





General 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 attend a course offered in English, according to the list (Course syllabus for incoming Erasmus students) available in the "<u>home page of the incoming Erasmus+ students of the Physics</u> <u>Department</u>". This list is updated regularly (both for BSc and MSc studies),

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

In the latter cases the incoming students have to consult with their advisor in the home institution and/or the web site of the Physics Department (<u>https://www.physics.auth.gr/en/</u>), identify and contact the faculty member whose research interests are appealing to them. They can also contact the Erasmus+ Coordinators of the Physics Department, currently Prof. Dr. K. Papagelis and Ass. Prof. Dr. D. Tassis (<u>erasmus-physics@auth.gr</u>) and plan an individual study program. The taught courses and their description are listed in <u>https://www.physics.auth.gr/en/courses</u>. 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.

<u>The Academic Calendar</u> in the Greek Universities is divided in 2 semesters, the autumn and spring semesters. Normally, in the Physics Department the autumn and spring semesters run from about 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.

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

Greek language courses for ERASMUS+ students: The incoming students may attend a 2-week long intensive course in Modern Greek offered for free by the School of Modern Greek Language-AUTH. 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. Please visit the following link: https://eurep.auth.gr/en/students/smg and/or contact the Department of European Educational Programmes at erasmus-incoming@auth.gr, for further details.







Information for (accepted) incoming ERASMUS+ students

The best starting point to find **answers to all your questions** regarding registration, accommodation, announcements, guidelines etc., is:

# https://eurep.auth.gr/en

This is the official homepage of the "**Department of European Educational Programmes AUTh**". Consult this webpage for any questions you may have regarding Erasmus+ exchange studies in AUTh (Undergraduate, MSc or PhD).

## **Useful or interesting links**

#### **Physics Department Secretariat / Administration Office**

The Faculty of Physics Administration Office is located on the first floor of the Department of Sciences Administrator Building. Link: <u>https://www.physics.auth.gr/en/secretariat</u>

#### **Practical Information**

Practical Information can be found at: <u>https://eurep.auth.gr/en/students/info</u>. In this link you can find useful information regarding the Academic Calendar, instructions on how to create an Institutional Account, a platform designed to facilitate your Accommodation research, information on the visa / residence permit procedure, information about life in Thessaloniki and the Services offered to students of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

#### Erasmus Student Network (AUTh-Thessaloniki):

Erasmus Student Network of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (<u>ESN AUTH</u>) is part of ESN Greece. It is one out of the 21 local ESN Greek sections, and active member of ESN International. ESN AUTH members are working on a voluntary basis to help Erasmus students to get the most out of their Erasmus experience, under the principle "*students helping students*" (https://auth.esngreece.gr/).

#### Student Unions

More Student Unions can be found at: https://www.auth.gr/en/student-unions-en/.

#### **The University Student Club**

The Student Club facilities include one of the largest <u>refectories</u> in north Greece, <u>medical service</u> and a snack bar. The Student Club provides students of the University with food, accommodation, and medical care.

#### Social Security medical care facilities

The EU students who have the European Health Card have access to the  $\underline{EOIIYY}$  (the largest Social Security Organisation in Greece) and/or public hospitals.

#### The University Gymnasium

Detailed information is available at: <u>https://www.gym.auth.gr/en</u>.

### A.U.TH Camping facilities

During the summer the students can use the A.U.TH camping facilities at Poseidi in Chalkidiki. (contact at mailto:camping@auth.gr)