
Doctoral Program in Economics
Department of Economics
National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

Doctoral studies

In the Department of Economics of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, the core component of doctoral education is the advancement of knowledge through original research in all fields of Economics.

Phd studies lead to a Doctoral degree (Doctorate in Economics).

Doctoral studies are organized in accordance with Law 4485/2017 and other existing provisions on third-cycle studies in Greece.

Application process

Anyone holding a Master's degree awarded by Greek Higher Education Institutions or equivalent foreign institutions, or an integrated Master's level degree in accordance with Law 4485/2017 is eligible for applying to the Doctoral Program in Economics.

Candidates must have the necessary scientific background in order to elaborate a doctoral thesis in Economics. In accordance with the Doctoral Studies Rules and Regulations (<http://phd.econ.uoa.gr/to-pds/organwsh/o-kanonismos-toy-pds.html>), candidates must have followed specific courses during their graduate studies. The Department Assembly decides whether they should follow any specialized graduate courses during their PhD studies.

Calls for expression of interest announcing the application deadline are issued twice a year, on May and October (Phd studies commence on September or February respectively). Calls are posted on the Department of Economics' website (<http://phd.econ.uoa.gr/>).

Applications (in word or pdf files) are submitted by email to the Doctoral Program's secretariat (phdecon@econ.uoa.gr).

Required documents¹:

- Application form
- Copy of Bachelor's degree. Degrees awarded by foreign universities should be accompanied by an equivalence certificate from the [Hellenic NARIC](#). A copy of the application to NARIC is sufficient at registration
- Copy of Master's degree. Degrees awarded by foreign universities should be accompanied by an equivalence certificate from the Hellenic NARIC. A copy of the application to NARIC is sufficient at registration
- Transcripts of both undergraduate and graduate studies
- Curriculum Vitae

¹ Copies of Diplomas and Study transcripts issued by foreign universities must be verified for authenticity reasons according to the Hague Convention (APOSTILLE). For countries not participating in the Hague Convention, degrees and official transcript should be certified by the Consular Authorities of Greece at the country in which they were issued.

- At least two academic or professional reference letters
- Proof of adequate knowledge (minimum B2 level) of English or other European language besides mother tongue (either a certificate or a degree awarded by any recognized university)
- Candidates might also submit any other supporting document (research projects etc.)
- A research proposal, mentioning: A. the provisional thesis' title, B. the language in which the dissertation will be written and C. the supervisor and the other two members of the advisory committee suggested by the candidate. The candidate should substantiate that the thesis' topic is of scientific importance, original and feasible. The proposal should include the following sections:
 1. Literature review situating the research project within the existing body of knowledge
 2. Statement of research questions and hypothesis
 3. Detailed research plan, mentioning the methodology the candidate intends to apply
- Letter from the supervisor stating that he/she consents to supervise the doctoral thesis
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