

Programme of Study Layout

ΠΙΘ / PNYX: Political History, Theory and Practice

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| 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 | |
| | 1,5 | | 3 | |
| Fees | Programme of Study | Module | Thesis | |
| | €3300 | €550 | €550 | |
| Number of Modules | Total | Required | Electives | Thesis |
| | 6 | 4 | 2 | Επιλογή |
| Number of European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) | 90 | | | |

Programme of Study Description

PNYX is a 3-semester 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 international law or human rights law, graduates in economics can specialize in areas of political economy and 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

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| 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 |
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| 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 | - | - | 375-450 | 15 |
| ΠΙ0521 | Aspects of Greek and Cypriot History | 2 | Required | - | - | 375-450 | 15 |
| ΠΙ0522 | Aspects in European and World History | 2 | Required | - | - | 375-450 | 15 |
| ΠΙ0611 | Law and Political Institutions ¹ | 3 | Elective | ΠΙ0511, ΠΙ0521 | ΠΙ0512 (FS) or ΠΙ0522 (SS) | 375-450 | 15 |
| ΠΙ0613 | Theory of Argumentation – Logic and Rhetoric ¹ | 3 | Elective | ΠΙ0511, ΠΙ0521 | ΠΙ0512 (FS) or ΠΙ0522 (SS) | 375-450 | 15 |
| ΠΙ0701A | Master Thesis I ^{1 2} | 3 | Elective | ΠΙ0511, ΠΙ0521 | ΠΙ0512 | 375-450 | 15 |
| ΠΙ0701B | Master Thesis II ^{1 2} | 3 | Elective | ΠΙ0511, ΠΙ0512 | ΠΙ0522, ΠΙ0701A | 375-450 | 15 |
| ΠΙ0695 | Industry Placement (1st) | 3 | Optional | ΠΙ0511, ΠΙ0512, ΠΙ0521, ΠΙ0522 | - | - | 5 |
| ΠΙ0696 | Industry Placement (2nd) | 3 | Optional | ΠΙ0695 | - | - | 5 |
| Total | | | | | | 2250-2700 | 90 |

¹ The students can either complete the two elective Modules of the third semester (ΠΙ0611 and ΠΙ0612) or write a master's thesis (ΠΙ0701A and ΠΙ0701B) for successfully obtaining the master's degree.

² The master's thesis has a length of about 12.000-15.000 words (30 ECTS), is thematically focused on one of the academic fields of study of the Master's Programme and is equivalent to the two elective Modules of the third semester.