

Quality Policy of the Department of Music Studies

The Department of Music Studies is committed to providing high quality studies to its students, in accordance with the academic character and orientation of the curriculum, as well as the mission and strategic planning of the University of Ioannina. In full coordination with the Quality Assurance Unit (OMEA) of the Institution, adopting innovative practices aimed at enhancing extroversion and excellence, both at the educational and research level, the Department aspires to contribute decisively to the upgrading of music and humanities studies in general in Higher Education and to distinguish itself in international academic life.

The main features of the Department's quality policy are the following:

- a) Production and dissemination of knowledge in a high quality academic environment, through a well-organised and structured Undergraduate Studies Programme (USP), which focuses on the field of music studies, with a refined methodology, freedom of expression, tolerance of diversity and dissent, respect for people, collectives and the environment, and which remains open to the free exchange of ideas, innovation and initiative
- b) Compliance with the principles, standards and quality assurance guidelines dictated by the national and European institutional framework, and continuous updating of the USP to ensure the appropriate pursuit of learning outcomes and qualifications
- c) Promotion of the quality and effectiveness of the teaching and research work of the members of the Department and its relations with social partners
- d) Incentives and conditions for attracting high quality teaching staff and ensuring optimal conditions for the academic development of permanent members
- e) Enhancing the excellence, recognition and competitiveness of the Department in national and international academic fora
- f) Design and implementation of appropriate research and education strategies and practices through annual action plans, enhancing student-centred learning and participation, in coordination with the labour market and society at large
- g) Constructive use of legislation, the regulatory framework, human resources and the interface with the working environment, in order to optimally coordinate the structuring of the knowledge provided and the production process
- h) Ensuring the quality of the infrastructure and services offered to members of the academic community, through institutionalized evaluation and self-evaluation mechanisms
- i) An annual review report aiming at the good functioning of the quality assurance system of the USP and the constant cooperation between the Internal Evaluation Team and the Foundation's Quality Assurance Unit
- j) Compliance with a code of ethics and conduct
- k) Transparency and openness.

Planning of objectives and actions:

- Continuous upgrading of the USP through the foreseen institutionalized process, in order to ensure the connection of the Department with society and the labour market and the increase of the employability and social contribution of its graduates
- Coordination of the learning outcomes of the USP in accordance with the national and European qualifications framework
- Rewarding student excellence and continuously improving academic operations and services to the wider academic community
- Supporting the teaching and research activity of faculty members and promoting the link between teaching and research. Strengthening research collaborations at national and international level with modern utilization and dissemination of results for the benefit of science and culture
- Promotion and recognition of the excellence and innovation of the members of the Department in teaching, research and artistic production
- Strengthening the Department's extroversion at local, national and international level with emphasis on the dissemination of the scientific and artistic activities of its members

- Continuous improvement of the connection with the labour market and the cooperation of members of the Department, students and graduates at local, national and international level
- Provision for the continuous upgrading of administrative procedures, improvement of the Department's infrastructure and services with priority to the student community
- Collaboration with the Quality Assurance Unit of the University of Ioannina for the annual review and internal review of the USP

The communication of the Quality Policy is carried out through:

- The Department's website
- The Department's e-class web hub
- The annual internal evaluations of the Department
- External evaluations of the Department and the University
- The references and exposure of the USP in scientific, research and artistic meetings, at local, national and international level.