

Faculty of Environment, Geography and Applied Economics  
DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

## **YOUR STUDIES AS EXCHANGE STUDENT AT GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT.**

### **1. Language Policy.**

- The Language policy into force between partner institutions is clearly defined into the Inter-institutional Agreement.
- The official language of instruction in the undergraduate curriculum at Geography Department is Greek by law. Exceptions can be made at postgraduate level of study, for courses / modules.
- **Tutoring in English or French** is offered to the Erasmus+ (and more generally Exchange) Students. Language depends on the teaching staff.
- **In some cases** (specific semester modules, laboratory lessons, fieldwork), **lecturing hours in English or French** on a weekly basis are offered too. For example, the Undergraduate module **[ΓΦ4500] Specific topics of Geography (5 ECTS credits)** which is **compulsory for all the Geography Exchange students, independently of their level of study (Undergraduate - Postgraduate) is entirely taught in English.**
- **For laboratory work and fieldwork**, the Erasmus+ (and more generally Exchange) students are integrated in English- French- or German-speaking student team.
- Classes of Academic English – English for Specific Purposes, running during the Winter and Spring Semesters, are open<sup>1</sup> to the Erasmus+ incoming Students, under the following condition: after enrolling to the course, the attendance is compulsory.
- Greek language is eligible on **OLS - Online Linguistic support** <http://erasmusplusols.eu/>
- Harokopio University supports<sup>2</sup> the Erasmus+ students to attend a Greek language course with allocation of ECTS Credits (6), but after enrolling to the course, the attendance is compulsory. (Otherwise, the incoming student shall pay the fee on his/her own).
- The Erasmus+ (and more generally Exchange) Student willing to attend the courses at Harokopio University in Greek and be examined in Greek, should have at least a B1 level (CEFR – Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) in Greek, as well as be prepared for specific Greek vocabulary related to his/her field of study. Naturally, she/he will receive all the needed didactic support to get proficiency.
- Here are some useful links to become familiar with the Greek alphabet and basic words, and more...:  
**Lessons of Greek Language on Line:**
  - Filoglossia, Learning Greek as a foreign language - Level: Beginners:  
<http://www.xanthi.ilsp.gr/filog/>
  - Interactive language learning course for Greek: <http://hellonet.teithe.gr/>
  - Modern Greek as a foreign language – Advanced level: <http://www.eng.auth.gr/learn/>
  - Lingu@net World Wide - multilingual, online resource centre for foreign language learning  
<http://www.linguanet-worldwide.org/>

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## 2. Designing your programme of study.

### 2.1. What shall include the study programme you propose?

The proposed programme of study for your Erasmus+ period shall be detailed on the "Learning Agreement". Its content depends upon the recognition of your study abroad period by your Sending/Home Institution and consequently, may include:

- only courses, or
- a mix of courses and individual study project (*for example related to your master thesis,*) or
- only individual study project, more personal = Specific programme of study (*for example, related to your master thesis*)

➤ **Don't mistake the individual study/ project (Specific Programme of Study), for the stage/ placement** which aims to provide the student, as trainee, a professional experience. The students interested into training activity shall directly contact, usually on the recommendation of a professor at Sending/Home University, the HUA's Professor who would become the supervisor of the trainee.

➤ **The more independent of the HUA's Geography curriculum is your study period (i.e. consisting of individual study project), the more clearly designed it must be,** with your Sending/Home Institution professor and in cooperation with HUA's professor who will supervise you. The supervisor at HUA is usually the HUA's colleague of your professor and academic contact person for the Inter-Institutional Agreement. Anyway, in case of individual study, this specific person has to be contacted first.

### 2.2. How to choose courses / modules?

**2.2.1.a.** The full Study guides for undergraduate and postgraduate curricula at the Geography Department are displayed on the Department's web pages as well as the course catalogues. But hereunder you will find a tailor-made presentation for the exchange students, outlining the didactic offer on a Winter / Spring Semester point of view.

**2.2.1.b.** The undergraduate curriculum of the Geography Department (as well as all the UG curricula at Harokopio University) is scheduled for 4 years of study and allocated with 240 ECTS credits.

**2.2.2. Don't mix** courses / modules offered by different Departments.

**2.2.3. Check that the chosen courses / modules** are effectively taught during the Semester you'll spend at Harokopio University.

**2.2.4. If chosen courses / modules are picked up from different years of study** (and, if applicable, in different orientation/ specialization of the same curriculum - see Postgraduate curriculum), it is not guaranteed that these courses / modules will not overlap. The timetable is set up on the basis of the year of study.

**2.2.5. Each of the elective courses / modules will run only if** a sufficient number of local students registered in the course / module. Registration is open in the early beginning of the semester (during the first - and maybe also the second- week of teaching). So, this could justify the need of some changes in the Learning Agreement during the mobility.

**2.2.6. The chosen courses / modules should normally belong to** the same level of study as the current level of study (undergraduate - postgraduate) at Sending/Home University. However, the HUA

Departmental (Academic) coordinator may suggest and/or approve courses / modules from different levels of study.

**2.2.7.** The Erasmus students enrolled at Sending/Home Institution in the first year of study of a Master's Degree Programme should be enrolled at Harokopio University in the same cycle of study, even if he/she graduated with 180 ECTS credits.

❖ For any academic matters, contact the academic contact person in charge of the specific inter-institutional agreement or the ECTS/ Erasmus+ Departmental Coordinator at Harokopio University and at Sending/Home Institution as well.

### **2.3. In case of Specific Programme of Study**

**Student mobility for study related to dissertation / thesis /individual project related to Sending university curriculum.**

**2.3.1.** A specific Programme of Study requests personal supervisor with similar interest and availability. It is strongly recommended to the interested student to enter in contact (personally or through his/her coordinator or academic supervisor at Sending/Home University who should be informed, as well as the Academic contact person) with the Harokopio's Departmental Coordinator and/or the Contact person for the Inter-institutional Agreement before the submission of Application.

**2.3.2.** Moreover a plan of the activities the student will perform during his/her Erasmus+ period of study at Harokopio University (including a schedule, if possible) shall be added as annex of the Learning Agreement for internal use. This annex shall be duly signed by the Applicant and the academic supervisor(s) of this individual study from Sending Institution.

The Applicant student must be aware of the expected results and of the assessment mode of the Erasmus+ study period at Harokopio University.

**2.3.3.** At the end of the period, the student will write in duplicate a short report of implementation of activities (related to the study plan), signed by him/herself and his/her academic supervisor at Harokopio University. One original is for the records at the Harokopio Department's secretariat, and the other one is for the Sending Institution.

*Hereunder are excerpts of the undergraduate & postgraduate Study Guides, academic year 2016/17.*

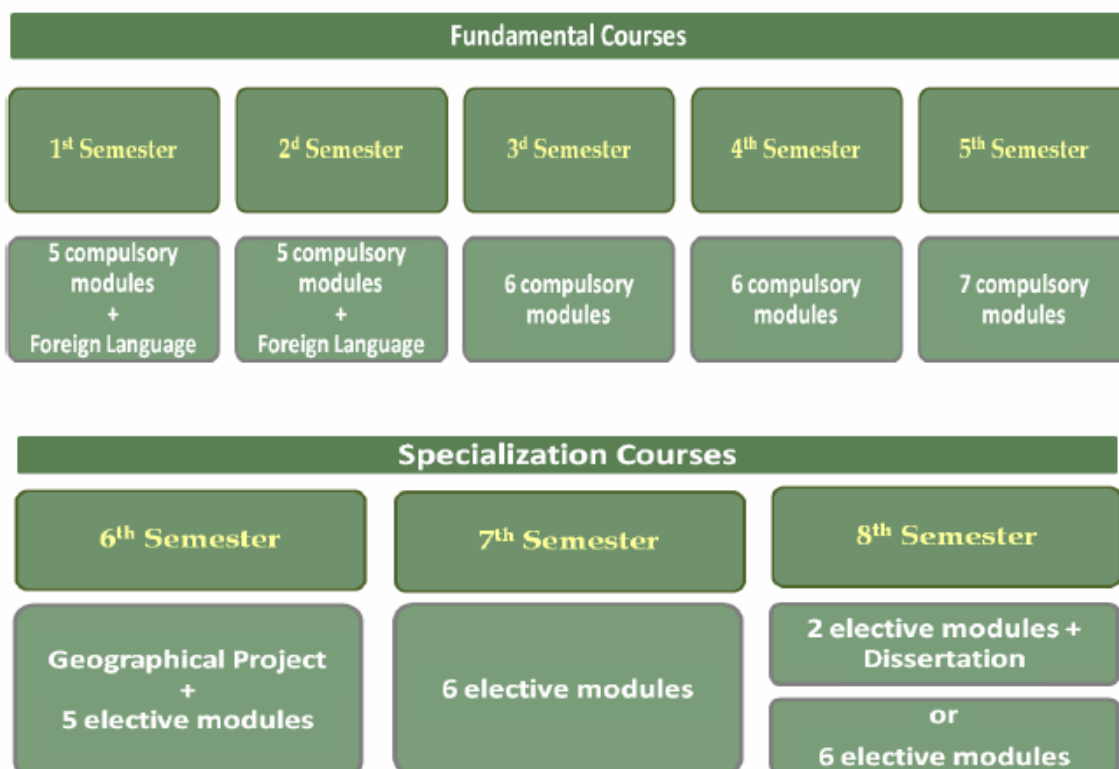
### 3. The curriculum of undergraduate studies at the geography department.

The Department of Geography provides an 8-semester curriculum, which provides undergraduate students with the scientific knowledge and the skills required by both the contemporary academia and the labour market, as well.

The curriculum consists of two phases: The first one refers to the first 5 semesters and comprises solely compulsory modules. Core courses introduce students to the key concepts and fundamentals of geography and provide them with necessary skills.

The second phase covers the last three semesters and consists mainly of elective modules. Those courses aim at the specialization of students and are organized in four different sets: (a) physical geography, (b) human geography, (c) planning, (d) geo-informatics. An additional compulsory module, titled Synthetic Geography Project, appears. The module aims to a comprehensive and integrated understanding and application of knowledge from various modules, by means of fieldwork and office work.

The Degree in Geography is conferred after the successful completion of 32 compulsory and 12 elective modules and of a written assignment (dissertation). Alternatively to the dissertation, students may opt for four additional elective modules.



## Winter Semester

### 1<sup>st</sup> Semester (29 ECTS)

Module	Type	ECTS Units
Physical Geography	C	5
Historical Geography	C	5
Elementary Economics for Geographers	C	5
Introduction to Informatics	C	5
Introduction to Human Geography	C	5
Foreign Language I	FL	4

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester (30 ECTS)

Module	Type	ECTS Units
Διαχείριση Περιβάλλοντος	C	5
Thematic Cartography	C	5
Qualitative Methods of Research and Analysis in Geography	C	5
Economic Geography	C	5
Population Geography & Demography	C	5
Meteorology - Climatology	C	5

### 5<sup>th</sup> Semester (35 ECTS)

Module	Type	ECTS Units
Regional Development	C	5
Cultural Geography	C	5
Spatial Analysis	C	5
Geographical Information Systems	C	5
Geomorphology	C	5
Planning	C	5
Oceanography	C	5

### 7<sup>th</sup> Semester (30 ECTS)

Module	Type	ECTS Units
6 ELECTIVE modules	E	5*6

## Spring Semester

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester (28 ECTS)

Module	Type	ECTS Units
Statistical Analysis for Geographers	C	5
Social Geography	C	5
Introduction to Cartography	C	5
Man and Environment	C	5
Academic skills and methodology of scientific writing	C	4
Foreign Language II	FL	4

### 4<sup>th</sup> Semester (30 ECTS)

Module	Type	ECTS Units
Political Geography	C	5
Urban Geography	C	5
Rural Geography	C	5
Remote Sensing- Interpretation	C	5
Hydrology - Water Resources management	C	5
Environmental Impact Assessment	C	5

### 6<sup>th</sup> Semester (32 ECTS)

Module	Type	ECTS Units
Geographical Project	C	7
5 ELECTIVE modules	E	5*5

### 8<sup>th</sup> Semester (30 ECTS)

Module	Type	ECTS Units
2 ELECTIVE modules	E	5*2
DISSERTATION	E	20
<b>or alternatively</b>		
6 ELECTIVE modules	E	5*6

## **COMPULSORY FOR ERASMUS / EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

#### Additional Modules:

Module	Semester	ECTS Units
Special Issues on Geography	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	5

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**And Specific Fieldwork: Geographic walks in Athens:** every second week, after an introductory lesson to the theme and area of the walk.

## ELECTIVE COURSES/ MODULES (UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES)

### Winter Semester

### Spring Semester

**\* Whether each proposed elective module will effectively run during the academic semester, it depends upon the number of local regular students who declared to take it, at the beginning of the classes.**

#### ELECTIVE COURSES

##### Set I. Physical Geography

Module	Semester	ECTS Units
Environmental Protection Policies	7 <sup>th</sup>	5
Environmental Protection Technologies	7 <sup>th</sup>	5
Geo-archaeology	7 <sup>th</sup>	5
Fluvial Geomorphology	7 <sup>th</sup>	5

##### Set II. Human Geography

Module	Semester	ECTS Units
Geography of Globalised Production Networks	7 <sup>th</sup>	5
Special Issues in Spatial Economic Analysis	7 <sup>th</sup>	5
Geopolitics	7 <sup>th</sup>	5

##### Set III. Spatial Planning

Module	Semester	ECTS Units
Geography of Transport and Infrastructure	7 <sup>th</sup>	5
Urban Planning	7 <sup>th</sup>	5
Spatial Analysis Applications in Real Estate Management	7 <sup>th</sup>	5

##### Set IV. Geo-informatics

Module	Semester	Μονάδες ECTS
Special Topics in Spatial Analysis	7 <sup>th</sup>	5
Remote Sensing Applications	7 <sup>th</sup>	5
Applied GIS	7 <sup>th</sup>	5
Statistical and Numerical Analysis	7 <sup>th</sup>	5

#### ELECTIVE COURSES

##### Set I. Physical Geography

Module	Semester	ECTS Units
Climate Change	6 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	5
Coastal Geomorphology	6 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	5
Biogeography	6 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	5
Quaternary Geology	6 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	5
Environmental Management Tools	6 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	5
Management of Natural Disasters	6 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	5
Applied Geomorphology	6 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	5
Renewable Energy Sources	6 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	5

##### Set II. Human Geography

Module	Semester	ECTS Units
Geography of the European Union	6 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	5
Spatial Economics	6 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	5
Discrimination, Hierarchies and Inequality in Society and Space	6 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	5
Applied Location	6 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	5
Geographies of Poverty and Social Exclusion	6 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	5
Population Economics and Population Policy	6 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	5
International Migration	6 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	5
The Economic History of a Globalized Space	6 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	5
Special Topics in Economic Geography	6 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	5

##### Set III. Spatial Planning

Module	Semester	ECTS Units
Safe Cities	6 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	5
Sustainable Urban Development	6 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	5
Land Policy	6 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	5

##### Set IV. Geo-informatics

Module	Semester	Μονάδες ECTS
Geographical Information Systems II	6 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	5
Geoinformatics Applications Development	6 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	5
New Technology GPS/Navigation	6 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	5
Special Topics in Spatial Analysis	6 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	5

#### 4. The curriculum of the Postgraduate Programme (PSP) at the Geography Dept: “Applied Geography and Spatial Planning”.

The Post-graduate Studies Programme (PSP) “Applied Geography and Spatial Planning”

- lasts **three semesters**:
  - two semesters of lecturing modules
  - one semester for the elaboration of the MSc thesis
- is allocated with **90 ECTS credits**, and
- operates **three courses (streams), running autonomously** even if some modules are common.

##### **Course (Stream) A:**

**Management of Natural and Human Induced Disasters:** aims at offering theoretical and applied knowledge on issues referring to the meaning of natural and environmental risks and interrelated terms, the analysis of the natural processes which might trigger disasters, the social and economic impacts of disasters, the concepts of vulnerability, exposure and resilience, the use of modern technologies in disaster management, and the policies aiming at mitigation, preparedness, emergency and recovery / rehabilitation / reconstruction.

##### **Course (Stream) B:**

**European Policies, Planning and Spatial Development:** aims at offering / disseminating knowledge on issues referring to the European institutions and European integration processes, the art of spatial planning at regional, national and European level, the urban and rural development / restructuring patterns of Europe, the social exclusion and segregation in cities, and the migration policy and flows in different scales. In addition, the course supports training on methods of scientific research in geography and spatial analysis.

##### **Course (Stream) C:**

**Geo-informatics:** aims at transferring knowledge on issues relevant to technologies of geo-informatics and their special applications for analyzing geographical data, the spatial data bases, the sophisticated techniques of utilizing geographical information systems and remote sensing and the simulation /modeling of geographical data. In addition, there is training on methods of scientific research in geography and spatial analysis.

**Each one of the courses is essentially independent, although there are a number of common modules. The modules are organized in the form of lectures and/or seminars, while apart from the teaching staff of the Department, some invited speakers from Greece and abroad contribute substantially to the lecturing and programme.**



## Winter Semester (Postgraduate Studies)

### Stream A: MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL AND HUMAN INDUCED RISKS AND DISASTERS

#### Modules

1 <sup>st</sup> Semester (winter)	Module category	ECTS
1. Environmental Risks and Security <i>K.E. Lazaridi, P. Katsafados</i>	Compulsory	7,5
2. Natural Processes, Hazards, and Disasters <i>E. Karymbalis, P. Katsafados</i>	Compulsory	7,5
3. Vulnerability and Risk: Prevention and Preparedness <i>K. Sapountzaki</i>	Compulsory	7,5
4. Social and Economic Impacts of Disasters ( <i>not offered for academic year 2016-17</i> ) <i>P.M. Delladetsimas</i>	Optional	7,5
5. Scientific Research Methods in Geography <i>A.G. Papadopoulos, G. Mavrommatis, P. Artelaris</i>	Optional	7,5
6. Institutions and Security Policy in European Space <i>G. Kritikos</i>	Optional	7,5

### Stream B: EUROPEAN POLICIES, PLANNING AND SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT

#### Modules

1 <sup>st</sup> Semester (winter)	Module category	ECTS
1. Scientific Research Methods in Geography <i>A.G. Papadopoulos, G. Mavrommatis, P. Artelaris</i>	Compulsory	7,5
2. Planning and Spatial Development: Theories and Practices <i>C. Hadjimichalis</i>	Compulsory	7,5
3. Regional Development and Policy <i>S. Skordili, P. Artelaris</i>	Compulsory	7,5
4. Migration Policy and Migratory Flows <i>A.G. Papadopoulos, A. Tragaki, G. Mavrommatis</i>	Optional	7,5
5. Institutions and Security Policy in European Space <i>G. Kritikos</i>	Optional	7,5

### Stream C: GEOINFORMATICS

#### Modules

1 <sup>st</sup> Semester (winter)	Module category	ECTS
1. Scientific Research Methods in Geography <i>A.G. Papadopoulos, G. Mavrommatis, P. Artelaris</i>	Compulsory	7,5
2. Applied GIS Based Geographical Analysis <i>C. Chalkias</i>	Compulsory	7,5
3. Advanced Topics of Remote Sensing <i>I. Parcharidis</i>	Compulsory	7,5
4. Spatial Databases <i>C. Chalkias</i>	Compulsory	7,5



## Spring Semester (Postgraduate Studies)

### Stream A: MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL AND HUMAN INDUCED RISKS & DISASTERS

#### MODULES

2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester (spring)	Module category	ECTS
1. Emergency Planning <i>I. Parcharidis</i>	Compulsory	7,5
2. Disaster Recovery and Reconstruction Planning <i>P.M. Delladetsimas</i>	Compulsory	7,5
3. Natural Hazards along the Coastal Zone <i>E. Karymbalis</i>	Optional	7,5
4. Local Sustainable Development and Social Resistance <i>K. Sapountzaki, C. Hadjimichalis</i>	Optional	7,5
5. Geoinformatics for Disaster Management <i>C. Chalkias, I. Parcharidis</i>	Optional	7,5
6. Applied Spatial Analysis <i>A. Tragaki, S. Kalogirou</i>	Optional	7,5
7. Governance of Environmental Risk <i>G. Balias</i>	Optional	7,5

### Stream B: EUROPEAN POLICIES, PLANNING AND SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT

#### Modules

2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester (spring)	Module category	ECTS
1. Urban Development and Redevelopment Policies <i>P.M. Delladetsimas</i>	Compulsory	7,5
2. Globalization and Restructuring of European Space <i>S. Skordili</i>	Compulsory	7,5
3. Development and Restructuring of Rural Europe <i>A.G. Papadopoulos</i>	Optional	7,5
4. Local Sustainable Development and Social Resistance <i>K. Sapountzaki, C. Hadjimichalis</i>	Optional	7,5
5. Inequalities and Social Segregation in European Cities ( <i>not offered for academic year 2016-17</i> ) <i>T. Maloutas</i>	Optional	7,5
6. Applied Spatial Analysis <i>A. Tragaki, S. Kalogirou</i>	Optional	7,5
7. The Demographic Factor in the EU Economic and Social Policy <i>A. Tragaki</i>	Optional	7,5
8. Methods of Regional Analysis with Emphasis on Spatial Econometrics <i>P. Artelaris</i>	Optional	7,5
9. Transnationalism and Specific Questions of Human Geography <i>G. Mavrommatis</i>	Optional	7,5

### Stream C: GEOINFORMATICS

2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester (spring)	Module category	ECTS
1. Research Themes in Geoinformatics <i>Seminar</i>	Compulsory	7,5
2. Programming for spatial data analysis <i>S. Kalogirou</i>	Optional	7,5
3. Geomodeling <i>P. Katsafados</i>	Optional	7,5
4. Geoinformatics for Disaster Management <i>C. Chalkias, I. Parcharidis</i>	Optional	7,5
5. Applied Spatial Analysis <i>A. Tragaki, S. Kalogirou</i>	Optional	7,5
6. Methods of Regional Analysis with Emphasis on Spatial Econometrics <i>P. Artelaris</i>	Optional	7,5

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2. Then, you are on <http://www.erasmus.hua.gr/index.php/en/>  
Basic info is available on the vertical menu on the left (check the titles)
3. For info for STUDIES, click on **STUDYING** and you are on <https://eclass.hua.gr/courses/UNI111/> : INCOMING STUDENTS, AND OTHER GUESTS - FACULTY & STAFF
- 3.1. Read carefully the description (in English & French), until the bottom of text, and proceed further as proposed and according to your interest.

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