

Joint Undergraduate Program of Studies

Environmental Sciences and Engineering

QUALITY POLICY

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Quality Policy of the Joint Undergraduate Programme of Studies in English (JEUPS)

The Quality Assurance Policy of the School of Physics of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH), in collaboration with the Schools of Chemistry, Biology, Mechanical Engineering and Agriculture, for the Undergraduate Programmes of Studies in English (EUPS), is fully aligned with the Quality Policy of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki as approved by the Senate, and reflects its fundamental values.

The School of Physics and the collaborating Schools ensure and promote the quality of their teaching, research and administrative work through the continuous improvement of all their operations and through the active participation and contribution of all members of the academic community. Furthermore, they ensure the inclusion and support of a multicultural student body, offering equal opportunities for access and academic success to students from diverse cultural and educational backgrounds. Policies are implemented to support the integration of international students into the academic and social environment of the University.

The School of Physics (as the coordinating School) and the collaborating Schools organise and implement the **Joint Undergraduate Programme of Studies in English (JEUPS)** entitled “*Environmental Sciences and Engineering*”, a Curriculum of high academic standards, oriented towards contemporary scientific, social and professional requirements, thus strengthening its international academic profile. At the same time, the Schools are committed to creating a creative, outward-looking and multicultural environment for learning and research for students, as well as a supportive and innovative working environment for members of Teaching and Research Staff (TRS) and administrative staff. The teaching staff are adequately proficient in the language of instruction and have experience in an international academic environment, in order to support teaching in a multicultural classroom. Teaching follows modern pedagogical practices that enhance student understanding and learning, while taking into account the needs of international students.

Quality is recognised as a fundamental element for the fulfilment of the vision and mission of the School and of the JEUPS. For this reason, the cultivation and consolidation of a quality culture at all levels of operation is considered essential.

Implementation of the Quality Policy – Quality Assurance

The School of Physics AUTH, the collaborating Schools and the JEUPS “*Environmental Sciences and Engineering*” are committed to implementing the Quality Policy, which:

- strengthens the academic identity and international orientation of the Curriculum
- promotes the purpose, subject and strategic objectives of the Programme
- defines the means, actions and methods for achieving them

- ensures the participation of all stakeholders (students, lecturers, graduates, social and professional bodies)
- promotes mobility and cooperation with international organisations, enhancing its international dimension
- implements appropriate internal and external quality assurance procedures aimed at continuous improvement

The Schools are committed to cultivating a climate of communication, cooperation and transparency among all members of the academic community.

The School of Physics, in collaboration with the Schools of Chemistry, Biology, Mechanical Engineering and Agriculture, implements in the JEUPS all institutionalised quality assurance procedures of the Quality Manual of the Internal Quality Assurance System (IQAS) of AUTH, in cooperation with the Quality Assurance Unit (MODIP) of the University.

These procedures constitute a fundamental tool for the organisation, implementation, monitoring and continuous upgrading of the educational work of the Undergraduate Programme of Studies in English.

Quality Assurance Procedures

For the implementation of the Quality Policy, the collaborating Schools and the JEUPS commit to applying procedures that document:

- the suitability of the structure, organisation and content of the Curriculum
- the clear formulation and achievement of learning outcomes, in accordance with the European and National Qualifications Frameworks for Higher Education
- the quality and effectiveness of teaching
- the adequacy and appropriateness of the qualifications of the teaching staff
- the formulation, implementation and review of annual quality objectives
- the relevance of acquired knowledge and skills to the labour market and the international academic environment
- the quality of student support services
- the rational and efficient use of available resources
- the conduct of annual internal evaluation and review of the Programme in cooperation with the Internal Evaluation Group and the Quality Assurance Unit

Monitoring and continuous improvement procedures include indicatively:

- periodic review and revision of the Quality Policy
- design and updating of the Curriculum in accordance with current legislation and AUTH regulations
- implementation of Study Regulations and relevant regulatory decisions
- evaluation of courses and lecturers by students

- the use of diverse and reliable student assessment methods
- monitoring of graduate progression and employability
- collection, analysis and utilisation of quantitative and qualitative quality data
- benchmarking against national and international indicators
- transparency and public dissemination of Programme information
- regular and high-quality updating of the Programme website (in English and, where required, in other languages)
- support of external evaluation and accreditation procedures

Quality Objectives

The main quality objectives of the School of Physics (as coordinating School) and the collaborating Schools for the JEUPS *Environmental Sciences and Engineering* include:

- attraction of high-level international students
- enhancement of student academic performance
- strengthening academic and technological support of the educational process
- increasing student participation in course and lecturer evaluation
- strengthening the internationalisation of the Undergraduate Programme
- upgrading links with the labour market
- enhancing teaching quality
- increasing the research activity of TRS members
- improving the quality of public information
- developing modern communication and dissemination tools

Publication

The Quality Policy is communicated and disseminated to academic and administrative staff, students and all relevant stakeholders. It is available in Greek and published on the Programme website (<https://envsen.auth.gr/>). The JEUPS applies best practices of transparency by providing comprehensive information about the Programme to an international audience through its website