

DEPARTMENT OF BALKAN, SLAVIC AND ORIENTAL STUDIES
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN STUDIES

MASTER'S DEGREE IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND MIGRATION STUDIES

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

The Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies and the Department of International and European Studies of the University of Macedonia invite applications for its Postgraduate Programme leading to a ***Master's Degree in Human Rights and Migration Studies***.

The aim of this Programme is to provide a **high-quality educational opportunity** for students interested in these two related disciplines in preparation for a career in fields such as human rights monitoring and implementation as well as services and management of regular and irregular migration.

The Programme places strong emphasis on the development of both academic and professional skills. Students will enhance their **analytical** and **critical thinking abilities**, strengthen their **research** and **writing skills**, and gain practical insights into policy analysis and decision-making processes. Particular focus is placed on **interdisciplinary approaches**, intercultural communication, and the ability to operate effectively in complex and diverse international environments. Graduates are equipped with the competencies required to address contemporary challenges in the fields of human rights and migration.

Prospective employers include governments, international governmental and nongovernmental organizations, specialized agencies, private enterprises, charitable institutions, the European Union, local authorities, the security services, etc. People already employed in these fields will also benefit from attending this course in terms of knowledge as well as opportunities for professional advancement. Finally, the course will prove indispensable to those contemplating a career change or wishing to pursue a PhD.

The Course Programme

The course consists of three semesters, two of which require class attendance with physical presence, while the third is dedicated to the writing of a dissertation. During the third semester students are not required to reside in Thessaloniki.

The language of instruction is **English**.

Course Programme		
First Semester		
Course Title	Course Category	Credits (ECTS)
International Protection of Human Rights	Compulsory	6
Human Rights Law: A Comparative Approach	Compulsory	6

The Anthropology of Migration	Compulsory	6
Migration and World History	Compulsory	6
The Economics of Migration	Compulsory	6
Second Semester		
International Development and the Global South	Compulsory	6
EU Migration, Asylum and Refugee Policies	Compulsory	6
Research Methods in Social Sciences	Compulsory	6
Comparative issues in Gender and Cultural Diversity	Compulsory	6
World Conflict, Forced Migration and Humanitarian Law	Compulsory	6
Third Semester		
Dissertation	Compulsory	30

- Further information on the syllabus is available [here](#).
- Information regarding the Faculty can be found [here](#).

In addition to its core courses, the Programme offers a range of seminars and experiential workshops designed to enhance practical skills and **active engagement**. Students are encouraged to take initiatives in organizing academic and extracurricular activities, fostering a dynamic and **participatory learning environment**. They also have the opportunity to participate in **research groups** under the supervision of faculty members, gaining valuable experience in research design, implementation, and dissemination.

Quality assurance

The Programme has been evaluated with the highest distinction (“excellent”) in the quality assessment process conducted by the Hellenic Authority for Higher Education (HAHE). The formal certification decision confirming full compliance with the Quality Standard for the Accreditation of Postgraduate Study Programmes is expected to be issued shortly.

The Programme is aligned with the European Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area (ESG), ensuring a high level of academic rigor, transparency, and continuous improvement.

Tuition fees

Tuition fees amount to **€3,600** and are payable in instalments as follows: €400 upon acceptance, to secure the applicant’s place; €800 by October 2026; €800 by February 2027; €800 by April 2027; €800 by June 2027.

In the event of withdrawal from the Programme, any tuition fees already paid are non-refundable.

Students may be exempted from tuition fees if they meet the eligibility criteria based on academic excellence, as well as financial and social considerations, in accordance with the applicable legislation, and in particular: Articles 86 of Greek Law No. 4957/2022; Ministerial Decision No. 108990/Z1/08-09-2022 (Government Gazette B’ 4899).

Application Procedure

Applicants must be University graduates and have a very good knowledge of the English language certified by Cambridge or Michigan Proficiency or English-speaking university degree or by a minimum TOEFL score of 79 (Computer based) or 213 (Internet based) or by a minimum IELTS score of 6.5. Other language certificates might be considered based on the Greek legislation.

Applications for the Master's Degree in Human Rights and Migration Studies for the Academic year 2026-2027 should be submitted online. Therefore, applicants are kindly requested to:

- Submit their **application**, available at <https://www.uom.gr/hurmis/entypa>, only via email (including all required documents in attachment) to the email address: hurmis@uom.edu.gr
- Use the following subject line in their email: "**HURMIS Application 2026-2027**".
- Attach the following documents to the same email, along with their application form:
 1. Certified copies of university degree and transcripts (in Greek or English)
 2. proof of proficiency in English
 3. two letters of reference (at least one related to the applicant's previous degree), in Greek or English
 4. Copy of ID card or passport
 5. A short CV (in English)
- Additional qualifications, such as job experience or additional languages and degrees, although not required, will be taken into consideration.

Following the initial consideration and evaluation of the received applications, online interviews will be conducted within a reasonable period of time. Applicants are advised to apply early to ensure a place in the Programme.

Once finally admitted, applicants 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"). Please visit the DOATAP website (<http://www.doatap.gr/en/>) for detailed information.

Application Periods:

1st round: 1 April - 30 June 2026

2nd round: 1 July - 10 September 2026

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis during each round. Early application is strongly encouraged, as candidates applying in the first round will receive priority consideration and may secure their place in the Programme earlier.

The final application deadline is 10 September 2026.

Applicants from non-EU countries may require a student visa. They are advised to contact the competent Greek consular authorities and apply well in advance to ensure timely completion of the visa process prior to the commencement of the Programme.

Courses begin on 12 October 2026.

Student Support, Inclusion and Well-being

Accommodation is not provided but students can access the Programme's website for recommendations.

Meals can be purchased at moderate prices in the school cafeteria.

Students have access to the University's **Library and Information Centre**, providing extensive academic resources, study spaces, and digital services.

In addition, students may benefit from opportunities for **internships in international mobility programmes (Erasmus+)**, enabling them to gain valuable experience abroad.

The University of Macedonia is strongly committed to fostering an **inclusive and supportive academic environment**. Through its **Equal Access Unit**, the University ensures full participation of students with disabilities and special educational needs by providing assistive technologies, accessible infrastructure, and tailored academic support, including alternative examination arrangements. In parallel, dedicated structures promote equality, diversity, and student well-being. The University's **Equity/Diversity Office** supports gender equality and non-discrimination across all aspects of academic life, while the **Student Counselling and Psychological Support Centre** offers comprehensive services, including individual and group counselling, mental health support, and awareness-raising activities. Together, these services aim to enhance student experience, promote inclusion, and support academic success in a safe and empowering environment.

The University's **Environmental Office** promotes sustainability awareness through various actions and initiatives.

A wide range of student activities is also available, including **sports facilities**, a gym, and participation in cultural and **student-led initiatives**.

Thessaloniki is a lively seaside city with more than 100,000 students. It is full of history and local character, offering a wide range of cultural, social, and recreational opportunities. Its vibrant student community make it an ideal environment for academic and personal development. Students can enjoy a rich urban experience, with cafés, cultural venues, festivals, and a welcoming atmosphere that fosters interaction, networking, and a strong sense of community.

Contact us

For further information, please contact the Postgraduate Secretary via:

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You may also visit the Programme's website <https://www.uom.gr/hurmis>

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