

Programme of Study Layout

ΠΙΘ / PNYX: Political History, Theory and Practice

Faculty	ΣΑΚΕ	Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences		
Programme of Study	ΠΙΘ	PNYX: Political History, Theory and Practice		
Level of Study	Undergraduate		Graduate	
			Master	Doctoral
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Language of Instruction	Greek			
Mode of Delivery	Distance			
Course Duration (Full Time)	Years		Semesters	
	2		4	
Fees	Programme of Study	Module	Thesis	
	€5400	€675	€675	
Number of Modules	Total	Required	Electives	Thesis
	8	4	4	Επιλογής
Number of European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)	120			

Programme of Study Description

PNYX is a two-year interdisciplinary Master's Programme in Political History, Theory and Practice. Combining elements from the fields of political science, history, social theory, law, economics and international relations, PNYX aims to offer a broad-spectrum, substantial and systematic course of study to every citizen seriously interested in politics. Therefore, the Programme addresses a wide range of potential audiences: aspiring or practicing politicians, journalists or other publicly-engaged individuals dealing professionally with political issues, political communication specialists, and, more importantly, citizens; that is, those citizens wishing to acquire the necessary background for approaching political developments with the maturity and confidence of a qualified potential politician. PNYX also offers to graduates of various Bachelor's degrees the chance to pursue postgraduate studies in a series of interesting specialties (for example, graduates of Greek or European Studies can follow several branches of modern history, international relations or social theory, law graduates can specialize in the philosophy of law or human rights law, graduates in economics can specialize in areas of political economy and world economic history and so forth).

The title of the Programme obviously alludes to the ancient Pnyx; that is, the site in ancient Athens where from the sixth to the fourth centuries BC the meetings of the Ecclesia were held. The Ecclesia was the assembly of the Athenian citizens, which shaped the ideal of democracy by way of politically-informed citizens actively participating in public affairs. The aim of PNYX is to help foster afresh such civic competences, the importance of them for Greece and Cyprus has been vividly underscored during the profound political, financial and general crisis of the 2010s. The ancient Pnyx, however, is a source of inspiration for an extra reason: its etymological connection with the notion of density (Πνύξ > πυκνός, dense). The goal of PNYX is precisely to offer condensed knowledge in a systematic manner and in a relatively short time. In other words, this is an intensive, interdisciplinary Master's Programme, designed, all the same, for people with heavy professional and family schedules. The role of up-to-date

long-distance education technology is catalytic in this respect, inasmuch as this technology helps transcend geographical and time constraints and is aptly combined with the fundamental method of guided self-tutoring.

In this way, PNYX aspires to revive its ancient model in a modern fashion. The ancient Athenian Pnyx democratized political power by transferring it from the “few” to the “many”. Modern PNYX aims to do the same regarding the democratization of political knowledge and expertise. Its goal is to facilitate access for a large number of citizens to a body of knowledge and a set of skills, which even in advanced, modern democratic societies is usually the preserve of separate disciplines or groups. Furthermore, the Programme wishes to offer political education that is not purely academic but dynamically oriented towards a constantly evolving political reality, with the primary purpose of producing politically-informed citizens rather than simply the next generation of political scientists. In this context, the Programme invests on a specific kind of educational determinism, whereby placing the emphasis of teaching on elements of theory, philosophy and logic is intended as a means not solely to enrich the student’s knowledge but also to shape his/her thought itself.

Beyond the ancient model, PNYX is inspired also by a modern occasion: the Greek economic crisis of the second decade of the 21st century. This crisis dramatically demonstrated that in our extremely complicated world good intentions, acute judgement, purely technical approaches, and the diverse ideologies do not suffice on their own. What is mostly required is a deeper background of solid learning, efficient know-how and adequate understanding of a wide variety of the complex parameters of modern politics (e.g. theory, history, the legal structure of an organized society, international relations, the functioning of the international financial system, etc.). In this perspective, PNYX addresses all those citizens who share the vision of advancing the level of politics and the quality of public discourse in Greece, Cyprus and beyond. It also concerns every individual wishing to contribute to further democratizing the political process through a new (and simultaneously very old) form of political education; an education which aspires to combine the most modern methods of university teaching with elements from the tradition of the great ancient rhetors (effectively, teachers of political science themselves), such as Isocrates, Isaeus and others.

Admission requirements

1	Possession of a Bachelor’s degree by a recognized higher education institution in Cyprus or abroad.
2	Sufficient knowledge of English, as the bibliography (articles, books, etc) is in English as well.
3	Competency in the use of computers (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Internet) to effectively meet the educational requirements of the Programme.

Programme of Study Academic Specializations

Specialization	Awarded Degree
1 PNYX: Political History, Theory and Practice	MAGISTER ARTIUM POLITICAL HISTORY, THEORY AND PRACTICE

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Modules	Semester	Required / Elective	Pre-requisite Modules	Co-requisite Modules	Workload
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Common for all Specializations							
ΠΙ0511	Political and Economic Theory	1	Required	-	-	375-450	15
ΠΙ0512	Social and Historical Theory	1	Required	-	ΠΙ0511	375-450	15
ΠΙ0521	Aspects of Greek and Cypriot History	2	Required	-	-	375-450	15
ΠΙ0522	Aspects in European and World History	2	Required	-	ΠΙ0521	375-450	15
ΠΙ0611	Law I (Public and Private Law – International Law, EU and International Organizations) ¹	3	Elective	ΠΙ0511, ΠΙ0521	ΠΙ0512	375-450	15
ΠΙ0612	Macroeconomics and International Economic System ¹	3	Elective	ΠΙ0511, ΠΙ0521	ΠΙ0512	375-450	15
ΠΙ0621	Law II (The Method of Legal Reasoning – Elements of Jurisprudence) ¹	4	Elective	ΠΙ0511, ΠΙ0521	ΠΙ0522	375-450	15
ΠΙ0622	Theory of Argumentation – Logic and Rhetoric ¹	4	Elective	ΠΙ0511, ΠΙ0521	ΠΙ0522	375-450	15
ΠΙ0701A	Master Thesis I ^{1 2}	3, 4	Elective	ΠΙ0511, ΠΙ0521	ΠΙ0512	375-450	15
ΠΙ0701B	Master Thesis II ^{1 2}	3, 4	Elective	ΠΙ0511, ΠΙ0512	ΠΙ0522, ΠΙ0701A	375-450	15
ΠΙ0695	Industry Placement (1st)	3, 4	Optional	ΠΙ0511, ΠΙ0512, ΠΙ0521, ΠΙ0522	-	-	5
ΠΙ0696	Industry Placement (2nd)	3, 4	Optional	ΠΙ0695	-	-	5
Total						3000-3600	120

¹ The student can either register to all four (4) Elective Modules (ΠΙ0611, ΠΙ0612, ΠΙ0621, ΠΙ0622) or to two (2) Elective Modules from ΠΙ0611, ΠΙ0612, ΠΙ0621, ΠΙ0622 together with both Master Thesis Modules (ΠΙ0701A και ΠΙ0701B), for the successful completion of the Program.

² To obtain a thesis master's degree, students have to write a master thesis on one of the scientific fields of the programme. The Master Thesis has a length of 12,000-15,000 words and its workload corresponds to the 2 of the 4 Modules of the second year of the programme.