



# **Quality Policy for the Distance Learning Postgraduate Programs**

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### **Declaration of Quality Policy**

The University of Thessaly (UTH) implements a unified, institutionally established Quality Assurance Policy for the Postgraduate Programs (PGPs) offered through distance and/or blended learning methods, in accordance with:

- the current national legislative framework;
- the Principles and Guidelines of the Hellenic Authority for Higher Education (HAHE);
- the European Standards and Guidelines (ESG);
- the approved Internal Quality Assurance System (IQAS) of the University.

The Quality Policy derives from the Strategic Plan 2024-2027 of UTh<sup>1</sup>, applies throughout the entire lifecycle of the distance learning PGPs (design, implementation, evaluation, and revision), and reflects the University's commitment to a responsible quality policy that enhances its academic identity and its social mission at both national and international levels.

### **Fundamental Principles**

The University of Thessaly is committed that the distance learning PGPs:

- are designed based on clearly defined and assessable learning outcomes;
- ensure academic equivalence with the corresponding in person programs;
- apply pedagogically appropriate and well-documented methods of distance teaching;
- guarantee academic integrity, transparency, and meritocracy;
- support inclusion, accessibility, and equal opportunities.

### **Quality Assurance and Improvement**

The quality of distance learning PGPs is ensured through:

- systematic internal evaluation of courses, instructors, and infrastructure;
- collection and analysis of quantitative and qualitative indicators;
- utilization of feedback from students, graduates, and external stakeholders;
- continuous updating of the Internal Rules for Postgraduate and Doctoral Studies, where required;
- continuous evaluation of all the Institution's study programs;
- Implementation of new quality procedures where required (design and implementation of new internal evaluation procedures, quality assurance strategy).

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<sup>1</sup> [www.uth.gr/sites/default/files/contents/2025/StratigikoSxedio\\_1993699933.pdf](http://www.uth.gr/sites/default/files/contents/2025/StratigikoSxedio_1993699933.pdf)

The process follows the cycle of continuous improvement (planning – implementation – checking – review) and is coordinated by the Quality Assurance Unit.

### **Infrastructure and Support**

The University ensures:

- reliable digital tele-education platforms;
- technical and pedagogical support for instructors and students;
- continuous training of staff in distance education
- protection of personal data and information security.