym and Sport Center
Coeval Counselling Center	Scholarships - Awards	Student Cultural Society

Modern Greek Language Teaching Center (<http://en.greekcourses.uoa.gr>)

The Modern Greek Language Teaching Center of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens has been functioning since the 1950's, initially with a very limited number of students. Gradually, there has been an impressive increase in the number of students and nowadays the Modern Greek Teaching Centre is the largest of its kind in the world. Many of its graduates are today teachers of Modern Greek and Philology, diplomats, ecclesiastical personalities, renowned scientists, company managers, business professionals, respected artists, etc. throughout the world.

The Teaching Center is under the auspices of the Interdepartmental Program for the Teaching of Modern Greek as a second/foreign language along with the similarly titled Master's Degree Program of the Department of Philology and the Department of Philosophy, Pedagogy and Psychology.

The aims of the Modern Greek Teaching Center are as follows:

- The teaching of Modern Greek as a second/foreign language;
- The certification of the level of knowledge of Modern Greek as second/foreign language;
- The acquaintance of foreigners with various facets and themes of Greek culture;
- Practice of students of the Master's Degree Program for the Teaching of Modern Greek as a second/foreign language.



The Modern Greek Language Teaching Center organizes visits to museums and archaeological sites each month, as well as excursions to areas of historical interest (Sounio, Delphi, Mycenae, Nafplio, Epidauros). The guided tours are themselves a lesson in accordance with the level of Greek knowledge of the students (beginner, intermediate and advanced). Students are prepared for these excursions with written and printed material, vocabulary exercises, historical information and discussions which take place in class and therefore the excursions are incorporated into the main study program. Students may be also guided to museums and archaeological sites (Acropolis, Acropolis Museum, National Archaeological Museum, Benaki Museum, etc).

Foreign Languages Teaching Center

The Foreign Languages Teaching Center was established in 1931 and, initially, it operated as part of the University Club. Since its establishment, the main aim of the Center has been the teaching of foreign languages, which, for many years, was restricted to certain widely spoken ones such as English, French, German and Italian and later on, to Spanish and Russian. In 1994 it became a fully independent academic unit, governed by its own Administrative Board.

Currently, twenty-three (23) languages can be studied at all levels in our Foreign Languages Teaching Center: English, Albanian, Arabic, Bulgarian, French, German, Danish, Japanese, Indian (Hindi - Sanskrit), Spanish, Italian, Chinese, Korean, Norwegian, Dutch, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian, Swedish, Turkish, Czech and Finnish.

In addition, special programs are available for anyone wishing to specialize in language, translation, legal or medical science.

Museums



The ***History Museum of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*** is the focal cultural point of NKUA that promotes, fosters and highlights our University's history. The History Museum is located in the neo-classical historical building on the north slope of the Acropolis hill that dates before the 18th Century which formally was the residence of the architect Stamatis Kleanthis and later on (for the period 1837-1841) it served as the premises of «The Othoneion University».

In 1987 the History Museum was inaugurated. The mission of the Museum is to strengthen the relations between the University of Athens and society as well as to highlight the history of the University.

Its collections consist of old and rare book editions, manuscripts, diplomas, scientific instruments, portraits, photographs, medals, seals and other University memorabilia. Several exhibitions are hosted and

cultural and scientific events are organized to highlight the history of education and research in Greece, for example, the periodic exhibition «The Banner of the University of Athens - Modern Visual Approaches». In addition, theatrical and musical performances are hosted in its courtyard during the summer period. The museum also participates in international events for the protection and enhancement of the university heritage. Indicatively, it is a member of the European network UNIVERSEUM European Academic Heritage Network and in 2015 it hosted the 16th UNIVERSEUM Conference in Athens with the participation of universities from 16 European countries.

NKUA has also thirteen thematic museums, which belong to specific Schools or Departments of the University.

1. Museum of Anatomy / Collection of George Papanicolaou

It was founded in 1877. King Otto donated the famous anatomical tables of Weber and Mascani. The Valsamakis collection was housed in the museum after its donation from the Ionian Academy. The anatomical museum includes a rich collection of dry bones, 100 skulls, brain slices, skeletons with exostoses, bones with anomalies, fetuses with clefts and malformations, vascular and nerve preparations, formalin embalmed organs with their vascularization and nerve supply and a rich collection of old surgical instruments.

February 2014 marked the 52th anniversary of the death of George Papanicolaou, the inventor of the Pap test for cervical cancer screening. Among the exhibits, there are rare photographs from Papanicolaou's life, his awards, the plan of the last Greek banknote and his portraits. The central part of the exhibition includes photographs, letters and other documents about the scientific work of Papanicolaou.

2. Museum of Anthropology

It was founded in 1886 and has constituted the most important center for the development of Anthropology in Greece and even in Europe. The main part of the Museum of Anthropology scientific collections consists of skeletal series that cover all periods of the ancient Greek world. These collections have been the subject of systematic anthropological studies conducted by important Greek and foreign anthropologists, who have developed fundamental principles of the ethnogenesis, the shaping and the evolution of the Hellenic population.

3. Museum of Criminology

Founded in 1932, it is the first University museum in Greece dedicated to Criminology and to Forensic Sciences in general. It illustrates the history of crime by presenting some of the most notorious crimes that took place during 19th and early 20th centuries. The Museum's collections include a rich source of data for researchers in forensic medicine and toxicology, and other forensic sciences, and also areas of sociology that focuses on the study of crimes and their causes, effects, and social impact.

4. Museum of Pharmacology

Inaugurated in 1998, the museum organizes educational materials and research equipment in biochemistry and pharmacology.

5. Museum of the Department of Dentistry

Opened for the public in 2013, it is one of a kind in the Eastern Mediterranean area. It deals with the collection and study (recording, documentation, evaluation) of dental evidence in Greece. The main exhibition hall includes dental instruments dated from the 19th century (dental drills, tooth forceps, instruments used in operative dentistry, instruments and appliances for dental prosthesis, dental handpieces and a very rare dental unit with an even more rare dental light). Also, the historical archive has been incorporated into the Museum since 1916.



6. Museum of Archaeology and History of Art

It was founded in the early 30s. Since 1988 it is located in the premises of the School of Philosophy. It contains more than 8,800 items of exhibit. These are copies or originals that have been donated or lent to the museum for a specific time period. A fully equipped Maintenance Unit has been operating since 2010. The Museum is a member of the International Council of Museums (ICOM) and regularly participates in activities such as the International Museums Day and the European Days of Cultural Heritage.

7. Museum of Education

It was founded in 1993 and belongs to the Department of Philosophy, Pedagogy and Psychology. The aims of the Museum are the research, study and preservation of the cultural heritage in the Sector of Education. Its first exhibition was held in 2000.

8. Museum of Biblical and Christian Archaeology

It was founded in 1969. Important casts derived from the Louvre museum are included in its collection: the Hammurabi Code, the Column of medium and the obelisk of Shalmaneser III.



9. Botanical Museum / Botanical Garden

The Botanical Museum became independent in 1868. Its predecessor was the old Physiographic Museum, founded in 1850 and included the botanical, zoological and mineralogical collections of the University.

More than 200 plant species are cultivated in the Botanical Garden. Rare kinds of high palm aged more than a century (species of *Washingtonia filifera* (Palmae)) that can be found there and have historical value. The Botanical Garden is currently closed to the public.



10. Museum of Zoology

The Museum's collections include mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, marine invertebrates, snails, insects and other invertebrates from Greece and other countries as well as anthropological findings. Approximately 10,000 persons visit the Museum every year, mostly children from primary and secondary education.

11. Museum of Mineralogy and Petrology

The original collections of the Mineralogy and Petrology Museum were created at the Natural History Society that was established in Athens in 1835. The University acquired the collections in 1837. The University Museum of Mineralogy-Petrography was created in 1908 and contains the oldest collection of minerals and rocks in Greece. It has been part of the Geology Department since 1982.

12. Museum of Physical Sciences and Technology

The building's foundation ceremony was held on June 6, 1887 and in the foundations a glass cylinder was placed containing a gold Greek coin and a membrane with the writing: "Dedicated to scientific work, which should be further dedicated to the country". The old Museum's premises were the "Old Chemistry Laboratory" of the University. Nowadays its stored collection preserves more than 10,000 valuable scientific instruments. The Museum also possesses the archive of the University of Smyrni, which Konstantinos Karatheodori saved and brought in Greece. A re-opening of the Museum in part of the re-furbished building is expected.



13. Museum of Paleontology and Geology

The collection of the Museum of Paleontology & Geology includes fossils of animals and plants from all over Greece, thus covering more than 300 million years of the geological history of our country. The collection is very rich, with samples recovered since the late 19th century, and it is distinguished for the excellent preservation and uniqueness of its exhibits. It also includes samples from abroad, micropaleontological and stratigraphic collections, and paleoenvironmental reconstructions.

Finally, the **Historical Archive** of the NKUA was established in 1991 and is a research center of the University. The purpose of the Historical Archive is to preserve, organize and manage the archives since the establishment of the University of Athens (1837). This material constitutes a research infrastructure for the study of the history of the University and of Greek and European History in general. The collection of the Historical Archive (approximately 2,000,000 sheets) is accessible at its premises in the center of Athens.

More information is provided at: <http://en.historymuseum.uoa.gr/athens-universitys-museums.html>



Libraries and Information Center

The mission of the Library and Information Center is to support and enhance the educational and research activities of the University, to manage and distribute specialised scientific information to the Academic Community and to participate in every educational and cultural activity. The Library and Information Center's collection consists of nearly 1,000,000 items (books, periodicals, maps, cd-roms, etc.)

Eight central libraries, each belonging to the corresponding School of the University are available to faculty and students. The Library of the University of Athens, with almost 1,000,000 books and more than 300,000 research journals is one of the three largest libraries in Greece, along with the National Library and the Library of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

The NKUA is a member of the Hellenic Interlibrary Loan Network. The network was developed through the Hellenic Academic Libraries Link and is the official cooperation between organisations which are responsible for the operation of libraries & information services and interlibrary loan service in Greece and Cyprus, through the "IRIS" platform. In addition, in cooperation with Libraries, such as the British Library Document Supply Center (BLDSC) and SUBITO, the National Documentation Center, it handles international requests. Finally, the Library and Information Center handles "PERGAMOS", the unified Institutional Repository / Digital Library of the University of Athens where Ph.Ds, undergraduate and postgraduate theses are deposited (<https://pergamos.lib.uoa.gr/>).

Finally, two Libraries of the University Club are also available to faculty and students.



Church of Kapnikarea

In 1932 the Church of Kapnikarea was granted to the University of Athens, directly linked to the School of Theology.

Built in the 11th century, it is a Byzantine Church of the «Presentation of Virgin Mary» and Saint Barbara. The original building is the cruciform church with a dome supported by four pillars with Roman capitals.

3. Public and International Relations

3.1 Introduction

Public and International Relations is a priority of the University. We promote the publication of its research, innovation, and services to a large number of diverse stakeholders.

The Directorate of Public & International Relations and History is the hub of the University's prominence, since it supports its dynamic educational, intellectual and servicing missions by providing timely and useful information to all its internal and external stakeholders and audiences. It thus helps the University and its leadership anticipate and manage cultural and educational issues and advocate public policies that advance the University's strategic goals and profile.

In accordance with the University's mission, we host various events, covering a wide range of academic efforts put forward by academic staff, researchers and students. Such events include, among others, awards of Excellence and Prizes to distinguished scientists and students, Honoris causa doctorate awards, jubilees and anniversaries, social, cultural and other events and celebrations (music events, theatrical performances), conferences, seminars, lectures of academic interest.

The Administration also works closely with Schools and Departments across the University to coordinate actions that promote the University's identity, brand, messages and reputation by establishing cooperation agreements with Foreign Institutions of Higher Education, participating in international university organizations, associations and networks, through the active involvement in the ERASMUS+ Program, etc.

In addition, a Press Office is the main point of contact for journalists on the local, regional and international levels. To maximize significant media coverage of the University, its people and its programs, the Press Office cultivates relationships with reporters and editors to enhance the dissemination of ideas, facilitating the media's ability to access information. Also the Office effectively communicates the achievements of the institution, its faculty and students, externally and internally. The press team issues regular news releases and commentary on topical issues, ground-breaking research, and interesting projects.

3.2. Internationalization strategy, Partnerships - International Cooperation Agreements

The internationalization is an important strategic goal set by the Rectoral Authorities and the Senate of the University in collaboration with the Committee of International Relations & European Educational Programs. The international orientation aims at the promotion of the University's high standard educational, research and cultural activities and the improvement of its international profile. The University collaborates with educational institutions, networks and associations around the world and enhances the international character of its students and academic staff through incoming and outgoing mobility and joint research and

development activities. International Bilateral Agreements promote inter-university partnerships that aim at sharing knowledge, exchanging information and promoting science and research. Also, such Agreements make provision for the exchange of scientists and students, administrative staff, research material and the organization of joint research projects and scientific meetings (workshops, symposiums, conferences and others).

International Bilateral Agreements have been signed with peer Universities -primarily public ones- or equivalent institutions of higher education and research, such as CERN (Switzerland), INRIA (France) and A*STAR (Singapore). There are sixty three (63) active Agreements of the NKUA with Universities/ Institutions from twenty nine (29) countries world-wide.

Country	Institution
Argentina	Universidad Nacional Del Sur
Australia	Macquarie University
Bulgaria	Bulgarian Academy of Sciences
Bulgaria	Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridsky"
Canada	University of Montreal
Canada	York University
Canada	Simon Fraser University
Canada	McGill University
China	Shanghai International Studies University
China	Beijing Foreign Studies University
China	China University of Petroleum
China	Guangdong University of Foreign Studies
China	Zhejiang University
Colombia	National Pedagogic University
Cyprus	University of Cyprus
Cyprus	European University Cyprus
Cyprus	University of Nicosia
Cyprus	Neapolis University - Pafos
Czech Republic	Charles University in Prague
France	Université de Lille 1
France	Université Paris Diderot-Paris 7
France	Université de Lille 3

France	Institut National de Recherche en Informatique et en Automatique (INRIA)
France	Université du Havre
Germany	Universität Regensburg
Germany	Freie Universität Berlin
Hungary	Eötvös Lorand University
Iran	University of Tehran
Italy	University of Rome “ La Sapienza”
Japan	Keio University
Japan	Ritsumeikan University
Japan	Waseda University
Jordan	University of Jordan
Korea	Hankuk University of Foreign Studies
Korea	Sogang University
Mexico	University of Guadalajara
New Zealand	The University of Auckland
Romania	Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi
Romania	Valahia University of Targoviste
Russian Federation	Lomonosov Moscow State University
Russian Federation	Moscow State Institute of International Relations-MGIMO University
Russian Federation	Novosibirsk State University
Russian Federation	Moscow Region State University
Singapore	Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR)
South Africa	University of Pretoria
Spain	University of Granada
Spain	University of Alcala
Switzerland	Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire (CERN)
Taiwan	National Chengchi University
Taiwan	National Taiwan University
Turkey	Istanbul University
Turkey	Kadir Has Istanbul University
Turkey	Ankara University

Ukraine	Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv
Ukraine	National Academy of Sciences
Ukraine	Ivan Franko National University of Lviv
Ukraine	Borys Grinchenko Kyiv University
Ukraine	Mariupol State University
United States of America	Temple University
United States of America	California State University, Sacramento
United States of America	University of Kentucky
United States of America	St. Cloud State University, Minnesota
Uruguay	University of the Republic (Universidad de la República)

3.3. Participation in International Organizations, Associations and University Networks

The NKUA participates in international organizations, associations and university networks, which aim to promote international cooperation between Universities and develop methods and strategies in order to improve their educational and research activities.

The NKUA is a **founding** and active member of the University Networks:

- UNIMED (Mediterranean Universities Union) <http://www.uni-med.net> and
 - UNICA (Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe) <http://www.unica-network.eu>
- It also participates as a member in the following six (6) international associations and networks:

- IAU (International Association of Universities) <http://www.iau-aiu.net>
- EUA (European University Association) <http://www.eua.be>
- EAIE (European Association for International Education) <http://www.eaie.org>
- UNEECC (University Network of the European Capitals of Culture) <http://www.uneecc.org>
- IIE (Institute of International Education) <http://www.iie.org>
- BUA (Balkan Universities Association) <http://www.baunas.org>

Furthermore, academic units (Schools and Departments) and their representatives are active members of specialised international academic associations and networks.

The NKUA is a signatory of the “Magna Charta Universitatum” and its statement of fundamental values since 1988.

Finally, it should be noted that our University has two UNITWIN/UNESCO Chairs as follows:

- UNESCO Chair and Network on Sustainable Development Management and Education in the Mediterranean (MEdIES) (http://unescochair.chem.uoa.gr/#UNESCO_Chair_and_Network_on_Sustainable_Development_Management_and_Education_in_the_Mediterranean)

- UNESCO Chair in Adolescent Health Care
(<http://www.unesco.org/en/university-twinning-and-networking/access-by-region/europe-and-north-america/greece/unesco-chair-in-adolescent-health-care-909/>)

3.4. Erasmus Plus (Erasmus+) Program

The NKUA for many years has been among the forefront in reference to the realization of students' and academic staff's mobility between European universities through the program Erasmus, now continued as ERASMUS+.

Since the beginning of Erasmus (1987) the NKUA has been actively participating in the program; since then, an overall of 5,000 incoming students and 13,000 outgoing students have been enrolled in the program. According to the statistics for the Erasmus Program which have been published by the European Commission for the academic year 2013-14, the NKUA ranked 41st among all European institutions of higher education regarding the number of outgoing students.

We continue to encourage this mobility since students and staff members that participate in Erasmus acquire valuable experience when studying or teaching in diversified academic, social and cultural environments.

The mobility activities foreseen by the ERASMUS+ program are based on bilateral ERASMUS agreements between the NKUA and other European universities. For the academic year 2017-18 there are 655 Erasmus Agreements between the NKUA and 336 universities of 31 European countries.

Furthermore, under the framework of ERASMUS+ International Credit Mobility, the NKUA started new collaborations with Universities of the Russian Federation, Israel, Jordan, Ukraine, Serbia and Georgia.

Incoming Erasmus Students are encouraged to participate in all educational and cultural activities of the NKUA. They are also offered the possibility to attend free Greek language courses in the Modern Greek Language Teaching Center under the auspices of the School of Philosophy. Moreover, they are encouraged to attend the innovative interdisciplinary course offered by the School of Philosophy (Department of Theatre Studies) under the title: «Contemporary Greece: History, Arts and Letters».

Finally, in addition to the Learning Mobility of Individuals (ERASMUS+ Key action 1), NKUA actively participates in other Key actions of ERASMUS+, such as Key action 2: «Co-operation for Innovation and the Exchange of Good Practices» and Key action 3: «Support for Policy Reform» as well as in Jean Monnet and Sport actions, with a significant number of projects which NKUA either coordinates or participates in.

More information can be retrieved from the website: <http://en.interel.uoa.gr/erasmus.html>.

4. Research and Innovation

4.1. Objectives and Strategy

At the NKUA we aim to maximize the benefits of research by advancing fundamental knowledge and contributing to better public policy, improved health outcomes, economic prosperity, social cohesion, international development, community identity, the arts, culture and the quality of life. Research and innovation are integral to academic excellence, nurturing those who have the potential to become world leaders in their fields.

We invest in extensive collaboration with leading university networks, public sector bodies and business sector units – in Greece and internationally - and aim in extending our networks of international collaborations. NKUA aims to maximize the benefits of research by advancing fundamental knowledge and contributing, among others, to better public policy, improved health outcomes, social cohesion and, eventually develop our reputation and increase our visibility as an outstanding research institution.

Research & development (R&D) - individual and collective, funded and non-funded - is a priority for the academic community, thus promoting the publication of research results in scientific journals, at academic conferences, contribution to books/monographs/chapters in edited volumes and book reviews, etc.

The research strategy of the NKUA has the following main objectives:

- to improve our internal mechanisms to promote collaboration and sharing of good practice
- to participate as coordinator or partner in European and International research projects,
- to contribute to the implementation of research projects at doctoral and post-doctoral levels by scientific groups and individual researchers of the University in collaboration with researchers of other institutions in Greece and abroad,
- to increase our engagement with business and industry and the identification, mapping, promotion and economic exploitation of research results, the safeguarding of intellectual property through the acquisition of patents and the establishment of spin-off companies.
- to develop research skills by undergraduate and postgraduate students, who - as part of their studies - should also practice in laboratories and/or clinics, participate in conferences with paper presentations, discussions, seminars, excavations, final written assignments etc, depending on their area of study, etc.

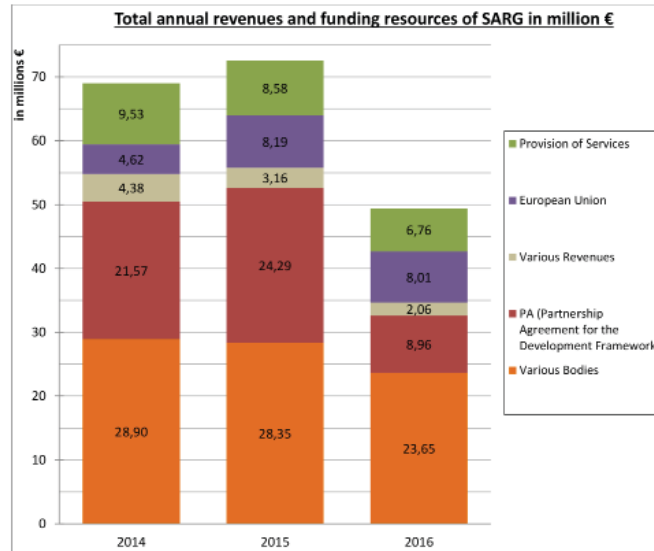
4.2. Research in figures

The Special Account for Research Grants (SARG), which is directed by the Research Committee, plays an essential role in managing all the projects of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, at an administrative and financial level.

The main sources of funding at NKUA are European, international and national funds, like the Partnership Agreement (PA) for the Development Framework, 2014-2020 (European Structural and Investment Fund-ESIF), Horizon 2020, partnerships with public and private sector bodies, the provision of services to legal entities and individuals, grants, donations and others.

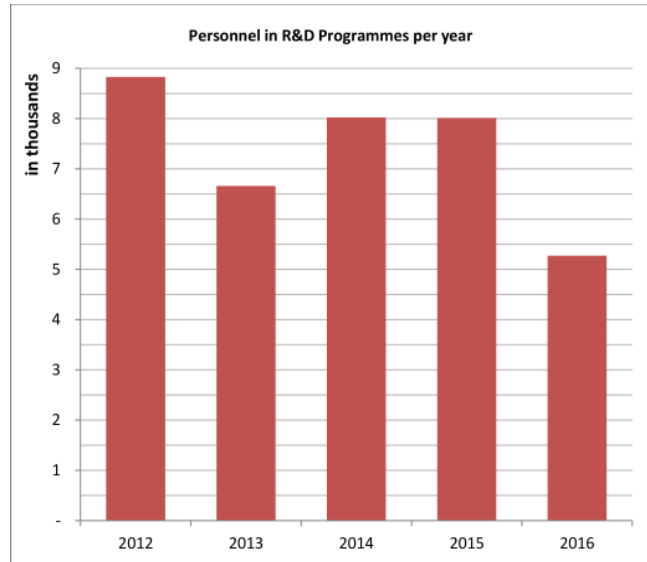
The last 3-year period the average annual revenues for various projects supervised by faculty members of NKUA exceeded EUR 60 million.

The following diagram depicts the average annual revenues per funding source:

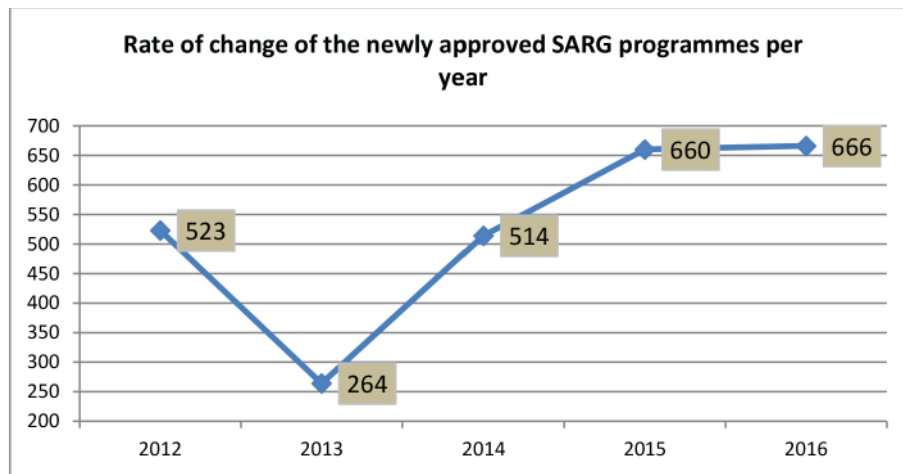


For the accomplishment of the projects managed by SARG, about 5,000 to 9,000 researchers work full time or part time per year. Among these researchers, except from faculty and the university permanent staff, there are young researchers such as Ph.D students, post-doctoral researchers, etc - technicians and other supporting staff.

The funding of these projects plays a crucial role in the research policy of the University, the reduction of young scientists' unemployment and the decrease of the brain drain of our researchers. The breakdown of non-permanent staff employed in projects per year over the last five years is highlighted in the following diagram.



Currently, the Special Account for Research Grants manages more than 2,000 active projects. The rate of change of the newly approved SARG programmes per year for the last five-year period is presented in the following chart.



4.3 University Hospitals, University Clinics and Laboratories

University Hospitals

The University Hospitals, “ARETAIEIO” and “AIGINITEIO”, are self-governed Institutions, bequeathed to the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens by the donors “Th. Aretaios” and “D.Aiginitis” respectively. They are administered by independent Executive Boards according to their bylaws and are supervised by the Rector and the Senate of the NKUA. Providing high quality health services, and contributing notably to the field of medical education and clinical research, they have earned widespread recognition.



The following Departments function at the “ARETAIEIO” hospital:

- 2nd Department of Surgery
- 2nd Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
- 1st Department of Radiology
- 1st Department of Anesthesiology
- Department of Neonatology
- Nephrology Clinic

and a number of supporting departments, laboratories and units.



The following Departments function at the “AIGINITEIO” hospital:

- 1st Department of Neurology
- 1st Department of Psychiatry

and a number of supporting departments, laboratories and units.

Both University Hospitals have been offering specialized health services to the public for over 100 years. Furthermore, they made significant contributions to medical education and clinical research.

Other Departments under the auspices of the School of Health Sciences

A thriving educational and research activity is carried out at the seventy six (76) departments of the School of Health Science where clinical research and education is performed. They operate in hospitals of Athens (Attikon, Evangelismos, Hippokrateion, Laikon etc.) or in the related Academic Department’s premises. They are coordinated as follows:

- Sixty (60) by the School of Medicine
- Eleven (11) by the Department of Nursing
- Five (5) by the Department of Dentistry.



University Laboratories

Faculty, researchers and students of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens are dedicated to research activities throughout the year. A total number of two hundred and ten (210) University Laboratories are distributed in all relevant Schools serving educational as well as fundamental and applied research purposes.



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