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Τμήμα Γαλλικών και
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Μεταπτυχιακού Προγράμματος Ευρωπαϊκών Σπουδών με ημ. 23 Φεβρουαρίου 2019.

~~Αναπληρώτης~~ Καθηγητής Παναγιώτης Χριστιάς
~~Πρόεδρος~~ Τμήματος Γαλλικών και Ευρωπαϊκών Σπουδών

Doc. 300.1.2

Date: 21 May 2019

Higher Education Institution's response

- **Higher education institution:**

UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS

- **Town:** NICOSIA

- **Program of study (Name, ECTS, duration, cycle)**

In Greek: ΜΕΤΑΠΤΥΧΙΑΚΟ ΣΤΙΣ ΕΥΡΩΠΑΪΚΕΣ ΣΠΟΥΔΕΣ

In English: MASTER IN EUROPEAN STUDIES

- **Languages of instruction:** English

- **Program's status**

New program:

Currently operating:



The present document has been prepared within the framework of the authority and competencies of the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education, according to the provisions of the “Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws of 2015 and 2016” [N. 136 (I)/2015 and N. 47(I)/2016].

A. Guidelines on content and structure of the report

- *The Higher Education Institution based on the External Evaluation Committee’s evaluation report (Doc.300.1.1) must justify whether actions have been taken in improving the quality of the program of study in each assessment area.*

1. Study program and study program’s design and development (ESG 1.1, 1.2, 1.8, 1.9)

Evaluation Committee Remark/Recommendation

(p. 12 § d, p. 18 § 1.3.1, p. 19 and p. 30 § d): the program should be reinforced by hiring professors specialized in European Studies

Response of the Department of French and European Studies

See below, response to B. Conclusions and final remarks

Evaluation Committee Remark/Recommendation

(p. 11 § b, p. 23 § 2.5 and p. 30 § b): The 3 semesters MA is not compatible with programs abroad.

Response of the Department of French and European Studies

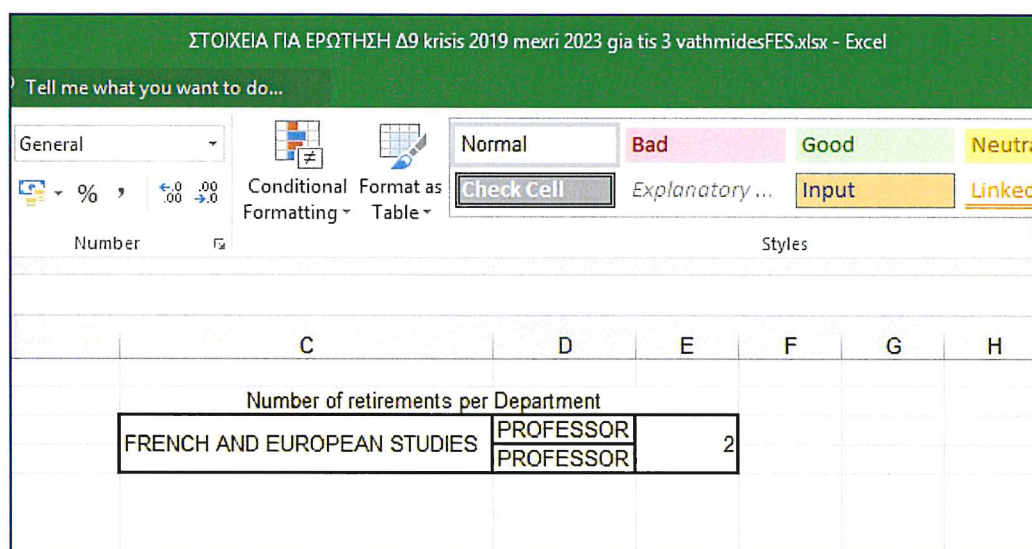
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Evaluation Committee Remark/Recommendation

(p. 18 § 1.3.10): *as two professors will retire during the five next years, it is very important to guarantee they will be replaced immediately.*

Response of the Department of French and European Studies

The Evaluation Committee's recommendations are all sent to the Higher Governing Bodies of the University, which are vested with the power to implement such general policy rules. This fact has already been taken into account by the University medium-term hiring programme. Excerpt of relative document below.



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Evaluation Committee Remark/Recommendation

(p. 12 § d, p. 19 § 2 and p. 30 § d) *The program is much more a program in Studies of European Cultures than in European Studies. Professors of law, political sciences, sociology should be present in this program. Another solution could be recruiting a European Studies.*

Response of the Department of French and European Studies

See below, response to **B. Conclusions and final remarks**

2. Teaching, learning and student assessment (ESG 1.3)

Evaluation Committee Remark/Recommendation

3. Teaching Staff (ESG 1.5)

Evaluation Committee Remark/Recommendation

(p. 11) *Academic qualities of the staff and personal involvement and engagement are very high.*

4. Students (ESG 1.4, 1.6, 1.7)

Evaluation Committee Remark/Recommendation

(p. 9) *The students told the committee they were very happy with the atmosphere.*
(p. 11) *The procedure for selecting students is robust. It should lead to sharp selection.*

5. Resources (ESG 1.6)

6. Additional for distance learning programs (ALL ESG)

Not applicable

7. Additional for doctoral programs (ALL ESG)

Not applicable

8. Additional for joint programs (ALL ESG)

Not applicable

B. Conclusions and final remarks

Evaluation Committee Remark/Recommendation

(p. 11 § b, p. 23 § 2.5 and p. 30 § b): *The organization in three semesters should be expanded to 4 semesters and 120 ECTS points in order to be in conformity with the majority of the European universities and to officially allow students to have more time for writing their master thesis.*

Response of the Department of French and European Studies

Because the University of Cyprus has adopted an 8 semesters BA scheme, MA degrees in Cyprus are usually structured in 3 semesters and 90 ECTS, as recognised by the CYQAA

(<http://www.dipae.ac.cy/index.php/el/enimerosi/anakoinoseis/179-2018-10-25-pliris-foitisi-metaptychiako-diarkeia-2-3-examina>). It should be noted that the Department of French and European Studies has not seen any adaptation problems with other European universities. On the contrary, on one hand, our 8 semesters BA holders are usually directly accepted in the second year of MA degrees (Master II). On the other hand, the 240 ECTS of the BA added to the 90 ECTS of the MA exceed the Bologna Process minimum requirement of 300 ECTS for enrolling in a PHD program.

Evaluation Committee Remark/Recommendation

(p. 12 § c and p. 30 § c) *Methodology should be more explicit from the beginning. The committee suggests offering specific methodology courses.*

Response of the Department of French and European Studies

It is a permanent policy of the Department to ask those of the enrolled students who have not attended our Research Methodology compulsory course (specially designed since 2006 for students preparing a thesis or dissertation) to take it. As an illustration, see appended document below (Πρακτικό Συνεδρίασης Επιτροπής Μεταπτυχιακών Σπουδών 5.5.2017 με θέμα Εισδοχή στο Μάστερ στις Ευρωπαϊκές Σπουδές).

Δεκτοί με όρους

Η αίτηση της ██████████, έγινε δεκτή υπό τον όρο να εγγραφεί στο προπτυχιακό μάθημα 4ου έτους και άνω **ΓΕΣ 370 Μεθοδολογία της Έρευνας**

Evaluation Committee Remark/Recommendation

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Response of the Department of French and European Studies

As explicitly stated in the *Purpose and Objectives and learning outcomes of the Program of Study* (and repeated in p. 8 of the Report of the EC), the European Studies MA Program of the Department of French and European Studies “*aims to cover an obvious gap in the programs offered internationally in the field of postgraduate European Studies. More specifically, it aims to move away from the usual frame of such programs, which are usually based on a dominant politico-economic approach [covered in the University of Cyprus by the Department of Social and Political Sciences]. Thus, the postgraduate program aims to investigate specific cultural issues related to Europe and to see how these issues relate to philosophical, literary, visual and other cultural narratives. The program puts forward ways of studying European cultural phenomena in a synthetic way, combining a specific European conjuncture with its diachronic depth*”. See our website presentation <http://www.ucy.ac.cy/frml/fr/academicprogramms/postgraduate/european-studies>. That being reminded, the Department agrees with the Evaluation Committee’s remark. Following its recommendation, the (ex-)Chairman of the Department requested from the University Governing Bodies a new position in European Studies. Document appended hereafter.



ΕΣΩΤΕΡΙΚΟ ΣΗΜΕΙΩΜΑ

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Πρόεδρο Τμήματος Γαλλικών και Ευρωπαϊκών Σπουδών
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Κοσμήτορα Σχολής Ανθρωπιστικών Επιστημών
ΘΕΜΑ: Κατανομή στο Τμήμα ΓΕΣ
ΑΡ. ΦΑΚ.: ΠΚ/ΓΕΣ 6.2.1.4
ΗΜΕΡ.: 12 Απριλίου 2019

Στην πρόσφατη αξιολόγηση των προγραμμάτων του Τμήματος, η Επιτροπή εισηγείται την προκήρυξη μιας θέσης με ειδικότητα στις Ευρωπαϊκές Σπουδές. Επίσης επισημαίνει την απουσία μέλους ΔΕΠ του Τμήματος που να διδάσκει – συντονίζει την κατεύθυνση των Γερμανικών στα πλαίσια του πτυχίου Σύγχρονων Γλωσσών και Ευρωπαϊκών Σπουδών.

Εισηγείται επίσης την κατανομή μιας γραμματέως στο Τμήμα, δεδομένου ότι με την συνταξιοδότηση της Ανδρούλλας Κουφαλλίδου το 2015, απέμεινε μόνο μια γραφέας αρίστου χρόνου ενώ το Τμήμα υπηρετεί δύο πτυχία, δύο μάστερ και δύο διδακτορικά προγράμματα.

Παρακαλώ, στην επόμενη κατανομή θέσεων ΔΕΠ να αποδοθούν δύο θέσεις στο Τμήμα.

Παρακαλώ επίσης να δοθεί ακόμα μία Γραμματέας.

Ευχαριστώ.

Π/γα

Evaluation Committee Remark/Recommendation

(p. 9) *The originality of such research has been recognized by European institutions: program C.o.n.t.a.c.t, and the Jean Monnet Chair awarded by the European Commission which inter alia also involves public lectures outside the academia.*

(p.11) *Academic qualities of the staff and personal involvement and engagement are very high. A good atmosphere prevails between the academic staff, the students and the administrative staff. The leading practices are good, as is the coherence of the program. The procedure for selecting students is robust. It should lead to sharp selection. Some of the courses are quite interesting and inspiring, especially when they connect with research. The amount of publications of the academic staff is quite impressive and the new library is a very important asset.*

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Response of the Department of French and European Studies

The Department of French and European Studies highly values the Evaluation Committee's appreciation. It has taken all necessary measures and decisions to meet its recommendations and reaffirms its commitment to ensure high academic quality in the current international requirements of a European Studies MA program.

C. Higher Education Institution academic representatives

Name	Position	Signature
Panagiotis Christias	Chair	
Yiannis Ioannou	ex-chair	
Mary Chehab	Coordinator, and member of the very Internal Quality Committee	

Date: 21 May 2019