

Joint Undergraduate Program of Studies

Environmental Sciences and Engineering

Diploma thesis regulation

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DIPLOMA THESIS REGULATION

(According to the decision No 14/09-02-2026 of the Assembly of School of Physics, AUTH)

For the preparation of a Diploma Thesis (DT), the Steering Committee , following an application by the candidate, in which a proposed title and supervisor of the Thesis is indicated and a summary of the proposed thesis is attached, appoints its supervisor and then establishes a three-member Examination Committee for the approval of the thesis, one member of which is the supervisor.

Supervisors

Supervisors of diploma theses are members of the teaching staff within the following categories, as described in the article 103 of Law 4957/2022 for Foreign Language Programs:

- a) members of Teaching Research Staff (D.E.P.), Special Educational Staff (E.E.P.), Laboratory Teaching Staff (E.D.I.P.) and Specialized Technical Laboratory Staff (E.T.E.P.) of the School or other Schools of the same or another Higher Educational Institution (A.E.I.) or Higher Military Educational Institution (A.S.E.I.), with additional employment beyond their legal obligations, if the P.P.S. has tuition fees,
- b) emeritus Professors or retired members of the Faculty of Education of the Department or other Departments of the same or another Universities (A.E.I.),
- c) collaboration instructors,
- d) appointed instructors,
- e) visiting professors or visiting researchers
- f) researchers and special scientists of research and technological institutions according to article 13A of Law 4310/2014 (A' 258) or other research centers and institutes of the country or abroad.

The members of the Three-member Examining Committee must have the same or related scientific specialty as the scientific field of the P.P.S.

Writing and presentation

To proceed with the public presentation of the Diploma Thesis, a positive recommendation from the Three-Member Examining Committee is required. For the public defense of the Diploma Thesis, a specific date and place is set by the Steering Committee

The Diploma Thesis is written in English.

Upon final submission of the Thesis, the first pages of the manuscript must state the Institution and the Program in which it was carried out, as well as the supervisor and the members of the Examination Committee, including their roles and academic ranks.

For the presentation of the Diploma Thesis, a positive recommendation by the three-member Examination Committee is required. The Thesis is defended before the three-member Examination Committee on a date and at a venue determined by the Steering Committee and approved by the Director of the Program. The presentation is public and is announced at least three (3) days in advance on the Program's website. The teaching staff of the Program are informed under the responsibility of the Director of the Program.

Grading

After the defense of the Diploma Thesis, minutes are drawn up in which the individual grade of each member of the Three-Member Examining Committee, the average score as well as any comments or remarks are mentioned. The evaluation is considered positive if the grade is above 6 (six out of ten). Following its approval by the Committee, it is compulsorily posted on the School's website.

If the evaluation of the Diploma Thesis is negative, the student can submit his work incorporating the remarks for its improvement within a period of time set by the Three-member Examining Committee, which in any case can not exceed 6 months from the initial evaluation. In case the second evaluation is negative, the student can not be awarded the Diploma.

In exceptional cases, when an objective weakness or other important reason arises, it is possible to replace the supervisor or a member of the Three-Member Examining Committee or change the subject of the Diploma Thesis following a decision of the Steering Committee

Plagiarism

The preparation of the Diploma Thesis (DT) is governed by the Code of Academic Ethics of AUTH. Every creator or co-creator of any intellectual work is entitled to be mentioned and recognized as such, enjoying both the property and moral rights deriving from the specific work. In the case where the original intellectual creation ("work") is the final output of a paid research project, which has been commissioned by an entity outside AUTH, the property rights of the creator or co-creators may be limited based on the terms of the contract with which the research project is assigned, while the moral rights remain in the creator(s), subject to the necessary - for making use of the produced intellectual creation - contractual restrictions.

By submitting any thesis, the student is required to reference the work and views of others used in their work. Copying is considered a serious academic misconduct. Plagiarism is defined as using another's work, published or not, without proper reference. Quoting any documentary material, even from the candidate's own work, without a relevant reference, may justify a decision of the Assembly of the School to reject it. In the above cases - and after a reasoned proposition from the supervising professor - the Assembly of the relevant School may decide to expel him/her from the Program. Any misconduct or violation of academic ethics is referred to the Steering Committee to be examined and addressed. The offenses of copying, plagiarism and any violation of the provisions on intellectual property by a student, stand for all writing assignments in the context of courses as well as the preparation of the diploma thesis

It is noted that the terms "student", "students", "professor", "professors" refer to all genders.