



Reference Number: 07.14.341.004

FINAL REPORT OF THE CYPRUS AGENCY OF QUALITY ASSURANCE AND ACCREDITATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION

**EVALUATION - ACCREDITATION
OF THE DEPARTMENT WITH NAME**

IN GREEK: Τμήμα Τεχνών, Μέσων και Επικοινωνίας

IN ENGLISH: Department of Arts, Media and Communication

**OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION
Uclan University**

This Final Report was prepared on the basis of Article (20)(2)(f)(i) of the "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws" of 2015 to 2021 [L. 136 (I)/2015 - L. 132(I)/2021].

THE PROCEDURE:

On 20 February 2024, the legal representative of the Higher Education Institution Uclan University, submitted an application (Doc. 200.3), based on Article (17) of the "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws" of 2015 to 2021, for the evaluation-accreditation of the Department:

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In the framework of competences conferred on it by the relevant legislation, the Council of the Agency has constituted an External Evaluation Committee (EEC), which after initially

examining the department's application for evaluation and accreditation, performed an on-site visit at the institution on 8 April 2024.

During the on-site visit the EEC also evaluated the following programmes of study that belong to the department (only for currently operating departments):

IN GREEK:

07.14.345.037	Γραφικές Τέχνες (4 Ακαδημαϊκά έτη, 240 ECTS, Πτυχίο)
07.14.345.038	Γραφικές Τέχνες (1 Ακαδημαϊκό Έτος, 90 ECTS, Μάστερ)

IN ENGLISH:

07.14.345.037	Graphic Design (4 Years / 240 ECTS / Bachelor's Degree)
07.14.345.038	MA Graphic Design (1 Year / 90 ECTS / Master's Degree)

The EEC met with the head of the institution, the head of the department, the programmes' coordinators, members of the academic staff, and members of the administrative staff, students and/or their representatives and the Internal Quality Assurance Committee.

Additionally, the EEC examined the department's facilities (library, computer labs, labs, teaching classes, research infrastructures, etc.), various documents presented and/or requested by the EEC, the School's/Faculty's structure and the department's position in it, the CVs of the teaching staff and their relationship to the institution as teachers in regard to any other duties and teaching in other programmes of study.

The EEC has documented its findings and recommendations and drew up the External Evaluation Report in the Doc. 300.3.1.

CYQAA Council's Decision

The Council of the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Higher Education, during its 107th Summit on 20 May 2024, on the basis of Article (20)(2)(f)(i) of the "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws" of 2015 to 2021 [L. 136 (I)/2015 - L. 132(I)/2021], and on the basis of the suggestions of the External Evaluation Committee, and the comments of the institution on the External Evaluation Committee report, **decided that the Department of Arts, Media and Communication is accredited.**

The Agency requires the institution, within six (6) months and no later than the end of the fall academic semester 2024-2025, to comply with the following:

- **proceed with the recruitment of additional academic staff with specialized research backgrounds in graphic arts. The inclusion of academics with profound knowledge and experience in research within this specific field will enhance the quality and innovation in the institution's teaching and research activities, fostering creativity and advancing the science of graphic arts.**
- **proceed with the reduction of the academic staff's workload (6-8 hours), which is deemed necessary to ensure sufficient time dedicated to research. By rationalizing the distribution of teaching and administrative duties, academics will be able to focus on their research activities, thereby enhancing the production of new knowledge and innovation in their field.**
- **enrich the library with specialized materials in the field of graphic arts. Acquiring new books, journals, and digital resources will support the educational and research process, providing students and academics with access to contemporary information and discoveries in the field.**

The current accreditation begins in the Fall semester of the academic year 2024-2025 and ceases to be in effect at the end of the Spring semester of the academic year 2028-2029.

On the basis of Article (4)(c) of the relevant Law, it is noted that "the above accreditation is valid for the period provided by the provisions of the Law and is repeated every five (5) years and that the procedure starts at the request of the institution which must, and shall be submitted at least sixteen (16) months before the expiry of the previous accreditation".

Additionally, on the basis of Article (17)(3)(g) during the period of validity of the Accreditation, the Agency acting of its own motion, may examine whether the criteria continue to be met and if they are not met, then the Agency shall revoke the Accreditation, and immediately inform the institution concerned.



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President of the Board of the
Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and
Accreditation in Higher Education

29 May 2024