

# Welcome to NKUA!

Erasmus+ Students Essentials

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KA171/International Mobility Program

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This is a brief guide — for detailed information on the following topics and more, please visit the [Students Support Unit website](#).

## Registration


### Step 1: Register at Your Department

To enroll at the **Secretariat of your Host Department**, please submit the following documents:

- **One passport-size photograph**
- **A copy of your passport or national ID card**
- **Your Letter of Acceptance**

### Secretariat Opening Hours

The **Secretariats of Faculties** are open to students during the following days and times:

 **Monday, Wednesday & Friday**

 **11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Before going to the Secretariat to complete your registration, we recommend contacting them in advance to confirm availability on your preferred day or to schedule an appointment.**

### Step 2: Create Your Student Account

Once your registration is complete, the Secretariat will email you a **13-digit personal registration number**.

With this number:

1. Go to the [Webadm platform](#)
2. Create your **personal student account**
3. Receive your **Username**
4. Set your **Password**

You'll need these credentials to access various university services, including your **Academic ID Card**.

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## Academic ID Card (Student Pass)

Your **Academic Identification Card** officially recognizes you as an NKUA student and grants access to:

- **University libraries**
- **Sports facilities**
- **Museums**
- **Half-price tickets** for all public transport in Greece

### How to Apply for Your Academic ID

The application is completed online via the [Academic ID platform](#) (Ministry of Education & Religious Affairs) – Click for [Instructions](#)

Before starting your application, make sure you have:

- A **digital photo** in .jpg or .png format
- A **Greek mobile phone number**

**Please note:** The card may take up to **2 weeks** to be issued.

*Always carry your Academic ID when using public transportation, as must be shown during ticket inspections.*



### While You Wait...

Until your Academic ID is ready, you can use your **Student ID from your Home University** for reduced transportation fares — valid for students **up to 25 years old**.

## Students from Non-EU (Third) Countries

### Do You Need a Visa?

Depending on your citizenship and the duration of your Erasmus+ studies, **you may be required to obtain a visa before arriving in Greece**.

To find out if you need a visa, please consult the official [website](#) of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

You can find a comprehensive practical guide on visa types, residence permits, and other essential information for incoming students here:

[Visa Types – National Visas](#)

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### Contact Your Local Embassy

You are strongly advised to contact the nearest Greek Embassy or Consulate in your country for accurate and updated information regarding:

- Required documents
- Application forms
- Appointment scheduling
- Estimated processing times

**Visa procedures can take time, so we strongly recommend that you start the process as early as possible to avoid delays.**

### Residence Permit

**If you're staying in Greece for more than 90 days**, you will typically need to **apply for a student residence permit after your arrival**, following entry with your visa; this permit is issued by the Greek immigration authorities (Ministry of Migration and Asylum).



If you are a student from a **non-EU country**, please ensure that you **take care of any necessary extensions to your visa or residence permit** in a timely manner. This is your personal responsibility and is essential for your legal stay in Greece throughout your studies.

**For your application**, please visit the relevant page on the [Ministry of Migration and Asylum's official website](#).

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## Extra Courses at NKUA

Incoming Erasmus+ students at NKUA have the opportunity to attend a number of special courses designed to support their integration into everyday life in Greece and to provide them with essential information about the country's history and culture. These courses are open to all students, regardless of their field of study.

- **Greek Language Course** (6 ECTS) | Cost: 150 euros  
For info: [info@greekcourses.uoa.gr](mailto:info@greekcourses.uoa.gr)
- **Issues in Greek Music and Culture** (6 ECTS) | Free of charge  
From the sounds of Byzantine music to Greece's traditional and popular music
- **Contemporary Greece: History, Arts & Letters** (6 ECTS) | Free of charge  
An introductory course to Greek history and culture since the creation of the Modern Greek State.

### Important Note for Erasmus+ Students

When applying for the Greek language courses, please make sure to select the programme titled "ERASMUS", as this is specifically designed for Erasmus+ incoming students.

You can find full course details and updates on the [official website of the Modern Greek Language Teaching Center](#)

### Application Requirement:

To complete the online application form, you must have already received your **Acceptance Letter** from European and International Relations Department.

## Finding Accommodation

Rooms at the Student Residences are not available. Therefore, students are required to arrange their own accommodation in private apartments or rooms.

It is strongly recommended that students begin their search as early as possible and consult our website for updated information.

The **Department of European and International Relations** collaborates with the **Erasmus Student Network (ESN) Kapa Athens** to help incoming international students find suitable private housing.

### Useful Resources

Join the **ESN Kapa Athens Accommodation Group on Facebook**:  
[facebook.com/groups/313962265301086](https://facebook.com/groups/313962265301086)

Visit the **ESN Kapa Athens website for housing** information:  
[www.esnkapa.org/accommodation-0](http://www.esnkapa.org/accommodation-0)

You may also explore **other online platforms** such as:  
[www.uniplaces.com](http://www.uniplaces.com)

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### Rent & Deposit

- The average monthly rent for private accommodation in Athens ranges from **€450–€500**.
- Most landlords will ask for a **security deposit**, usually equal to **two months' rent**, paid in advance.
- This deposit is typically refunded at the end of your stay, provided:
  - No damage has been caused to the property

- All utility bills have been paid

## Student Services



**For detailed info regarding the student services please visit the [International Students Support Unit Website](#)**

## Healthcare

### Health Coverage at NKUA

#### On-Campus Health Services

All registered NKUA students—including Erasmus and non-EU students—can access **free medical and dental care** at on-campus facilities. These include:

- General Practitioner, Dentist, Ophthalmologist, Psychiatrist & Psychologist etc.
- Nursing services and referrals for dermatological examinations
- Services available at:
  - University Club (15 Ippokratous St., Athens)
  - 1st Residence Hall Clinic (Campus, Ilisia)

### Public Healthcare Access

Students without private insurance are entitled to **free emergency and hospital treatment** under Greece's National Health System (EOPYY). This is available through public or university hospitals, provided you present your **Academic ID**

### Required Insurance

As a non-EU student participating in a traineeship at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA), you are required to have valid insurance coverage for the entire duration of your stay in Greece.

**If you're a non-EU student, you must hold private insurance covering:**

1. Accident-related permanent disability (≥€15,000/year)
2. Medical expenses from illness or accident (≥€1,500/year)
3. Comprehensive hospital care (≥€10,000/year)

**Your policy must clearly mention coverage within Greece or the entire EU.**

## Student Restaurants

- The University offers **two free meals daily** from September 1 to June 30 (excluding Christmas and Easter holidays).
- Upon your arrival in Athens, you will receive instructions from your Department about the **online application** to access the student restaurants.

### Locations

| Location                   | Address/Details                         | Serves Students From                   |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| <b>University Campus</b>   | School of Philosophy building, Zografou | Faculties located on University Campus |
| <b>Faculty of Medicine</b> | Medical Laboratories building, Goudi    | Medical Faculty students               |

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|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| <b>Downtown Athens</b>            | Lycavittou 14, city center                             | Faculties in central Athens |
| <b>Physical Education Faculty</b> | Faculty of Physical Education and Sport Science, Dafni | Physical Education students |

## Opening Hours

Monday–Friday: 12:00 – 16:00 and 18:00 – 21:00

Saturday–Sunday: 13:00 – 20:00

## Computer Laboratories

### University Club

PCs are available for student use at the University Club

*Address:* 15 Ippokratous St., 3rd Floor

*Tel:* 210 368 8261, 210 368 8271

*Opening Hours:* Monday–Friday, 09:00 – 15:45

### Faculty Computer Rooms

Most Faculties provide dedicated computer rooms for student use. Availability and access may vary by department.

### On-Campus Student Lab (A' FEPA Residence)

Students residing on campus can access a computer lab with 20 workstations.

*Address:* 21 Oulof Palme St.

*Tel:* 210 727 5589

## University Sports Centre

Operating since 1930, the Sports Centre at Ano Ilissia campus offers a wide range of activities promoting physical and mental health.

### Sports Activities

- Free weights, isokinetic training
- Volleyball, football, basketball
- Track and field
- Adapted exercise for students with disabilities (FMEA)
- Traditional Greek dances
- Aerobics, Yoga, Pilates, HIIT, CrossFit
- Chess, Tennis, Ping-pong, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu
- Competitive teams participate in internal and international championships.

### Registration, Hours, and Contact Details

Open **October 1 – June 30, Monday to Friday, 09:00 – 18:00** (closed weekends & holidays)

Registration: **Monday to Friday, 10:00 – 13:30**

Requirements: **Student ID card** and **recent cardiologist medical certificate**

[Cardiologist appointments at University Club Health Service: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 14:00 – 19:00, Tel: +30 210 368 8241]

Phone: **+30 210 727 5551, 56, 57, 60**

Location: **Ano Ilissia Campus, Aggelikis Panayiotatou Str. [near [Building C](#) FEPA Dorms]**

Email: **gymerasmus@uoa.gr**



## Libraries

The University of Athens has multiple libraries serving different faculties and locations.

### Downtown Athens

#### **Law School Library**

104 Solonos & Mavromichali Str., Athens

Tel: +30 210 368 8065-8068

Hours: Mon–Thu 08:30–19:00, Fri 08:30–17:00

#### **Economics and Political Science Libraries**

**Grypario Building** (Economics & Business): 1 Sofokleous & Aristidou Str., Tel: +30 210 368 8023-8086

**Political Science & Media Studies:** 42-44 Aiolou & Kolokotroni Str., Tel: +30 210 368 9533-9573

Hours: Mon–Thu 09:00–19:30, Fri 09:00–16:00

#### **School of Educational Sciences Library**

4 Dragatsaniou Str., Athens

Tel: +30 210 368 9602-9605

Hours: Mon–Thu 08:30–18:00, Fri 08:30–16:30

### University Campus, Zografou

#### **School of Philosophy Library**

Nikolaou Politi Str., Tel: +30 210 727 7605-7687

Hours: Mon–Fri 08:30–18:00

#### **School of Sciences Libraries**

Spyridonos Champa Str., Tel: +30 210 727 6519

Dept. of History & Philosophy building, Tel: +30 210 727 5559

Hours: Mon–Fri 08:30–18:00 (History & Philosophy: 08:00–16:00)

#### **School of Theology Library**

On Campus, Tel: +30 210 727 5728-5822

Hours: Mon–Thu 08:00–18:00, Fri 08:00–16:00

### School of Health Sciences

#### **Health Sciences Library**

1 Dilou & Mikras Asias Str., Goudi

Tel: +30 210 746 1400-1401

Hours: Mon–Thu 08:00–18:00, Fri 08:00–16:00

#### **Dentistry Library**

2 Thivon Str., Goudi

Tel: +30 210 746 1150-1151

Hours: Mon–Thu 09:00–17:00, Fri 08:30–16:00

#### **School of Physical Education and Sport Science**

41 Ethnikis Antistaseos Str., Dafni  
Tel: +30 210 727 6072-6075  
Hours: Mon–Fri 08:00–16:00

### Psachna Campus (Euboea)

#### **School of Agricultural Development, Nutrition & Sustainability Library**

Psachna University Campus

Tel: +30 22280 99530

Hours: Mon–Fri 08:00–16:00 (adjusted during holidays)

For more information and updates, visit: [University Library Website](#)

## Transportation in Athens

Getting around Athens is easy and affordable, especially for students!

### Public Transport

Athens has an extensive public transport network including:

- **Metro** (3 lines)
- **Buses & Trolleys**
- **Tram**
- **Suburban Railway (Proastiakos)**

Services usually operate from **05:00 to midnight**, with **metro Lines 2 & 3** running until 2:00 AM on Fridays and Saturdays.

### Tickets & Student Discounts

- Standard ticket: **€1.20** (valid for 90 minutes on all means of transport)
- As an Erasmus student, you are eligible for **50% discount** with your **Academic ID (passo)**.
- Until you receive your Academic ID, you can use your **student card from your home university** (valid only if you are under 25 years old).

### The ATH.ENA Card

To access the discounted fares, you will need to issue a **Personalized ATH.ENA Card**, which is a smart travel card used on all means of public transport in Athens.

#### **To get your card, you will need:**

- Your passport or ID
- A digital photo (passport-style)
- Your Greek mobile number
- Your Academic ID (or proof of student status if not yet issued)

You can apply:

- **Online** at [www.athenacard.gr](http://www.athenacard.gr) (site in Greek – ask for help if needed), or
- **In person** at major **metro stations** (e.g., Syntagma, Panepistimio, Monastiraki)

Once activated, you can **top up** the card with discounted monthly passes

### Getting To & From Athens Airport (AIA – Eleftherios Venizelos)

Athens International Airport is well connected to the city by public and private transport. Here are your main options:

### By Metro (Line 3 – Blue Line)

- **Route:** Airport ↔ Dimotiko Theatro
- **Duration:** ~40 minutes
- **Cost:** €9 (standard), **€4.50** for students (with valid Academic ID)
- **Frequency:** Every 30 minutes
- **Operating hours:** ~6:30 AM – 11:30 PM

Tip: Line 3 also connects with **Doukissis Plakentias**, where you can switch to the Suburban Railway.

### By Express Bus

- **24/7 Service** – Runs day and night!
- **Flat fare:** €5.50 (no student discount available)
- **Tickets bought** from kiosks at the airport or bus terminals

Most popular routes:

- **X95:** Airport ↔ Syntagma (City Center)
- **X96:** Airport ↔ Piraeus (Port)
- **X93:** Airport ↔ Kifisos Intercity Bus Station
- **X97:** Airport ↔ Elliniko Metro Station

### By Taxi / Ride Apps

- **Taxi fare:** ~€40–45 (day), ~€55 (night, 00:00–05:00)
- Flat airport-city center rate includes tolls and luggage

### Useful Apps & Websites

- [www.oasa.gr](http://www.oasa.gr) – Official public transport info
- **Google Maps:** Widely used by locals for public transit directions