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Introduction

The Psychology Department offers Doctoral Studies with a research focus, which provides specialization in the major Psychology areas, but also in related to Psychology fields. The Doctoral Studies Programme (D.S.P.) includes the compulsory completion of a Doctoral Dissertation (D.D.) in a subject related to the scientific area of the Psychology. The Doctoral Studies aim at producing high quality scientific research with emphasis on the publication of the scientific work carried out within the framework of the Doctoral Studies and the creation of scientists capable of contributing to the progress of education and science.

The Doctoral Degree is an academic title, which certifies the completion of original scientific research and the substantial contribution of the holder to the further development of science and its disciplines. The graduates of the Doctoral Studies Programme contribute to the research, business, and academic potential both in Greece and abroad.

The D.S.P. gives the Psychology Department, as well as the University, prestige and recognition as they contribute to the expansion of research production with the aim of publishing the scientific findings produced during their duration.

Preparation of the Academic Regulations of Doctoral Studies

According to Article 91 of Law No. 4957/2022, by decision of the Assembly of each Department, the Regulations for Doctoral Studies of the Department are drawn up, which are approved by the Academic Senate, published in the Government Gazette, posted on the Department's website and notified to the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs. The present Doctoral Studies Regulation was approved by the 116th Department Assembly on 25-09-2024.







Number of Doctoral Candidates that can be supervised/cosupervised by a faculty member

Faculty members eligible to supervise doctoral dissertations are Professors, Associate Professors, or tenured Assistant Professors of the Psychology Department. The Assembly of each Department determines the number of doctoral candidates that can be supervised by a faculty member, considering the needs of the scientific field, the number of Full, Associate and tenured Assistant Professors of the Department. Each Professor (Full, Associate or Assistant) may supervise a total of three (3) Dissertations, either supervised or co-supervised. In addition, in special cases (e.g. the supervisor is no longer available), in which the faculty member is asked to supervise a dissertation of another faculty member, the number of dissertations he/she supervises may be changed by decision of the Assembly. Also, in the case of co-supervision, a Special Protocol of Cooperation shall be drawn up.

Doctoral Studies Programme

By decision of the University of Western Macedonia (UOWM) Senate of the upon the recommendation of the Assembly of the Department, the D.S.P. and the regulation of the D.S.P. are defined.

The programme may be in Greek or in foreign languages and includes an organised course programme and other educational and research activities with learning outcomes at programme and course level. Completion of the D.S.P. requires 180 ECTS which are distributed over the following activities:

1. Compulsory Doctoral Dissertation: 90 ECTS







2. Two articles in international journals belonging to one of the SCIMAGO (SCOPUS) categories Q1, Q2 or Q3: 20 ECTS (each).

Two (2) articles in international journals, belonging to one of the categories Q1, Q2 or Q3 of SCIMAGO (SCOPUS), will be accepted only if:

- α. The doctoral candidate (D.C.) is the first author.
- b. The supervising Professor is included in the list of authors.
- c. The list of authors in each article shall not exceed five (5) authors.
- γ1. In case the number of authors in the article exceeds five (5), the DC must be the first author in at least four (4) articles, while the supervising professor shall co-author the aforementioned articles, on a topic derived from his/her dissertation in a reputable, international journal belonging to one of the SCIMAGO (SCOPUS) categories Q1, Q2 or Q3.
- 3. Preparation of a scientific article and its presentation in a peer-reviewed international conference (Proceedings): 10 ECTS.
- 4. Interim deliverables and periodic progress reports from supervisors.
- 5. Attendance and successful completion of a complete course series (including courses, workshops, or seminars related to the preparation of the doctoral thesis) or other educational or research activities (the participation of DC in the educational process and the assignment of supportive teaching work in the Department's undergraduate or postgraduate programmes): 40 ECTS.

More specifically:

- Compulsory Course (Doctoral Level) 39 hours: Research Methodology: 10 ECTS.
- Teaching assistant in the Department's undergraduate programme: 2
 ECTS/semester with the possibility of providing supportive teaching work up to 5
 semesters (total 10 ECTS).

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- Three lectures at other universities, of which at least one (1) must be at an international university. The lecture plan must be approved by the supervising professor: 6 ECTS.
- Participation in a Summer School of at least 39 hours in the research field of the
 Doctoral Studies: 6 ECTS.
- Participation in doctoral candidates working groups: 6 ECTS.
- Research skills (proposal preparation and submission for grant): 6 ECTS
- Participation in research programs (2 funded research programs): 6 ECTS
- Courses of free choice from the Institutional Catalogue: E.g. "Gender Equality",
 "Sustainable Development" 6 ECTS¹

Below is a table showing the curriculum per activity and the corresponding ECTS.

Table 1. The curriculum by activity and the corresponding ECTS.

Academic Activities	ECTS	Mandatory	Select
Doctoral Thesis	90	✓	
Two (2) scientific publications in international journals of SCIMAGO	40	✓	
category Q1, Q2, or Q3 (SCOPUS)	20 each		
At least one (1) scientific publication		✓	
in the proceedings of an international	10		
conference			

¹ The doctoral candidate can choose up to 5 different activities or some activities two or three times depending on how he/she wants to complete the remaining 24 ECTS.







Total	140	✓	
Courses, research and teaching activities during the doctoral studies	ECTS	Mandatory	Optional
Compulsory courses at doctoral level (39h/semester)	10	✓	
Supportive teaching work (lectures/workshops)	2 (up to 10)		✓
Three (3) invited lectures of which at least (1) at a foreign university	6		✓
Participation in a summer school (lasting at least 39 hours)	6		✓
Research skills (proposal preparation and submission for grant)	6		√
Participation in research programs (2 funded research programs)	6		√
Seminars/ Elective Courses (minimum 39 hours)	6 per seminar/course		√

Right to apply to the Doctoral Studies Programme

Those who meet the following requirements are entitled to apply for D.S.P. in Greek or a foreign language:

1) They hold a bachelor's degree from University in Greece or a recognized Higher Education Institution (HEI) abroad.







2) They hold a master's degree awarded by a HEI in Greece or abroad or have graduated from a HEI programme of at least five years' duration corresponding to three hundred (300) credit points of the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS).

The selection of the DC in each D.S.P. is made by decision of the Assembly of the Psychology Department.

- 3α) They hold a certificate in at least one foreign language at B2 level.
- 3b) By decision of the Department's Assembly, the certification of good knowledge of at least one foreign language at level B2 may be certified after examinations in the relevant department.

Candidate selection procedure

A call for the selection of doctoral candidates in the Greek or foreign language programme takes place once every academic year, during the months of September - November or whenever the Assembly of the Department deems it appropriate. Announcements of doctoral candidate positions are posted on the Department's website. The call shall specify:

- the deadline for submitting applications,
- the fields of study in which candidates may prepare a D.D. and the number of candidates per field of study,
- the supporting documents to accompany the application.
- 2. Any interested person who fulfils the requirements of the Academic Regulations for Doctoral Studies may apply to the Department's Assembly for the preparation of a doctoral thesis. The application should include at least the following:
- Proposed scope/title of the D.D.,
- a short memorandum on the subject matter of the D.D.,





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> - the language of writing, which may be a language other than Greek, provided that the Three-member Advisory Committee can support it,

> - the proposed supervisor(s) of the Dissertation, whose field of knowledge or scientific work is related to that of the Dissertation to be prepared.

The application is accompanied by a detailed curriculum vitae of the candidate, as well as the documents/documents specified in the regulations of the study programme to prove the fulfilment of the conditions of paragraph 1 and the other conditions required on a case-by-case basis.

In addition to the mandatory qualifications, the candidate must have a good knowledge of English at B2 level. The language may be different from English, if this is deemed important for academic reasons by the Department's Assembly. Any additional language certification will be positively evaluated.

The Assembly of the Department, after considering the applications submitted, categorizes them based on the relevance of the research field and appoints Three-member Advisory Committees per category of applications, consisting of professors of the faculty. The committees will examine all the documents submitted with the application and invite the applicant for an interview. The committees then draw up a detailed memorandum setting out the reasons why each candidate does or does not meet the conditions for admission and submit it to the Assembly.

If the candidate does not propose a supervisor in his/her application, the committee will propose a suitable one and put it to the Assembly for approval.

The Assembly of the Department considers the committee's memorandum with the opinion of the proposed supervisor and approves or rejects, with reasons, the candidate's



application for the Greek or foreign language D.S.P. The approval decision also specifies the language of the D.D.

The same decision may specify the conditions, such as the parallel attendance of courses, obligations related to scientific research, etc.

Publication of admissions

After the Department's Assembly has appointed the Three-member Advisory Committee, the names of the doctoral candidates and the members of the Three-member Advisory Committee, the title and a short summary of the dissertation to be prepared are posted on the Department's website. During their studies, doctoral candidate's publications in scientific conferences and journals are available on Department's website.

Language of the Doctoral Dissertation

The D.D. can be written in Greek or in a foreign language which the candidate is certified to know.

Change of title/ subject or language

A change in the title/ subject of the D.D. or the language of its preparation can be made following a well-founded recommendation of the Three-member Advisory Committee and approval by the Department's Assembly.





Duration of the Doctoral Dissertation

The duration of the Doctoral Studies may not be less than four (4) full calendar years from the date of the appointment of the Three-member Advisory Committee. The maximum duration of the Doctoral Studies is set at six (6) calendar years. By decision of the Department's Assembly the maximum duration of Doctoral Studies may be extended, at the request of the D.C. and with the agreement of the Three-member Advisory Committee for good cause.

Obligations and rights of doctoral candidates

In accordance with the current legislation, doctoral candidates who are admitted to the Doctoral Studies Programme, meet the requirements specified in the Academic Regulations for Doctoral Studies of the Psychology Department.

During the preparation of the dissertation and before its defence, candidates have the following obligations:

- 1) To cooperate with the supervisor and the members of the Three-member Advisory Committee for the preparation of their thesis,
- 2) submit a detailed written memorandum on the progress of their dissertation on an annual basis to the Three-member Advisory Committee and present orally the progress of dissertation. The progress memorandum and the presentation shall be considered for the progress report of the Three-member Advisory Committee.
- 3) to provide supportive teaching work according to the needs of the Department's undergraduate and postgraduate Programs, as indicated by the supervisor, as well as supportive administrative work in the Department, e.g. supervision during examinations, 4) to attend the courses and the educational or research activities, as determined by the Psychology Department.







The cycle of courses and the above-mentioned activities must correspond to a minimum of thirty (30) ECTS. In this case, the titles of the courses, their content, the weekly teaching hours, the correlation of the above-mentioned courses and the number of credits corresponding to them should be specifically mentioned.

A detailed description is also required to identify the educational or research activities in which the doctoral candidates are invited to participate,

- 5) present a proven participation either by physical presence or by remote connection (videoconference) in at least one (1) international conference with peer review,
- 6) present at least two (2) scientific publications on a topic related to their thesis in reputable, international journals belonging to one of the categories Q1, Q2 or Q3 of SCIMAGO (SCOPUS). At least two (2) publications in international journals, belonging to one of the categories Q1, Q2 or Q3 of SCIMAGO (SCOPUS), will be accepted only if:
 - The doctoral candidate (D.C.) is the first author.
 - The supervising Professor is included in the list of authors.
 - The list of authors in each article shall not exceed five (5) authors.
 - In case the number of authors in the article exceeds five (5), the DC must be the first author in at least four (4) articles, while the supervising professor shall co-author the aforementioned articles, on a topic derived from his/her dissertation in a reputable, international journal belonging to one of the SCIMAGO (SCOPUS) categories Q1, Q2 or Q3.7)
- 7) Submit to the Secretariat before the defence of their thesis. a solemn declaration that the thesis has been prepared by themselves and there is no evidence of plagiarism.
- 8) Respect and comply with the decisions of the Department and the D.S.P.

Failure to comply with all the above without serious and documented justification, as well as a) violation of the applicable provisions regarding the treatment of disciplinary offences by the disciplinary bodies and b) misconduct that fall under the law on intellectual







property (Law 2121/1993) at the time of writing the D.D., constitute grounds for the deletion of the DC from the D.S.P.

During the preparation of the doctoral thesis and prior to its defence, doctoral candidates have the rights of postgraduate students and any other rights defined by the Academic Regulations for Doctoral Studies. Doctoral candidates may participate in research projects/programmes of the University and receive grants in the framework of co-funded, self-funded or other projects/programmes for the financial support of their doctoral research.

Granting of scholarships/compensatory scholarships - Criteria

University of Western Macedonia may provide scholarships to DCs with excellence criteria and aim to reward them, as well as scholarships for the provision of work or for participation in research and development projects. The scholarships may be covered either from the reserves of the UOWM's Research Committee (RC) or from the resources of self-financed programmes of the UOWM, or from the funding of research and/or development projects (which are financed by private, international and own resources under article 230 of Law No. 4957/2022, as well as co-funded projects of the Partnership Agreement for Development Framework (ESPA), or from sponsorships, or from donations of legal and natural persons, or from the resources of the Departments.

Candidates:

- must have completed the 1st or 2nd or 3° year of doctoral studies,
- must not hold a paid position in the public or private sector or be in receipt of a scholarship from any other organisation for the relevant period.

Following an invitation, doctoral candidates, who meet the terms and conditions, apply with the necessary supporting documents for a scholarship.







Depending on the source of funding for the scholarships, the bodies responsible for the selection process are defined (e.g. Research Committee (RC), the Department's Assembly, etc.).

α) scholarships for excellence

The selection criteria for the scholarships of excellence are:

- progress report/report from the Three-member Advisory Committee,
- research work,
- scientific publications,
- contribution to the educational/laboratory/research work of their Department,
- individual or family finances.
- b) Compensatory scholarships

The academic fellow must:

- offer to work forty (40) hours to eighty (80) hours per month in the School or Department in which he/she is enrolled, if requested,
- to comply with the requirements set by the School or Department regarding his/her attendance,
- meet the deadlines for the submission of all supporting documents for the grant.

In the event of incompatible behaviour with the status of the academic fellow, the responsible bodies will immediately terminate the scholarship.

Procedure for granting

The scholarship is paid in instalments to the beneficiary, after a written confirmation, which indicates the exact number of hours of attendance.

The certificate is signed by the Dean of the School or the Director of the Department where the fellow is studying and stamped by the Secretariat of the School or Department.

Selection criteria for compensatory scholarships:







- progress report/report from the Three-member Advisory Committee,
- research work,
- scientific publications,
- contribution to the educational/laboratory/research work of their Department,
- individual or family finances,
- social criteria (such as orphans, large families, serious health reasons, disabled persons, single-parent families, siblings, students in another city, etc.).

The maximum amount of the scholarships is 650€ for 80 hours.

Supportive Teaching Work

By decision of the Department's Assembly, DC may be assigned supportive teaching work on an hourly basis in undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. Supporting teaching work is defined as assisting members of the Teaching and Research Staff in the exercise of their teaching duties, conducting workshops, laboratory exercises, supervising examinations and correcting exercises. The maximum hourly rate of compensation, which is borne exclusively by private, own and international resources of the Foundation, is 8,12 €/hour.

Procedure for the assignment of supportive teaching work to doctoral candidates of the D.S.P.

Doctoral candidates participate in the educational process by providing supportive work, supporting students of the undergraduate and postgraduate programmes of the Department, in particular:

- Supervision during examinations,
- participation in workshops,
- participation in laboratory classes,







- participation in course preparation and support,
- editing of teaching material,
- correcting assignments and exercises,
- co-supervision of Postgraduate Dissertations with the supervisor, without participation in the final evaluation.

The supervision of examinations of each examination period according to the schedule established by the Department's Assembly is compulsory. The DC is obliged to be informed on his/her own responsibility of the supervision schedule by the Secretariat of the Department in each examination period. In the event of his/her inability to attend, he/she must find a replacement and inform the responsible professor of the person who will replace him/her.

Teaching Assistantship with Compensation

By decision of the Senate, up to three doctoral candidates per Department may be compensated for the supportive work they provide with reciprocal scholarships. The supportive work with compensation shall be announced by the Department and the selection of the DCs providing it shall be made by decision of the Department's Assembly. The criteria based on which candidates will be selected shall be stated in the call. The criteria shall be decided by the Assembly and must be academic and/or social. The call shall be issued by the Department's Assembly. The names of the DCs providing supportive work are indicated in the Timetable of Courses. In the case where the supportive teaching work has been decided by the Department to be provided through a reciprocal scholarship, the compensation and the maximum limit of employment of the DCs for this work shall be set at 12 euros per hour and 20 hours per week respectively. In any case, this total employment must not, under the responsibility of the supervising professor, distract the candidate(s) from their basic obligations.







Conditions for suspension and continuation of studies

By decision of the Department's Assembly, the maximum duration of doctoral studies may be extended, at the request of the DC and with the agreement of the Three-member Advisory Committee for good cause.

The period for obtaining a PhD degree may not be less than four (4) full calendar years from the date of appointment of the Three-member Advisory Committee. The maximum duration for the completion of the doctoral studies is set at six (6) calendar years. If the maximum duration of studies has not been exceeded, the DC may, with a fully justified request, apply for a suspension of studies for up to two (2) years in total.

Supervision of doctoral theses

The right to supervise doctoral theses is held by:

- α) Full, associate, tenured assistant professors and serving lecturers of the relevant or other higher education institution.
- b) Researchers of A', B' or C' grade from research centres of article 13A of Law No. 4310/2014 and the provisions of article 39.1 of Law No. 4485/2017, including the research centres of the Academy of Athens and of the Foundation for Medical Biological Research of the Academy of Athens.

Each professor may supervise a total of three (3) doctoral thesis, either with supervision or co-supervision. In the case of co-supervision, a Special Protocol shall be drawn up Cooperation between the collaborating Departments.



Three-member Advisory Committee

- α) The Department's Assembly assigns the proposed supervisor the supervision of the doctoral thesis and appoints a Three-member Advisory Committee, which has the responsibility to frame and support its preparation and writing.
- b) The members of Advisory Committee have either the same or related discipline, or the same or related scientific work to the project to be carried out

The supervisor and the members of the Advisory Committee are not entitled to any compensation for supporting the doctoral candidate.

- c) The members of the Advisory Committee may be, in accordance with Article 94, par. 1 of Law No. 4957/2022, staff members of the Department or of any other Department of the same or other HEI, Emeritus Professors and retired members of the faculty, members of the teaching and research staff of Higher Military Institutions, Educational Institutions and Higher Ecclesiastical Academies, or Professors of recognized as similar institutions of foreign countries who hold PhDs, researchers of A', B' or C' levels from research centres under article 94.1 of Law No. 4957/2022, including the research centres of the Academy of Athens and the Institute of Medical Biological Research of the Academy of Athens, as well as the scientific staff of the Hellenic Survey of Geological and Mineral Exploration (HSGME.) of article 25 of Law No. 4602/2019 (A' 45), if they hold a PhD and research centres or institutes abroad and have the same or related disciple to the doctoral thesis under review.
- d) At least one (1) faculty member of the relevant Department shall participate in the Three-member Advisory Committee. The number of retired Faculty Members participating as members of the Advisory Committee shall not exceed one (1).



Replacement of supervisor(s)

- 1. If one of the members of the Three-member Advisory Committee, including the supervisor, is unable to fulfil his/her duties, at the request of DC or the supervisor, a replacement may be appointed by decision of the Department's Assembly until the completion of the dissertation.
- 2. If the supervisor or member of the Advisory Committee moves to another Department of the same or another Higher Education Institution or retires, he/she may continue to hold the position of supervisor of the doctoral dissertation, if he/she consents, and the title is awarded by the same HEI to which the DC started their doctoral studies.

Evaluation - Award of the PhD degree

1. After completing the writing of the doctoral thesis and submitting the last memorandum on its progress to the Three-member Advisory Committee, the doctoral candidate submits a request for public defence for it in accordance with the regulations for doctoral studies. The Director of the Department must check whether the DC meets all the criteria of this D.S.P. and sends it for verification to UOWM's Quality Assurance Unit. Subsequently, and if the Quality Assurance Unit confirms that the conditions of his regulation are met, it sends a letter to the Department and the Department may assign the seven-member defence jury.

The Department's Assembly, after examining the written positive recommendation of the Three-member Advisory Committee, appoints a seven-member defence jury.

The members of the seven-member defence jury are the members of the Three-member Advisory Committee and four (4) other members, who are defined by the relevant Law and who have documented research work, evidenced by published papers in SCOPUS in the field of the doctoral dissertation. First and second-degree relatives of the DC may not





be members of dissertation jury. At least four (4) out of the seven (7) members of the dissertation jury must be Faculty Members in the Higher Education Institution (HEI) where the doctoral dissertation is carried out. Up to two (2) professors from abroad may participate in the dissertation jury, and they may be members of the Three-Member Advisory Committee as well.

- 2. If the recommendation mentioned in par. 1 is not submitted to the Department's Assembly or if it is negative, the process may continue upon the request of the candidate, in accordance with the Academic Regulations of Doctoral Studies.
- 3. The examination of the dissertation is carried out within 60 days at the latest from the date of the appointment of the dissertation jury by the Department's Assembly and the submission of the dissertation to the dissertation jury. If the two-month period has expired, the dissertation jury must be reappointed by the Department's Assembly on the recommendation of the supervisor.
- 4. The doctoral dissertation is publicly defended by the candidate before the dissertation jury, which asks questions. The public defence may also be held via videoconference if it is not possible for all the members of the dissertation jury to be physically present, in accordance with the current legislation. After the completion of the dissertation defence, the seven-member dissertation jury convenes without the presence of third parties to evaluate the dissertation in terms of quality, completeness, original thought, and its contribution to science. Based on these criteria, the committee approves or rejects the awarding of the doctoral degree. The awarding of the doctoral degree requires the approval and positive evaluation of the dissertation by at least five (5) members of the jury.

The DC must send in printed or electronic form the doctoral dissertation to the sevenmember dissertation jury (upon request) at least thirty (30) days before the date of its defence.





- 5. If approved, the seven-member dissertation jury evaluates the thesis with the grades GOOD, VERY GOOD or HONORABLE. It is possible, following a decision of the Committee, to award the Doctoral Degree with the mention "Excellent with commendation" due to the exceptional quality of the doctoral dissertation.
- 6. The meeting and the whole examination process is coordinated by the supervising professor.
- 7. On the date of the approval of the doctoral dissertation by the dissertation jury, the DC acquires the status of doctor. The appointment by the Department's Assembly has a certifying character.

Industrial PhDs

Doctoral theses prepared by doctoral candidates who fulfils the requirements for enrolment in a doctoral studies programme in collaboration with a company or industry based in Greece and concern the carrying out of industrial or applied research aimed at the extraction of research results for the production of innovative products or services. A representative shall be appointed by the partner enterprise or industry who:

- Guides the DC with the knowledge and experience relevant to the scope of the D.S.P.
- Participates in the meetings of the Three-member Advisory Committee and the dissertation jury, but without the right to vote.

The collaborating enterprise or industry concludes a protocol of cooperation between the HEI and the doctoral candidate, which sets out the terms and conditions of the cooperation during the doctoral studies, the conduct of research and the use of the equipment of the respective H.E.I., the extraction of research results and generally the rights and obligations of the contracting parties.



It also provides its own premises in order to enable the conduct of research activity in whole or in part during the period of the D.S.P., provided that the internal regulations of the University and the Doctoral Studies Program are followed.

Finally, it finances in part or in full the preparation of the industrial PhD and pays the corresponding insurance contributions unless the PhD is financed by the UOWM's Research Committee (RC), in which case the contributions may be charged to the budget of the funded project. Industrial doctoral studies may be funded simultaneously by the Development and Resilience Fund and by companies or industries with a registered office or branch in the country.

Any other matter related to the organization and operation of the Doctoral Studies Programme

The Appendix lists forms related to the DSP, namely:

- Application for the doctoral studies programme.
- Request for a change of subject.
- Request by the DC for an extension of the doctoral studies to the Three-member Advisory Committee.
- Acceptance or rejection of the request for an extension.
- Request for replacement of supervisor(s).
- Detailed progress DC's memo
- Annual progress DC's report
- Request for the appointment of dissertation jury.
- Application for public defence of the doctoral dissertation
- Application for the oath of ethics ceremony after the successful defence of the doctoral thesis.







SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

Appendix I – Quality Assurance of Doctoral Studies Manual (Εγχειρίδιο ποιότητας Π.Δ.Σ.)

Appendix II – Forms related to the Doctoral Study Programme (Έντυπα Προγραμμάτων Διδακτορικών Σπουδών)

Appendix III – Indicative Contents of Sustainability Impact Assessment & Feasibility Analysis of the Doctoral Studies Programme (Ενδεικτικά περιεχόμενα μελέτης σκοπιμότητας - βιωσιμότητας $\Pi.\Delta.\Sigma.$)

