
*Criteria for examining requests by Departments offering 5-year study programmes
under the provisions of article 78 (Law 4957/22)*

In order to evaluate requests for the examination of Departments under article 78 of Law 4957/22, regarding the granting of a single undivided postgraduate degree, the following criteria - prerequisites should be met:

- 1) The duration of the study programme must be at least ten (10) academic semesters and correspond to three hundred (300) ECTS credits.
- 2) The preparation of a degree or diploma thesis should last at least one (1) academic semester.
- 3) The existence of a sufficient or competent number of courses must be included in the following categories:
 - a. Foundation (or general background) courses in one (1) science or art: these are the courses that provide the necessary pre-existing scientific knowledge for the understanding of the scientific field of the Study Programme (case c of par. 1 of art. 78 of Law 4957/22).
 - b. Core (or special background) courses: these are the courses that provide knowledge directly included in the scientific field of the Study Programme (case c of par. 1 of art. 78 of Law 4957/22).
 - c. Courses of knowledge deepening and consolidation regarding the specialty of the scientific field (case c of par. 1 of art. 78 of Law 4957/22).
- 4) The necessity of a single and undivided first and second cycle of studies to cover the knowledge that is required in the discipline of the specialty.

Documentation of Institutional Request

The documentation of institutional request must be accompanied by the following elements:

1. The Study Programme with a table including:
 - a. Courses per semester
 - b. The distribution of ECTS in each course
 - c. The characterization of each course in the above mentioned three categories (Foundation, core, deepening/consolidation)
 - d. The report of the relevant, per course, teaching staff with its discipline
 - e. The learning outcomes of the programme.
2. The outlines for all the courses of the Study Programme, including the thesis.
3. The sufficient analysis of the necessity for granting a single and undivided first and second cycle of studies, to cover the knowledge that is required in the discipline of the specialty.