

Quality Assurance Policy

Undergraduate Studies Program

Physics Department, University of Ioannina

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The Physics Department of the University of Ioannina implements policies of Quality Assurance (QA) of its educational and research performance. These policies are on a par with the respective University QA, the standards of the Greek State Quality Assurance and Accreditation Authority (QAAA) and the international practices and policies of the European Higher Education.

The long-standing strategic goal of the Physics Department is the preservation and continuous improvement of the quality of the undergraduate-studies program (USP) so that it provides quality theoretical and applied education in the field of Physics and related fields, such as material science, chemistry, mathematics, atmospheric sciences and education sciences. Consequently, the Department provides the students with all the necessary skills for a successful future academic or other professional career.

The QA policies are posted on the website of the Department and are communicated to the academic and administration staff and the students through the General Assembly meetings. The staff guarantee the application of the policies and contribute in all the pertinent procedures.

In order to achieve the highest quality of the USP, the Physics Department is committed to

- 1) provide the students the highest level of education, following international standards. This is achieved with the yearly process of updating the USP based on excellence in academic teaching and cutting-edge research.
- 2) continuously improve the student performance through the use of modern educational technologies and the establishment of smaller-in-size classes. The student improved performance is correlated with their improved future workforce skills.
- 3) improve the quality and effectiveness of teaching through the continuous evaluation of the faculty in collaboration with the

Quality Assurance Unit (QAU) of the University of Ioannina

- 4) assure the highest level of the teaching staff qualifications through the application of very strict scientific and academic criteria applied during the process of faculty selection and of their promotion.
- 5) perform research of high level and quality following international standards. The results of this research, ensured through international and interdisciplinary collaborations, are available for the benefit of science and the society
- 6) strengthen the international presence of the Department through the promotion of the scientific achievements of its faculty at the international level
- 7) recognize excellence and reward its members for their teaching and research following the policies of the Department
- 8) connect teaching with research through a plethora of theoretical and specialized laboratory elective courses that prepare the students for the competitive needs of today's cutting-edge research
- 9) promote the international mobility of the students through the Erasmus+ program and help the students connect with the job market through the program of Practical Training. The latter covers a wide range of possibilities, including national private and public research labs, European labs, companies, organizations, and educational institutions.
- 10) continuously improve the quality of the supporting services, such as the library, the study lounge, and the administration and student services, according to the University policies.

In order to materialize the above goals and to take the necessary measures for appropriate actions, the Department of Physics

1) follows all the pertinent institutional procedures. The Chair of the Department, in collaboration with the Internal Evaluation Team (IET) and the QAU of the University of Ioannina guide the yearly internal evaluation process within the framework of the "Internal Quality Assurance System" (IQAS) of the University (<https://www.uoi.gr/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/egxeiridio-poiotitas2.pdf>).

This evaluation concerns the faculty members and the supporting scientific and technical staff.

2) utilizes the conclusions of the external evaluations of the Department, which are carried out in cooperation with the IQAS and the Greek State QAAA for the Higher Education

3) publicizes the QA policy of the Department as well as the results of the overseeing

processes to all relevant parties.