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

EVALUATION - ACCREDITATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF STUDY

IN GREEK:

Γραφικές Τέχνες (4 ακαδημαϊκά έτη, 240 ECTS, Πτυχίο)

IN ENGLISH:

Graphic Design (4 years / 240 ECTS / Bachelor)

OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION

Uclan University Cyprus

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. 200.1), 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 programme of study:

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

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

Additionally, the EEC examined the institution'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 programme'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.

The EEC has documented its findings and recommendations and drew up the External Evaluation Report in the Doc. 300.1.1.

CYQAA Council's Decision

The Council of the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Higher Education, during its **107th Summit on 20th May 2024**, according to the 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 and the Feedback report from the External Evaluation Committee, **decided that the programme is accredited to be delivered in English.**

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. Explain to your staff the criteria for the workload allocation to understand that the teaching hours are reduced according to the involvement in research and publications.
- 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 (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