

Undergraduate and Postgraduate
Programmes in Greek Universities on
Drug Addiction Treatment and
Prevention: Lessons learned and future
prospects.

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Undergraduate and Post-Graduate Programmes in Drug Addiction Treatment and Prevention in Greek Universities

- This presentation focuses on the development of undergraduate and post-graduate programmes in drug addiction treatment and prevention in Greek Universities.
- Late development of undergraduate and post-graduate courses in Greek universities
- Lack of trained staff
- Lack of training material
- Treatment facilities tradition and isolation from higher education institutions for several years
- Lessons learned



Initial Steps to Training

Training

- In-service experiential training for new staff members (6-12 weeks)
Addiction Counseling Competencies –KETHEA-UCSD (end 90's – up-to-date)

Certification

- IC&RC Certificate (Greece, Cyprus Board)

Evidence

- Peer Review Scopus Journal Exartiseis-<https://exartiseis.gr/>
- Specialized Library on Drug Addiction Studies

Post-graduate courses -4 running

2000

- MA in Department of Psychology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (no longer running)

2010-

- MSc Penal Law and Addictions, School of Law, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, University of Nicosia, KETHEA, 70 students per year, <https://addictions.law.auth.gr/>
- MSc Addictology, School of Medicine, NKUA, 40 students, <https://www.addictionscourse.gr/>
- MA Clinical Interventions in Addictions, University of Crete, 12 students every two years <https://addictions.psychology.soc.uoc.gr/>

2020

- MA Mental Health of Children and Adolescents, Addictions and New Technologies, University of Patras, 44 students <https://addictioncounseling.upatras.gr/>

Undergraduate courses

2013- Department of Social Work, Democritus University of Thrace

2022- School of Education, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

- School Based Education for Drug, Alcohol and Internet Abuse

Prevention-<https://eclass.uoa.gr/courses/PRIMEDU994/> (English)

-Lifelong learning and drug use prevention

-<https://eclass.uoa.gr/courses/PRIMEDU914/>

2023- Department of Social Work, University of West Attica

Joint Master's Degree Course "Penal Law and Addictions" -18 months – 2016 update

<https://addictions.law.auth.gr/en/home-page/>

Course Director: Prof. Elisavet Kastanidou/Assoc. Professor Theodor Papakyriakou

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Admission procedures

Graduate of law,
medicine, psychology,
sociology, criminology,
political science, social
administration, social work
– 10 points

Research experience (up
to 5 points)

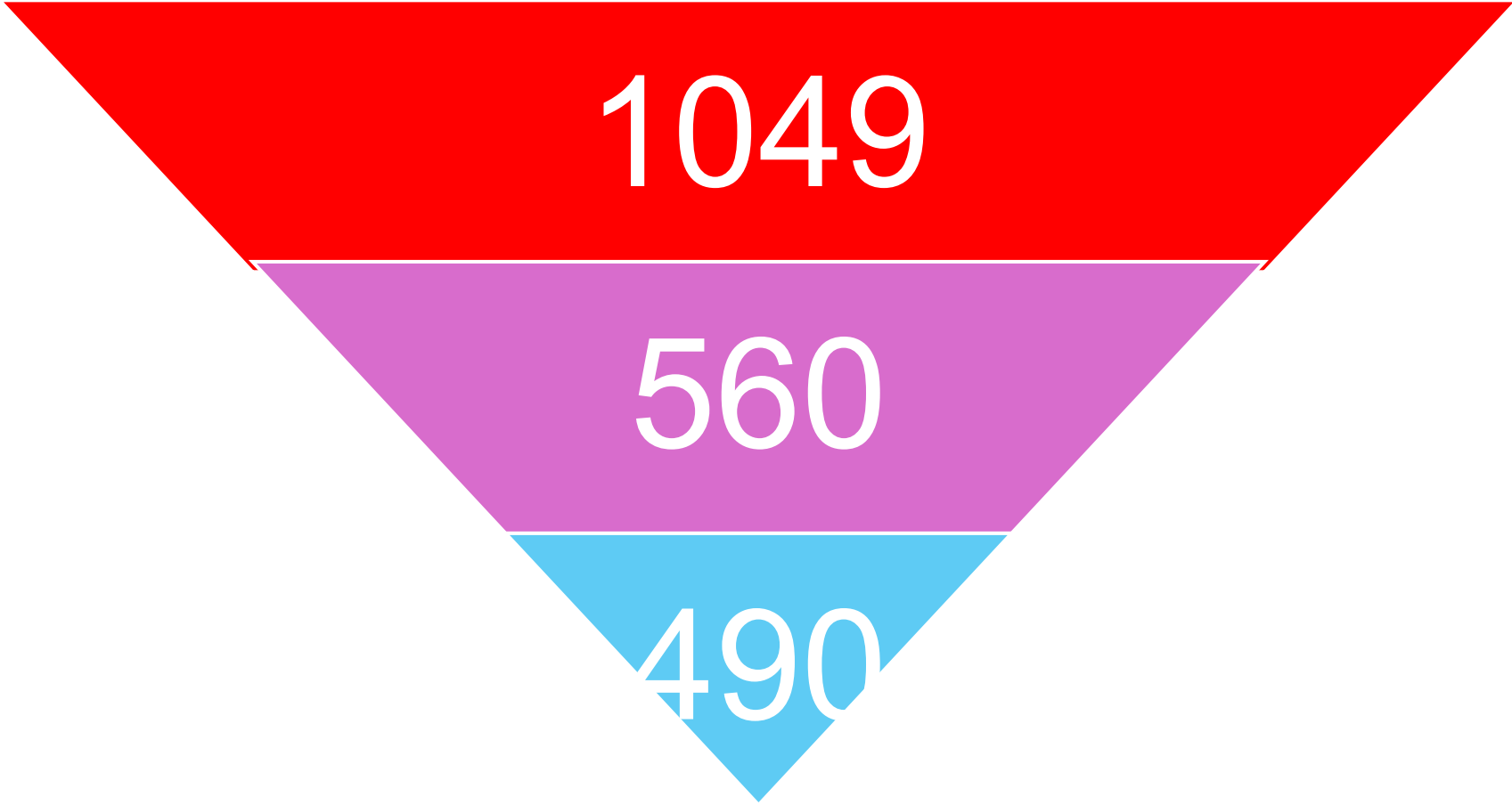
Relevant professional
experience (up to 5
points)

Other criteria (e.g. English
language, publications
etc.)

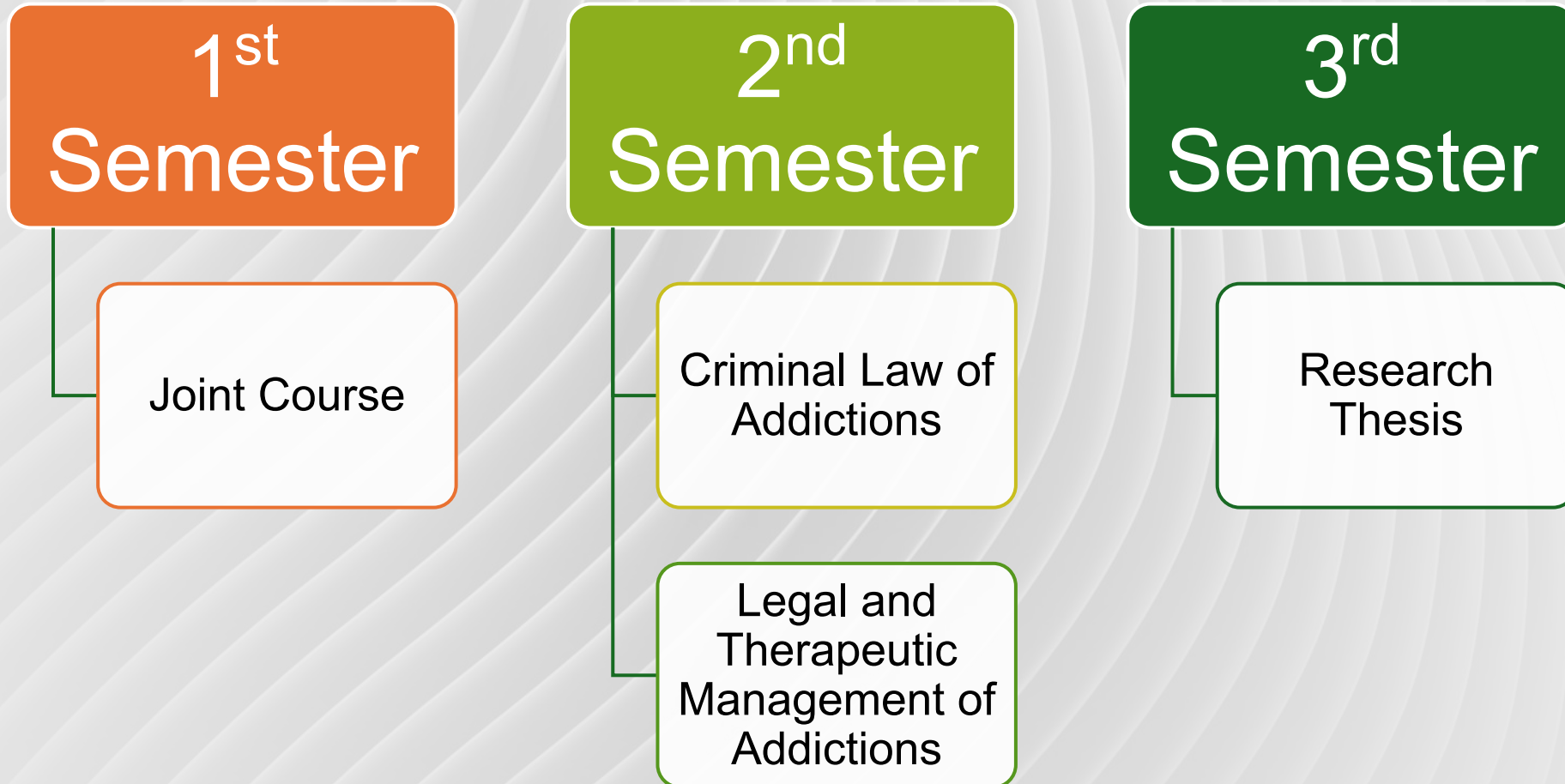
Interview (up to 5 points
x2)

490 graduates – 490
Research Thesis

Applicants and participants (2016-uptodate)



Course organisation



The aims of the Course

Handle criminal cases related to drug use at the stage of pre-trial and main proceedings and at the stage of serving the sentence

Provide specialized knowledge about treatment options & treatment centres, the way they operate and the conditions of admission

Special Course elements



Structural barriers-Lessons learnt

Staff

- Small number of staff working in drug treatment and prevention in Greece (less than 2.000)
- Lack of new staff recruitments
- Small term contracts

Training

- Lack of undergraduate programmes in university curricula (no fees)
- Very few university professors currently teaching the subject (less than 5)
- Minimal prospects for new teaching staff
- Lack of Professional Certification recognized in Greek State

Research

- Very few Doctoral Thesis in Greek Universities the last 15 years (less than 5)
- No research funds

Future prospects



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