

UPDATED QUALITY POLICY
OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDY PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS
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The Quality Assurance Policy of School of Physics is fully aligned with that of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, incorporating its core principles. Quality is a fundamental pillar for the implementation of the School's vision and mission, therefore requiring the cultivation and establishment of a stable and commonly accepted quality culture.

The School organizes and implements a high-standard Undergraduate Study Program, oriented towards contemporary trends of its scientific field, thereby strengthening its academic profile. In addition, the School is committed to developing a creative research and working environment for all its staff—academic, research, and administrative—as well as a productive academic environment for its students. Quality is recognized as a foundational element for fulfilling the School's vision and achieving its mission; therefore, the creation of a quality culture is considered essential.

A constant priority is the assurance and promotion of quality of teaching, research, and administrative work, through systematic improvement processes and the active participation of all members of the academic and administrative community. The School designs and implements a high-standard study program that responds to modern scientific developments and the demands of the international academic and professional environment, thereby strengthening its overall academic identity. At the same time, the School invests in the formation of a modern and supportive framework for research and work for academic, research, and administrative staff, as well as in creating a dynamic and creative academic environment for its students.

Implementation of Quality Policy – Quality Assurance

The School of Physics and the Undergraduate Study Program are committed, in particular, to the implementation of the quality policy, aiming at the systematic strengthening of its academic identity and the clear orientation of its study programs, promoting their purpose and scope. For this purpose, strategic objectives are updated and specified, along with the necessary means, actions, and mechanisms for their effective implementation.

A key priority is ensuring the participation of all stakeholders, as well as the implementation of appropriate internal and external quality procedures, with the ultimate goal of continuously upgrading educational and academic work. The Department places particular emphasis on fostering an environment of open communication, collaboration, and mutual trust among academic, research, and administrative staff, students, and other stakeholders.

At the organizational level, the School of Physics and the Undergraduate Study Program apply all prescribed quality assurance procedures of the Internal Quality Assurance System of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, adapted to the specific

characteristics of the program. The implementation of these procedures is carried out in close collaboration with the Quality Assurance Unit (MODIP) of the Institution. The Department recognizes the decisive importance of these procedures as an essential tool for supporting its teaching and research work, monitoring the achievement of its objectives, and overall enhancing the quality of the Undergraduate Program.

The School of Physics and the Undergraduate Study Program commit to implementing actions and procedures that demonstrate:

- the suitability of the structure and organization of the Undergraduate Program and the alignment of expected learning outcomes and qualifications with the European and National Qualifications Frameworks for Higher Education
- the promotion of the quality and effectiveness of teaching, the suitability of academic staff qualifications, and the enhancement of both the quality and quantity of research output of academic unit members
- the quality of support services and efficient use of available resources
- the links between teaching and research, as well as the level of demand for graduates' skills in the labor market
- the formulation, implementation, and review of specific annual quality objectives for program improvement, and the conduct of annual internal evaluation and review of the quality assurance system, in collaboration with the Internal Evaluation Group (OMEA) and MODIP of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

These processes for monitoring and continuously improving the quality of the Undergraduate Program include:

- implementation, periodic review and revision of the quality assurance policy where necessary
- design of the Study Program in accordance with applicable legislation and AUTH regulations, incorporating the views of students, graduates, and collaborating stakeholders
- compliance with the current legal and regulatory framework
- implementation of regulations of the Undergraduate Study Program and other institutional regulations of AUTH
- submission of individual course and teaching reports and course description forms to the MODIP information system by instructors
- student evaluation of courses and instructors
- diverse methods of student assessment
- monitoring of graduates' progress and professional outcomes
- academic staff matters (selection, regulations, performance, support)
- allocation and management of program resources (infrastructure, equipment, etc.)
- collection and analysis of quality data (complete, accurate, and up-to-date) to ensure program improvement
- monitoring, analysis, and benchmarking against national and international indicators

- dissemination of information about the Undergraduate Program
- continuous updating of the program website (in Greek, English, and possibly other languages)
- feedback mechanisms for strategy and target setting, review, corrective actions where needed
- annual internal evaluation in accordance with HQA (ETHAAE) and MODIP guidelines
- support for external evaluation and accreditation processes in collaboration with MODIP

Quality Objectives

The quality objectives on which the Department of Physics will focus for the Undergraduate Program are:

- modernization and internationalization of the program
- optimization of the educational process
- quantitative and qualitative adequacy of academic staff
- improvement of student performance
- increase in high-quality research publications
- increase in research funding
- enhancement of the international profile of the Department and the program
- improvement of the learning environment and daily operations

Publication

The updated Quality Policy of the Department for the Undergraduate Program, after its approval by the School's Assembly, is communicated and disseminated to academic and administrative staff, students, and other stakeholders through various communication channels. For this reason, it is posted on the program website: <https://www.physics.auth.gr/tmima/politiki-poiotitas/>, and is updated periodically. Quality policy actions, as well as other program activities, are communicated via the internet, social media, and official correspondence, depending on what is deemed most appropriate.