

## Information for incoming ERASMUS students

The Department of Physics of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (A.U.TH) welcomes the prospective ERASMUS students and exerts all possible efforts to make their study period fruitful and productive.

The incoming students should be aware that the courses in the Physics Department are normally taught in Greek. However the incoming students that are not fluent in Greek, and thus cannot attend the courses, have the following study options:

1. they can choose to work on a project towards a BSc or MSc Thesis or
2. they can arrange to take individual study courses.

In the first case the incoming students have to consult with their advisor in the home institution and/or the web site of the Physics Department (<http://www.physics.auth.gr/en/home>), identify and contact the faculty member whose research interests are appealing to them.

In the latter case they can contact the ERASMUS Coordinator of the Physics Department, currently Prof. Dr. Ms. Eleni C. Paloura ([erasmus@physics.auth.gr](mailto:erasmus@physics.auth.gr)), and plan an individual study program. The taught courses and their description are listed in <http://www.physics.auth.gr/en/course/index>. Once they finalize their study program the corresponding faculty members of the receiving institution will plan an individual study program, which consists mainly of reading courses, i.e. they will recommend textbooks from the international literature (usually in English and available in the library of the Physics Department), arrange for regular problem/question solving sessions, assign essays in English and examine the students (usually) in English.

**The Academic Calendar** in the Greek Universities is divided in 2 semesters, the autumn and spring semesters. In the Physics Department the autumn and spring semesters run from October 1<sup>st</sup> to January 15<sup>th</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>, respectively. Each semester lasts 13 weeks. The exam periods last for 3 weeks following the end of each semester.

**Cost of Living** : The estimated cost of living amounts to at least 600 €/month (including accommodation, utilities, food and transportation).

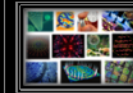


**Greek language courses for LLP/ERASMUS students:** The incoming students have to attend a 2-week long intensive course in Modern Greek offered for free by the School of Modern Greek Language-AUTH ([http://www.auth.gr/univ/units/smg/index\\_en.html](http://www.auth.gr/univ/units/smg/index_en.html)). The language

course is designed so that the students acquire the necessary basic language skills to deal with everyday life. In addition to that the School familiarizes the students to aspects of Greek culture and habits and helps them to adapt to the Greek society.



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Details on the admission and registration process, student benefits, the Modern Greek Language School etc can be found in the website of the Department of European Educational Programmes <http://www.eurep.auth.gr/index.php?lang=en>



### IN BRIEF : registration

**Before arrival** the incoming students have to consult with the information in <https://eurep-online.ad.auth.gr/moveonline/incoming/procedure.php> and apply **on-line** at:

<https://eurep-online.ad.auth.gr/moveonline/incoming/> ("My application").

**Upon arrival** all incoming students have to register at the **Erasmus Office** (main administration building, contact persons Ms. Nikoletta Kapnizou. tel. +30 2310 995166 or Mr. Theocharis Chatzistathis tel. +30 2310 991391) where they will obtain the "Certificate for the Admission as an Exchange student".

**Registration at the Department of Physics:** To complete the registration the students need

1. 2 photographs
2. the "Certificate for the admission as a LLP/Erasmus student" issued by the Erasmus Office of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

**The School's Secretariat will provide students with:**

1. a student identification card "passo" which permits access to libraries, student dining Hall, reduced fares on transportation means, sport facilities etc.
2. The **non-EU students** will receive a medical care booklet which provides access to public medical care facilities.
3. **The EU students** who have the **European Health Card** have access to the Social Security medical care facilities (IKA <http://www.ika.gr/en/home.cfm>) and/or public hospitals.

### IN BRIEF: student dining hall, accommodation and other facilities

The **Student Club** houses the **student dining hall** ([http://www.auth.gr/students/services/board/index\\_en.html](http://www.auth.gr/students/services/board/index_en.html)) and a number of other facilities.

It is located east of 3<sup>rd</sup> September str. During the academic year the student cafeteria offers two free meals per day (lunch and supper). To get access to the student club the incoming students have to submit to the Meals Service of the University Students' Club the registration certificate obtained by the Erasmus Office, their student identification card "passo" and one photograph. (Information at +302310992623, e-mail: [pfl@auth.gr](mailto:pfl@auth.gr))





**Accommodation:** AUTH can accommodate ERASMUS students in the following three dormitories:

1. "Efxinos Leschi", 95 Vasilissis Olgas str.
2. 7 K. Matsi str.
3. 134, Kassandrou str.

The residences at K. Matsi str. and Kassandrou str. are within walking distance from the Campus while Efxinos Leschi can be reached by bus (15min ride). **To reserve accommodation at the student dormitories** the incoming students have to submit the housing application form (<http://www.eurep.auth.gr/index.php?lang=en&rm=8&mn=60#>) by e-mail [eurep-dept@auth.gr](mailto:eurep-dept@auth.gr) or fax +30 2310 995292. The deadlines are June 30<sup>th</sup> for the autumn and Nov.30<sup>th</sup> for the spring semesters, respectively. The applicants will receive information on the room availability about a week prior to their arrival. The room will be available only on the arrival date indicated in the application form.

The students have also the possibility to rent a private studio or apartment, which could be shared with other students. The utilities (electricity, water, telephone) usually are not included in the rent (information on private housing at [http://www.eurep.auth.gr/content/incoming/ADS\\_FOR\\_RENT.PDF](http://www.eurep.auth.gr/content/incoming/ADS_FOR_RENT.PDF)).

**The University Gymnasium** operates from September to June. To gain access to the sports facilities you have to submit:

1. 1 photo
2. Student's pass (which will be given by the Erasmus office)
3. A health certificate in English (issued in your country)

Detailed information is available at: tel.:+30 2310 992672, e-mail: [vasp@phed.auth.gr](mailto:vasp@phed.auth.gr) , web site: [www.auth.gr/gym](http://www.auth.gr/gym)

### **A.U.TH Camping facilities**

During the summer the students can use the A.U.TH camping facilities at Poseidi in Chalkidiki. Detailed information is available at [www.auth.gr/students/camping](http://www.auth.gr/students/camping)



### **Residence Permit**

**NON EU-STUDENTS** must have a three-month long student visa. The applicants will receive from the Erasmus Office of A.U.TH an invitation letter prior their arrival in Greece. Students who are going to study in Thessaloniki for more than three months should apply for a Residence Permit at the Immigration Office of the Municipality of Thessaloniki (19, Odysseos str. , tel: +30 2310 375339 & +30 2310 556390). Detailed information can be obtained from the *Department of European Educational Programmes*, (Mrs. Komnini Tsinari-Kontou, Head of the Department, tel: +30 231 0995291, Mrs. Ioanna Georgiadou, tel: +30 231 0995293, Mrs. Nikoletta Kapnizou, tel: +30 2310 995166, Mr. Theocharis Chatzistathis, tel: +30 2310 991391).