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**REGULATION ON THE ORGANISATION OF THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS
THROUGH THE BLENDED LEARNING SYSTEM
OF THE INTER-INSTITUTIONAL POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME
“History of Modern and Contemporary Art”
(In accordance with Government Gazette 1079/B/28.02.2023)**

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University of Ioannina Services Supporting E-Learning

This regulation follows the e-learning policy of the University of Ioannina already in place for existing postgraduate programmes and was approved by the General Assembly of the Department of Fine Arts and Art Sciences (coordinating department) at the Extraordinary Meeting 167/16-07-2025.

The University of Ioannina operates a Network Management Centre (NMC), which ensures uninterrupted, high-speed connectivity for University users to the internal network and to national and international voice and data networks. The NMC is responsible for the continuous upgrading and modernisation of its infrastructure, the assimilation of new technical expertise, and the rapid integration of evolving technologies.

Its objectives include the application of new technologies in education, research, and administration, and the modernisation of the University's IT systems, in cooperation with related services and departments. In addition, the NMC provides a comprehensive range of e-learning and multimedia support services, available to academic staff for the integration of new technologies in teaching and research. These include:

- Data network services, wireless network (Wi-Fi), and roaming network (eduroam)
- Email services and Microsoft Office 365 applications
- Teleconference, virtual classroom, and meeting services (Microsoft Teams) for synchronous learning
- Digital learning environments (Moodle) for asynchronous learning and remote examinations
- Student Registry services
- Remote Library services

Methodology for Course Development and Implementation

The "Electronic Classroom" (Moodle) constitutes a complete course management system that supports asynchronous distance learning at the University of Ioannina without restrictions or limitations. Access to the service is possible through any standard web browser without the need for specialised technical knowledge.

The integration of distance learning methods into the University's educational process enhances teaching and access to interdisciplinary knowledge by combining new approaches that complement traditional teaching methods. Participants in the educational process can select their own time frame for communication and access to course content.

Furthermore, the system enables the digital organisation and distribution of course material and provides multiple means of communication between instructors and students, facilitating the smooth conduct of the course.

The primary objectives of the Electronic Classroom (Moodle) are:

- The integration of new technologies into educational activities
- The electronic organisation and presentation of course materials (notes, assignments, presentations, etc.)

- The constructive educational use of the Internet
- Ease of use for instructors and students without the need for specialised technical expertise
- A structured and unified presentation of all courses
- The content of electronic courses hosted on Moodle, as well as the intellectual property rights of the materials, belong to their respective authors. Continuous support is provided by the NMC, and a user guide is available at <http://noc.uoi.gr/ecourse/manual.htm>.
- In parallel with Moodle, for synchronous distance learning, the University has adopted Microsoft Office 365, available to all academic and administrative staff, as well as to all undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Microsoft Teams Capabilities:

- Creation of scheduled sessions/lectures
- Upload of supporting materials
- Assignment of coursework
- Response to lecture-related questions
- Conduct of course examinations
- The service is integrated with the University's institutional accounts, accompanied by a usage guide and NMC technical support.

Methods of Instruction and Forms of Teaching and Student Assessment

In the Inter-Institutional Postgraduate Programme "History of Modern and Contemporary Art", teaching is delivered through a blended learning system, a pedagogically structured method combining distance education (synchronous or asynchronous) with in-person instruction.

The Programme is fully organised and supported by an integrated set of physical, technical, and digital infrastructures that ensure its uninterrupted operation.

The choice of blended learning stems from the nature of art history as a discipline, which relies primarily on archival and library research rather than fieldwork. Therefore, courses do not require practical or laboratory exercises, and physical presence is not essential for their successful completion.

Another decisive factor for adopting this method derives from long-term observations by faculty members of the Department of Fine Arts and Art Sciences regarding postgraduate student participation. Many prospective students are discouraged from attending in person due to relocation or travel constraints, while others, such as individuals with disabilities, face mobility challenges. The blended system also allows participation by Greek-speaking individuals residing abroad.

Student assessment will primarily be based on written assignments, individual or group. However, each instructor may determine the preferred method of evaluation. Where a written examination is chosen as the final assessment method, it may be conducted electronically, provided the integrity, transparency, and validity of the process are fully ensured.

The standard written assessment procedure in Moodle consists of Assignments, which serve a dual purpose:

- Allowing instructors to assign and grade written work (individual or group) during the semester
- Enabling the creation of Quizzes for the evaluation of learning outcomes during or at the end of the semester

General Course Structure

Courses delivered through synchronous distance learning in the IIPP will be conducted via Microsoft Teams, in conjunction with the Moodle platform, which will host all relevant materials and course information. Postgraduate students will be provided with University email accounts (...@uoi.gr). Through these accounts, mailing lists will be created for distributing invitations to each online session to eligible participants.

Student Support System

Postgraduate students will have access to all user manuals for Moodle, e-course, and Microsoft Teams, as well as continuous assistance from NMC staff. Any technical issues arising during the use of online learning services will thus be resolved promptly.

As a result of the recent two-year health pandemic and the intensive substitution of in-person instruction with online platforms, methods, and tools for distance teaching and communication, students are now widely familiar with the relevant concepts, approaches, and technical operations of e-learning systems.