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**UNIVERSITY OF THE AEGEAN  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

**to MSc IN MIGRATION STUDIES:  
*Management of Migratory and Refugee Flows in Europe***

**ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023**

The post-graduate Program 'Migration Studies: Management of Migratory and Refugee Flows in Europe' is a new, original concept instigated by the Department of Sociology of the University of the Aegean. It is the first international Master's degree in Migration Studies (MMS) in Greece to be entirely taught in English and one of the few European Courses that articulately combines interdisciplinary perspectives on issues of migration. The Course aims to equip students with the skills and knowledge to understand the multifaceted phenomenon of migration, forced relocation, human rights, global health, discrimination and integration.

**Objectives:**

Migration is inherently a complex and multidimensional process, profoundly intertwined with social transformation and change. This Master's Program provides a comprehensive analysis of global migration, forced displacement and mobility, covering a multifold of major contemporary debates in the current context of globalization and the recent migration and health crises.

The MSc thus places emphasis on the acquisition of specialized scientific knowledge, the professional training of students and the realization of scientific research in the fields of social sciences that concern migration not only as a spatial process but as a personal rite of passage. In this context, the MSc aims to improve the professional

qualifications of the students, offering professional specialization along with consistent, systematic training on issues related to the migration course, being an indispensable part of broader societal, economical, environmental and political global changes. In this framework, the MSc will contribute to create a solid base of the legal and humanitarian aspects of forced migration, emphasizing on both theoretical and practical critical issues, promoting advocacy of human rights and the essence of understanding between migrant and receiving communities.

### **Course Overview:**

Students will be introduced to key theoretical concepts including an overview of the historical accounts of human mobility, the basic principles of humanitarian law and its interplay with human and migrant rights, along with existing migration, asylum and integration policies, which target to enable resilient societies and set a positive example of best practices.

Emphasis will be drawn to the contemporary discourse on medical anthropology, and to debates such as cultural diversity, pandemic, social representations, interculturalism, body and gender, medical knowledge and health practices. The psychosocial dimensions of forced relocation and migration will be also scrutinized, focusing on the frequently experienced refugee trauma, especially by victims of torture, of inhumane and ill treatment, and by survivors of genocidal atrocities.

The course also offers a comprehensive discourse analysis of international migration, covering a multitude of genres, as social and political acts are interlaced, examining the contingencies of individual and collective action. Furthermore, students will explore fundamental techniques and methodological tools applying to demographic, statistical and epidemiological research, and will be introduced to crime and counter crime in forced migration in an international context, accentuating the ambiguous connection between ethnic minority groups, power of the state and crime.

### **Unique approach – contemporary curriculum:**

The University of the Aegean, with a distinct semantic meaning as it is based in Mytilene (Lesvos Island), offers a rich and comprehensive curriculum and a unique approach. It comprises on-line courses as well as fieldwork and workshops available for students to gain hands-on experience in the existing refugee accommodation facilities of Lesvos. Students will thus gain a multidisciplinary perspective on migration studies through courses and extracurricular opportunities.

## **Collaboration with NGOs and other Academic Institutions:**

The Department of Sociology of the University of the Aegean has established long term and firm relationships with HEIs. University of Nantes, University of Lille (MITRA), University Paris 8, Panteion University of Athens and the University Neapolis of Paphos form part of the university network that has teamed-up with the Master's Program 'Migration Studies: Management of Migratory and Refugee Flows in Europe'. Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) have also been endorsed with Médecins Sans Frontières and Médecins du Monde.

## **About the Course:**

- 1. Expected Length:** 18 months (2 academic semesters and 1 semester for the completion of the assigned dissertation)
- 2. Total Number of Courses:** This program comprises 8 modules (4 per semester) and a dissertation component
- 3. Teaching Language:** English
- 4. ECTS Acquired:** 90
- 5. Fee:** 3.500€ total fee
- 6. Classes are obligatory** and will be offered **both on-line and during the summer course**, offered at the end of the first academic semester.

## **Summer Course:**

The Master's Summer Course forms an indispensable part of the 2-year study curriculum. It is set in Athens and Lesbos, offering a unique opportunity for a first-hand experience of fieldwork and research in refugee and migrant campuses. Fieldwork is open only to students on the MSc and is contingent on student interest based on their strong commitment to humanitarian principle and high sense of ethics. While on-site, students will gain valuable experience on the existing living conditions of the refugee population in some of the biggest accommodation facilities in Europe and will enhance their personal qualities, skills, knowledge and ability to integrate in a multinational and multicultural environment. On-site visits will also enable students to work alongside experienced professionals, acquire strong initiative while safeguarding fundamental human rights, social justice, human dignity and equality among vulnerable populations. In collaboration with both international and local stakeholders operating on-site, students will also be provided with insightful information on asylum procedures, application of humanitarian law, vulnerability assessment and will be acquainted with policies that foster safety and

wellness for the migrant population during reception, pre-integration and in the course of adapting to their host society.

## **Admission Criteria:**

The Program 'Migration Studies: Management of Migratory Flows in Greece and the EU' offers an exciting range of courses with the collaboration of outstanding academia and renowned stakeholders and professionals with long lasting experience on the field and explores the recent changes to the global cultural and political landscape, and their impact on individuals and minority groups.

As a minimum, applicants should hold or be predicted to achieve the equivalent of an upper second-class undergraduate degree and have an excellent knowledge of the English language (C2). The set of documents you should send comprises the following:

1. Application form to this course (see below)
2. Detailed CV
3. Certified diplomas of university/college or institution
4. Certified academic transcripts of university degree translated into English or Greek
5. Proof of ID
6. Two (2) references/letters of recommendation
7. Proof of proficiency in English (C2)
8. Academic publications, articles (if any)
9. Proof of relevant professional experience (if any)
10. Statement of purpose (a minimum of 500 words up to a maximum of 1000)
11. Proof of knowledge of any other foreign language
12. Candidates with undergraduate degrees NOT awarded by Greek Universities will also need to have their degrees recognized by the Greek authorities (Hellenic National Academic Recognition Information Center "DOATAP")
13. Candidates may need to submit along any supporting documentation

## **Selection Criteria:**

- Grade average (undergraduate certification) 10,00%
- Academic transcript in related subjects 8,00%
- Prior dissertation grade (if applicable) 8,00%
- Certification of English language 7,00%
- Knowledge of other foreign language(s) 5,00%
- Relevant academic or professional activity 12%

- Publications, articles 13%
- References 5,00%
- Interview via Skype or Zoom 32%

After the initial evaluation of the application material by the teaching staff, based on specific criteria, shortlisted candidates will be invited for a personal on line interview (via Skype or Zoom). The candidates may be invited again to a follow-up, on-line interview, in the event of a tie for the last position.

The final selection will be published online and contacted via mail.

**All corresponding documentation should be sent to:**

**migration-studies@soc.aegean.gr**

### **Tuition Fees:**

For entry in the academic year beginning October 2022, the tuition fees are **3.500 € in total**, payable in **three installments**. Course fees are fully inclusive for the course tuition, administration and computational costs throughout the course.

Unless specified otherwise, course fees **do not** cover accommodation, transfers, residential costs or other living costs **during fieldwork in Summer School** or other activities required in the field.

**For Greek residents only:** Applicants whose individual income does not surpass the individual equivalised disposable income by one hundred percent (100%) or whose family income does not surpass the family equivalised disposable income by seventy percent (70%), according to the most recently published data of the Hellenic Statistical Authority are exempted from tuition fees. This exemption is valid for participation in one Post-graduate Program **only**.

**In any case, the exempted students should not exceed thirty percent (30%) of the total number of students admitted to the MMS.** Applications can be submitted within the proposed deadline.

### **Career Opportunities:**

Students will be trained by scholars and professionals with a prolonged experience in migration, human rights advocacy, global health, statistics, epidemiology, and humanitarianism. Valuable synergies with renowned actors in the field, NGOs and

essential stakeholders will enhance the students' capacity, their critical and evidence-based approach, and will serve them, as future experts in migration and forced displacement, to further promote social science and humanitarian research. Students can further pursue a career in governmental bodies and non-governmental organizations, as well as within the increasing number of domestic or international public and private stakeholders, addressing the challenges in the refugee, human rights or humanitarian fields.

**More Information - Contact us:**

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**<https://www.govunet.eu/migration-studies.php>**

**Application deadline: August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Courses begin: October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022**