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1. Director's Welcome

The Postgraduate Programme of Studies (PPS) “Surgical Oncology” is organised by the 1st Propedeutic Surgical Clinic of the General Hospital of Athens ‘Hippokration’ and the 2nd Surgical Clinic of the Aretaieion Hospital, within the framework of the postgraduate programmes of the Medical School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. It was founded in 2016, re-established in 2018, and has been operating continuously since then, distinguished for its academic consistency and institutional continuity.

The Programme has been designed with a focus on providing students with substantive scientific training and familiarising them with the modern approach to the oncological patient. This approach is based on interdisciplinary collaboration and the combined evaluation of available diagnostic and therapeutic tools. Through an organised educational process that links theory with clinical practice, students engage systematically with both the foundational and the most specialised subjects of Surgical Oncology.

The implementation of the Programme is based on the active contribution of members of the Teaching and Research Staff (TRS), as well as distinguished invited lecturers. Their experience and knowledge shape a cohesive and demanding educational environment. The Coordinating Committee warmly thanks all those who continuously support the work of the PPS.

This Student Handbook aims to provide students with accurate and comprehensive information on the structure, content and functioning of the Programme, as well as their rights and obligations. We hope it will serve as a valuable point of reference throughout your studies.

With the expectation that the PPS “Surgical Oncology” will continue to develop through the fruitful collaboration of teaching staff and students, we welcome you to the new academic year and wish you a creative and productive journey.

The Director of the MSc “Surgical Oncology”

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2. Introduction

This Student Handbook aims to provide complete and clear information on the structure, content and operation of the Postgraduate Programme of Studies (PPS) “Surgical Oncology” (MSc in Surgical Oncology). It serves as the primary reference tool for postgraduate students, as it gathers and presents the academic, organisational and administrative parameters of the PPS, facilitating understanding of the requirements, procedures and obligations arising from enrolment.

In particular, the Student Handbook functions as a means of orientation and support for students throughout their studies, systematically outlining the structure of the Programme, its educational objectives, and the organisation of the educational process. Through the presentation of this information, students gain a comprehensive picture of the content of their studies and how they will progress over the course of their enrolment.

At the same time, the Student Handbook has an informative and regulatory character, as it presents the fundamental provisions governing the operation of the PPS and the enrolment of postgraduate students, in accordance with the applicable institutional and regulatory framework. In this way, students are ensured timely, accurate and clear information regarding their rights and obligations throughout their studies.

3. The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA) is the oldest higher education institution in the country and one of the most historically significant universities in Europe. Since its establishment in 1837, it has been consistently associated with the development of higher education, scientific knowledge and research, covering a wide range of scientific fields and contributing substantially to the intellectual, social and cultural development of the country.

Within the framework of its institutional role, the University operates as a fully self-governing legal entity under public law and is organised into Schools and Departments, which support the provision of high-level education, the development of research activities and interdisciplinary collaboration.

The NKUA provides education and awards qualifications at all three cycles of higher education (undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral level). Educational and research work is carried out by members of the Teaching and Research Staff (TRS) and supported by members of the Special Educational Personnel (SEP), Laboratory Teaching Personnel (LTP), and Special Technical Laboratory Personnel (STLP), as well as by administrative staff.

The University has modern academic and infrastructural facilities, to which students have access in accordance with the internal operating regulations. Through this organised academic environment, the NKUA supports the studies, scientific development and overall academic experience of its students.

4. The Medical School of NKUA

The Medical School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens has always aimed, and continues to aim as fully as possible, at the most comprehensive scientific training of physicians, offering, among other things, opportunities for high-level scientific education at both theoretical and clinical level.

To this end, it develops Postgraduate Programmes of Studies in specialised fields of medical science, utilising university clinics, laboratories and other academic structures operating in university premises, hospitals, or, where appropriate, private facilities, when deemed necessary.

Within the framework of these Programmes, the PPS “Surgical Oncology” is included, which is approved and supported by the Athens Medical School and has as its subject the broad and multifaceted scientific field of Surgical Oncology.

The educational and research activities of the Medical School are organised in Departments covering all basic and clinical subject areas of medical science. Specifically, the School is organised into the following Departments: Basic Medical Sciences, Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Pathology, Surgery, Mother and Child Health and Social Medicine, and Psychiatry and Neurology. This structure reflects the systematic organisation of educational, research and clinical work into distinct but complementary scientific fields.

5. The Postgraduate Programme of Studies

The Postgraduate Programme of Studies (PPS) “Surgical Oncology” (MSc in Surgical Oncology) has been organised and in operation since 2016, now fully aligned with the provisions of Law 4957/2022 and the Postgraduate and Doctoral Studies Regulations of the NKUA. It is the brainchild and subject of collaboration between two of the oldest university surgical clinics in the country, the 1st and 2nd Propedeutic Surgical Clinics, based at the General Hospital of Athens ‘Hippokration’ and the ‘Aretaieion Hospital’ respectively.

The PPS has as its subject Surgical Oncology, which focuses on a multifactorial and specialised approach to oncological diseases, with emphasis on diagnostic workup, therapeutic planning and surgical management, in conjunction with other available therapeutic interventions.

The PPS is addressed primarily to Surgeons, as well as to Physicians of other specialties who are active in the field of neoplastic diseases. Provision is also made for the participation of Nurses with an interest in Oncological Nursing, in accordance with the applicable institutional framework.

The subject matter of the Programme is developed through thematic units covering basic and specialised aspects of Surgical Oncology. Specifically, thematic areas include carcinogenesis, epidemiology, clinical studies and biostatistics, as well as scientific writing. Contemporary subjects are also included, such as the application of Artificial Intelligence in Surgical Oncology and the basic principles of radiotherapy and modern antineoplastic therapies.

More specifically, the PPS covers all major oncological diseases relevant to surgical practice, including oncological diseases of the breast, the upper gastrointestinal tract, the liver, pancreas and biliary system, the endocrine glands (thyroid and adrenals), as well as the colon, rectum and anus.

The structure of the Programme also includes special and contemporary topics in Surgical Oncology, such as skin cancer and melanoma, sarcomas, urological cancers, gynaecological malignancies, thoracic neoplasms, peritoneal carcinomatosis, brain tumours, head and neck neoplasms, and haematological malignancies.

The Programme also includes thematic units on the important field of palliative care and end-of-life decision-making for terminal-stage patients, as well as the psychiatric approach to patients suffering from various forms of neoplastic disease.

The overall structure and operational mechanism of the PPS aim to create a cohesive and organised curriculum, fully aligned with the contemporary demands of Surgical Oncology.

6. Programme Objectives and Graduate Prospects

The objective of the Postgraduate Programme of Studies “Surgical Oncology” (MSc in Surgical Oncology) is to offer organised, high-level postgraduate education in the field of Surgical Oncology. The Programme aims to provide the most thoroughly structured scientific training and the most complete scientific formation for postgraduate students, so that they deepen their knowledge and strengthen their scientific background, as shaped by the contemporary academic and clinical environment of Surgical Oncology.

The specialised knowledge acquired during the Programme increases the chances of professional and scientific advancement for graduates. The PPS provides solid and systematic scientific training, enhancing their knowledge and research background and enabling them to work in health structures, research centres, academic institutions both domestically and abroad, as well as in bodies responsible for health policy formulation and evaluation.

The Postgraduate Programme of Studies contributes both to the professional and scientific advancement of its graduates and to the progress of medical science and the enhancement of the reputation and academic development of the Medical School in the country, promoting research, knowledge and practical applications in the field of health.

7. Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the PPS “Surgical Oncology” (MSc in Surgical Oncology), graduates will be able to:

- Understand the biological, genetic and epidemiological basis of malignant neoplasms, as well as the basic principles of carcinogenesis.
- Apply modern, internationally accepted guidelines in the diagnosis and staging of oncological diseases.
- Design and carry out the appropriate imaging, laboratory and endoscopic workup, with the aim of accurate diagnosis and staging of neoplastic diseases.
- Apply guidelines in the overall therapeutic management of oncological diseases.

- Select the appropriate surgical approach, taking into account guidelines and available technological options, and apply open, laparoscopic or robotic techniques.
- Participate actively and in an evidence-based manner in oncological boards and contribute to the multidisciplinary planning of therapeutic strategies.
- Understand the role of preoperative and postoperative therapies, such as chemotherapy, radiotherapy and palliative care, in the overall treatment plan of oncological patients.
- Apply postoperative follow-up and recurrence monitoring protocols, in accordance with internationally accepted guidelines.
- Apply basic Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Augmented Reality (AR) protocols in training, diagnosis and preoperative planning in Surgical Oncology.
- Critically evaluate scientific literature and clinical study data and incorporate them in an evidence-based manner into clinical decision-making.
- Develop scientific thinking and basic research skills capable of supporting their participation in research activities.
- Possess the necessary theoretical and scientific background to continue studies at doctoral level or to participate in further clinical specialisation programmes (fellowships).

8. Eligible Applicants

The Postgraduate Programme of Studies accepts holders of a first-cycle degree from Medical Schools of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Greece or equivalent degrees recognised by the Hellenic Authority for Higher Education (DOATAP), resident and specialist physicians in General Surgery and related specialties, as well as physicians of other specialties who are active in the field of neoplastic diseases.

Furthermore, graduates of Nursing Schools of HEIs in Greece or equivalent institutions abroad who have an interest in providing health services to oncological patients are also accepted.

The maximum number of admissions is set at thirty (30), based on the number of lecturers, available infrastructure, teaching rooms and the absorption capacity of graduates by the labour market.

Beyond this number, one (1) member of the Special Educational Personnel (SEP), Laboratory Teaching Personnel (LTP) or Special Technical Laboratory Personnel (STLP) may be admitted per year, provided that their work or subject area is relevant to the PPS.

Additionally, scholarship holders of the State Scholarships Foundation (IKY) and foreign scholarship holders of the Greek state are admitted, in accordance with current legislation.

9. Call for Applications – Student Selection and Required Documents

The PPS is announced every two academic years by decision of the Assembly of the Medical School, and the announcement is posted on the official website of the Postgraduate Programmes of the Medical School of the NKUA. It includes all details relating to the submission of applications.

Interested parties must submit the required documents to the Secretariat of the PPS within a predetermined deadline. If necessary, the deadline may be extended by decision of the Assembly of the Medical School.

9.1 Competent Bodies and Evaluation Procedure

The Coordinating Committee evaluates the applications, conducts interviews and draws up an evaluation ranking, which it submits for approval to the Assembly of the Medical School. The final selection of admitted students is completed by decision of the Assembly.

9.2 Required Documents

For participation in the selection procedure, candidates must compulsorily submit the following documents:

- Application form.
- Detailed curriculum vitae.
- Copy of first-cycle degree.
- Publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals, if available.
- Evidence of professional or research activity and scientific work relevant to the subject area of the PPS, if available.
- Photocopy of both sides of national identity card.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from TRS members or Heads of Clinics of related specialties.
- Certificate of English language proficiency at B2 level.
- Participation in a personal interview.

9.3 Candidates from Foreign Institutions

For candidates with a first-cycle degree from a foreign institution, where applicable, the candidate is required to provide a certificate of academic title recognition from DOATAP.

9.4 Selection Criteria and Scoring

Candidates are invited to a personal interview by a specially constituted Committee, after which the selection of admitted students is carried out using a scoring system on a scale of 0–100, with the following weightings:

- Degree grade: 20%.
- Holding of specialty in General Surgery or related specialties of the PPS: 20%.
- Research activity and scientific publications: 10%.
- Prior experience in a relevant field: 20%.
- Oral interview: 30%.

The Coordinating Committee of the PPS draws up the selection report, based on the total score, and submits it for ratification to the General Assembly of the Medical School. In the event of a tie, tied candidates are admitted at a rate not exceeding 10% of the maximum number of admissions.

Scholarship holders of the State Scholarships Foundation (IKY) and foreign scholarship holders of the Greek state are admitted to the PPS without the oral interview procedure, in accordance with the provisions of Government Gazette B' 5027/2024.

9.5 Announcement of Results and Enrolment

Successful candidates are notified and must complete the enrolment procedure, in cooperation with the Secretariat of the PPS, within fifteen (15) days from the date of publication of the Assembly's decision. In the event of failure to enrol within the deadline, the place is filled by the reserve candidates, in accordance with their ranking in the approved evaluation list.

10. Attendance

10.1 Duration of Studies

The duration of studies in the PPS "Surgical Oncology" (MSc in Surgical Oncology) is four (4) academic semesters, including the time for the preparation of the Master's Thesis. The programme corresponds to a total study load of 120 credit units (ECTS), in accordance with the structure of the Curriculum and the applicable institutional framework.

10.2 Extension of Studies

The possibility of extending studies is provided, upon a reasoned application by the student and approval by the Assembly of the Medical School. The extension may last up to two (2) academic semesters. In any case, the total time for the completion of studies may not exceed six (6) academic semesters.

10.3 Part-time Attendance

The Programme provides, in accordance with the applicable institutional framework, the possibility of part-time attendance, upon a reasoned application by the student and approval by the competent bodies.

10.4 Suspension of Studies

The possibility of suspending studies is provided, upon a reasoned application by the student and approval by the Assembly of the Medical School, for serious reasons substantiated by the corresponding supporting documents. The suspension may last up to two (2) consecutive academic semesters.

During the suspension period, student status is suspended and participation in educational activities is not permitted. The period of suspension is not counted towards the maximum study duration. After its expiry, the student re-enrolls in the Programme to continue their studies.

The granting of an extension or suspension is examined on a case-by-case basis by the Coordinating Committee, which makes a recommendation to the Assembly of the Medical School.

11. Credit Units (ECTS)

Credit units (ECTS) correspond to the total workload of the student. Each ECTS unit is equivalent to approximately 25–30 hours of student work, which includes teaching, study and assessment.

To obtain the Master's Degree in the PPS "Surgical Oncology" (MSc in Surgical Oncology), the successful completion of a total of one hundred and twenty (120) credit units (ECTS) is required.

Credit units are distributed across the four academic semesters and are awarded after the successful attendance and assessment of courses, laboratory sessions, clinical practice, other educational activities and the Master's Thesis, in accordance with the approved Curriculum.

The first ninety (90) credit units (ECTS) are distributed across the first three academic semesters and are obtained through compulsory attendance and successful assessment of courses, seminars, laboratory and clinical exercises, as well as other educational activities of the Programme. Each course or activity corresponds to a specific number of credit units, which reflects the workload and its relative weight in the overall programme of study.

The fourth (4th) academic semester corresponds to a total of thirty (30) credit units (ECTS). Of these, twenty (20) credit units are attributed to the preparation of the Master's Thesis, which is compulsory and constitutes an integral part of the academic completion of the Programme. The remaining ten (10) credit units of the semester correspond to the compulsory courses and educational activities provided for in the approved Curriculum.

The distribution of courses per academic semester and the corresponding credit units (ECTS) are presented in detail in the Programme tables that follow, while the content and educational objectives of the courses are developed in their individual descriptions.

The PPS "Surgical Oncology" (MSc in Surgical Oncology) is organised into four (4) academic semesters and commences in the winter semester of each academic year. The successful completion of the Programme requires the accumulation of a total of one hundred and twenty (120) credit units (ECTS).

The educational process includes compulsory attendance and successful examination of postgraduate courses, participation in laboratory and clinical educational activities, participation in symposia or conferences, research engagement, scientific writing, as well as preparation of the Master's Thesis. All courses are taught on a weekly basis and, where applicable, include laboratory exercises, seminars and organised practical activities.

The language of instruction is Greek and, where applicable, English, particularly in the context of invited lectures by speakers from Greece or abroad. The Master's Thesis is written in Greek or English.

The preparation of the Master's Thesis takes place during the fourth (4th) semester of study and is credited with the prescribed credit units, constituting an integral and concluding part of the Programme.

Teaching is delivered through a combination of in-person and distance educational methods, in accordance with current legislation and the relevant provisions of the Study Regulations. Educational activities are

organised in course cycles that take the form of lectures, seminars and experiential educational processes, with the active participation of postgraduate students.

The courses of the PPS are organised in successive thematic units. Each thematic unit is self-contained and serves as a prerequisite for the next, ensuring the gradual and systematic deepening of knowledge in the subject area of Surgical Oncology.

The distribution of courses per academic semester and credit units (ECTS) are set out in the tables that follow, while the content of the courses is presented in detail below.

12. Two years flow - Curriculum

12.1 Curriculum

The courses of the PPS are organised in successive thematic units, where each unit is self-contained and a prerequisite for the next. This ensures the gradual and systematic deepening of knowledge in Surgical Oncology.

The distribution of courses per semester and the corresponding credit units (ECTS) are presented in the tables that follow, while the content of each course is analysed below.

1st Semester

Compulsory Courses	Teaching hrs/week	ECTS
Carcinogenesis – Principles of Epidemiology – Biostatistics & Clinical Studies – How to Write a Paper	3	4
Principles of Radiotherapy and Modern Antineoplastic Therapies	3	2
Special Topics in Surgical Oncology I	3	2
Practical Training in the Department of Pathological Anatomy	3	5
Practical Training in the Department of Radiotherapy	3	5
Practical Training in the Department of Radiology	3	5
Oncological Board	3	5
Symposium / Conference	3	2
Total	24	30

2nd Semester

Compulsory Courses	Teaching hrs/week	ECTS
Oncological Diseases of the Breast	3	4

Compulsory Courses	Teaching hrs/week	ECTS
Oncological Diseases of the Upper Gastrointestinal Tract	3	2
Special Topics in Surgical Oncology II	3	2
Practical Training in the Operating Theatre	3	10
Oncological Board	3	5
Continuing Medical Education Programme	3	5
Symposium / Conference	3	2
Total	21	30

3rd Semester

Compulsory Courses	Teaching hrs/week	ECTS
Oncological Diseases of the Liver – Pancreas – Biliary System	3	4
Oncological Diseases of the Endocrine Glands	3	2
Special Topics in Surgical Oncology III	3	2
Practical Training in the Operating Theatre	3	10
Oncological Board	3	5
Continuing Medical Education Programme	3	5
Symposium / Conference	3	2
Total	21	30

4th Semester

Compulsory Courses	Teaching hrs/week	ECTS
Oncological Diseases of the Colon – Rectum – Anus	3	4
Special Neoplasms	3	2
Special Topics in Surgical Oncology IV	3	2
Continuing Medical Education Programme	3	2
Preparation of Master's Thesis		20
Total	12	30

Compulsory Courses	Teaching hrs/week	ECTS
GRAND TOTAL	78	120

12.2 Course Content / Description

1st SEMESTER

COURSE 1 – “Carcinogenesis” – includes the following thematic units:

1. Carcinogenesis

Normal cell cycle and DNA – Carcinogenesis – Invasion and metastasis – Cancer immunology and recent data – Biomarkers.

2. Principles of Epidemiology

Epidemiology in the assessment of risk and treatment efficacy in malignant neoplasms – Basic principles of research in the epidemiology of malignant neoplasms – Secondary prevention and mass pre-symptomatic screening of malignant neoplasms – Risk factors for malignant neoplasms.

3. Biostatistics and Clinical Studies

Clinical studies – Statistical analysis – Evaluation of Biostatistics in the diagnosis and prognosis of malignant neoplasms – Evaluation of Clinical studies using current statistical indicators.

4. How to write a paper

COURSE 2 – “Principles of Radiotherapy and Modern Antineoplastic Therapies” – includes the following thematic units:

1. Principles of Radiotherapy

Mechanism of action of radiotherapy – External radiotherapy – Modern techniques – Intracavitary and intraoperative radiotherapy – Complications of radiotherapy for abdominal oncological diseases and soft tissue tumours – Complications of radiotherapy for oncological diseases of the brain, neck and chest – CyberKnife.

2. Principles of Modern Antineoplastic Therapies

General principles of chemotherapy – Types of chemotherapy drugs – Complications – Modern targeting of antineoplastic therapy – Targeted therapies and ADCs – Principles of immunotherapy and adverse effects.

COURSE 3 – “Special Topics in Surgical Oncology I” – includes the following thematic units:

1. Skin Cancer – Melanoma

Skin cancer – Melanoma (epidemiology – diagnosis – adjuvant therapies and management of metastatic disease) – Melanoma (surgical treatment).

2. Sarcomas

Soft tissue sarcomas – Limb sarcomas – Special treatments for sarcomas – Retroperitoneal sarcomas.

3. Artificial Intelligence & Surgical Oncology

Artificial Intelligence – basic concepts and applications in surgical training – Simulation-based training in Surgery – Personalized surgical simulation – The use of artificial intelligence in the diagnostic algorithm and therapeutic management of neoplasms.

2nd SEMESTER

COURSE 1 – “Oncological Diseases of the Breast” – includes the following thematic units:

Anatomy – Physiology of the breast – Epidemiology of breast cancer, risk factors, Clinical examination, pre-symptomatic screening, Screening – Genetics of breast cancer – High-risk groups – Familial syndromes – Genetic counselling – Histopathological forms of breast cancer – Pre-cancerous, pre-invasive lesions – Classical and digital mammography, tomosynthesis – Breast-conserving surgery, lumpectomy, quadrantectomy – Fine needle aspiration biopsy – Cytological examination of nipple discharge – ductal lavage after catheterisation – Imprint cytology – Core biopsy – Minimally invasive methods in the diagnosis of early breast cancer – Stereotactically guided vacuum-assisted biopsy – Stereotactically guided radiofrequency biopsy (RF-BLES) – Ultrasound – Elastography – Breast MRI – PET CT – Mastectomy: modified radical, skin-sparing mastectomy – Axillary surgery – Sentinel lymph node biopsy – axillary lymph node dissection – Oncoplastic techniques – Reconstruction techniques after mastectomy – Breast cancer and pregnancy – Targeted therapies and hormonal therapy – Chemotherapy (adjuvant – neoadjuvant) – Radiotherapy.

COURSE 2 – “Oncological Diseases of the Upper Gastrointestinal Tract” – includes the following thematic units:

Oesophageal cancer – Epidemiology, risk factors, Barrett’s oesophagus – Oesophageal cancer – Preoperative staging (CT-PET) – Oesophageal cancer – Perioperative therapies – Oesophageal cancer – The role of preoperative chemoradiotherapy – Preoperative assessment, nutritional problems – Oesophagectomy – Technique and complications – Oesophageal cancer – Endoscopic resection, minimally invasive techniques, ERAS – Gastric cancer – Epidemiology, risk factors – intestinal metaplasia – Gastric cancer – Endoscopic resection, minimally invasive techniques, ERAS – Gastric cancer – The role of preoperative chemoradiotherapy – Gastrectomy – Technique and complications – Gastric cancer – Preoperative assessment, diagnostic laparoscopy – Post-gastrectomy syndromes – Cancer of the cardia-oesophageal junction – Surveillance programmes for the prevention of upper gastrointestinal cancer – Gene mutations and syndromes of the upper gastrointestinal tract.

COURSE 3 – “Special Topics in Surgical Oncology II” – includes the following thematic units:

1. GIST and Carcinoid Tumours of the Gastrointestinal Tract

GIST (Classification, Localisation, Pathological Anatomy – Surgical management) – Adjuvant therapy and follow-up – Carcinoid tumours of the gastrointestinal tract (Epidemiology, localisation, surgical management).

2. Urological Cancer

Kidney tumours – Testicular tumours – Inferior vena cava invasion.

3rd SEMESTER

COURSE 1 – “Oncological Diseases of the Liver – Pancreas – Biliary System” – includes the following thematic units:

HCC – imaging for diagnosis and staging – The need for biopsy – HCC – epidemiology, carcinogenesis, risk factors, screening – therapeutic algorithms – Surgical anatomy of the liver – Types of hepatectomy – Minimally invasive liver surgery – Gallbladder cancer – Hepatic metastases – Imaging for detection, staging and response assessment – Synchronous hepatic metastases – Resection or chemotherapy – Metachronous hepatic metastases – increasing resectability – Klatskin tumours – epidemiology, classification and assessment of resectability – Klatskin tumours – the role of endoscopy in diagnosis (ERCP – Spyglass technology) and preoperative drainage and indications for surgery – Surgical management of non-colorectal metastases – Surgical anatomy of the pancreas – Carcinoma of the exocrine pancreas – epidemiology, risk factors, diagnosis and staging – The role of endoscopic ultrasound – Whipple procedure: technique and complications – Distal pancreatectomy: technique and complications – Cystic tumours of the pancreas – Neuroendocrine tumours of the pancreas – Surgical treatment – Histopathological assessment of the resected specimen after pancreatectomy for pancreatic cancer – The role of endoscopy in diagnosis and drainage in pancreatic cancer – Minimally invasive surgery for pancreatic cancer – Neoadjuvant and adjuvant chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer and metastatic pancreatic cancer.

COURSE 2 – “Oncological Diseases of the Endocrine Glands” – includes the following thematic units:

Thyroid cancer – Epidemiology, genetic risk factors – Histopathological forms – Surgical management and lymph node dissection – Postoperative therapy and follow-up in thyroid cancer – Targeted therapies – MEN syndromes – Adrenocortical carcinoma, pheochromocytoma, metastatic tumours – Diagnostic algorithm for adrenal neoplasms – Open and laparoscopic adrenalectomy, technique and complications.

COURSE 3 – “Special Topics in Oncology III” – includes the following thematic units:

1. Thoracic Neoplasms

Primary and secondary lung tumours: Diagnosis & Treatment – Mediastinal and chest wall tumours – Thoracoscopic approach to primary and secondary lung tumours.

2. Peritoneal Carcinomatosis

Cytoreductive Surgery: Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy (HIPEC) – Technique & Complications – Indications and patient selection criteria.

4th SEMESTER

COURSE 1 – “Oncological Diseases of the Colon – Rectum – Anus” – includes the following thematic units:

Molecular basis of colorectal cancer – Genetic pathways – Staging of colorectal cancer – Prognostic factors – Endoscopic diagnostic and therapeutic techniques in colorectal cancer – Imaging methods in preoperative evaluation of colorectal cancer – Oncological right and left colectomy, Total mesocolic excision – Total mesorectal excision: Technique, results – Intersphincteric resection, Transanal total mesorectal excision – Transanal local excision for early rectal cancer – Conventional and extralevator abdominoperineal excision – Laparoscopic oncological right and left colectomy – Laparoscopic low anterior resection – Robotic surgery for colorectal cancer – Adjuvant chemotherapy for colorectal cancer – (Neo)adjuvant radiotherapy for rectal cancer – Pelvic floor reconstruction after major resections – Anal cancer, anal margin cancer – Presacral tumours – Functional disorders after surgery for rectal cancer.

COURSE 2 – “Special Neoplasms” – includes the following thematic units:

1. Gynaecological

Surgical management strategy for ovarian cancer – Neoadjuvant and adjuvant chemotherapy for ovarian cancer – Uterine neoplasms.

2. Brain Tumours, Head and Neck Neoplasms, Haematological Malignancies

Primary and metastatic brain tumours – Parotid gland tumours – Lymphomas of the gastrointestinal tract and spleen.

COURSE 3 – “Special Topics in Surgical Oncology IV” – includes the following thematic units:

1. Miscellaneous Topics

Tumours of unknown primary – Infections in the cancer patient – Surgical emergencies in the Oncological patient.

2. Principles of Palliative Care and End-of-Life Decisions

Symptom control – Euthanasia, withdrawal of support – Home care.

3. Psychiatric Approach to Cancer Patients

Psychiatric perspectives on aetiological-pathogenetic and therapeutic issues in neoplastic disease – Existential issues in cancer patients – Psychotherapeutic approach – Psychosocial issues in neoplastic disease – bioethical issues.

Practical Training in the Department of Pathological Anatomy

- Principles of macroscopic assessment of surgical specimens.
- Conventional and molecular techniques for the assessment of histological specimens (histochemical stains, immunohistochemistry, immunocytochemistry, in situ hybridisation, liquid-phase cytology, FISH, PCR).
- Assessment of frozen section biopsy.
- Techniques for lymph node isolation and assessment of lymph node metastatic disease.
- Sentinel lymph node and micrometastatic disease.
- Assessment of perivascular and perineural invasion.
- Assessment of mastectomy specimen.
- Assessment of gastrectomy specimen.
- Assessment of pancreatectomy specimen.
- Assessment of total mesorectal excision specimen.

Practical Training in the Department of Radiotherapy

- Collection of anatomical patient data from imaging workup and medical history.
- Localisation of the tumour and its extent.
- Patient positioning simulation and pre-treatment planning.
- CT planning with corresponding immobilisation.
- Delineation of the target tumour and critical organs.

- Selection of beam configuration and treatment plan calculation.
- Treatment plan verification.
- Verification of treatment reproducibility.

Practical Training in the Department of Radiology

- Collection of anatomical patient data from imaging workup and medical history.
- Assessment of mammography.
- Assessment of CT and MRI in tumours of the Liver – Biliary System – Pancreas.
- Imaging staging of gastrointestinal neoplasms based on CT and MRI.
- Preoperative planning of Liver – Pancreas procedures based on CT.

Oncological Board

At the Oncological Board, an average of ten (10) oncological cases are discussed each week, either preoperatively or postoperatively, and their management is determined based on clinical guidelines. At the Oncological Board of both the Hippokration and Aretaieion Hospitals, surgeons, oncologists, a radiation oncologist, a pathologist and, where appropriate, physicians of other specialties (gynaecologist, gastroenterologist, etc.) participate. The possibility of Virtual Reality technology is provided for the remote participation of students in Oncological Boards as well as for conducting educational virtual Oncological Boards.

Continuing Medical Education Programme

In the Continuing Medical Education Programme of both Clinics, there are lectures and round table discussions by experienced and distinguished speakers on topics relevant to Surgical Oncology.

Symposia / Conferences

At the beginning of each semester, students will be informed of Symposia and Conferences due to take place in Greece with subject matter relevant to Surgical Oncology. Each student must, during each semester (for the first three semesters), attend a Symposium or Conference and submit a certificate of attendance and certified award of 10 Continuing Medical Education credits. For Symposia or Conferences where a registration fee is required, the Postgraduate Programme, by decision of the Coordinating Committee, may cover the student's participation costs, provided that they present an oral or poster presentation arising from the preparation of their Thesis.

13. Teaching Methods and Organisation

The PPS “Surgical Oncology” (MSc in Surgical Oncology) organises its educational process with in-person teaching as the primary axis and the active participation of postgraduate students in the academic and clinical activities of the Programme. The overall educational approach combines theoretical training with clinical and laboratory education, with the aim of a substantive understanding and application of modern principles of Surgical Oncology.

The teaching of courses takes place primarily in person, on a weekly basis. The use of synchronous or asynchronous distance learning methods is applied supplementarily and exclusively for courses and educational activities of a theoretical nature, which by their nature do not involve practical, laboratory or

clinical training and can be supported without physical presence. These activities include, among others, seminars and lectures by invited speakers from distinguished institutions in Greece and abroad, as well as remote real-time observation of modern surgical techniques via electronic classroom.

The physical presence of postgraduate students is compulsory in all educational activities that involve clinical training, laboratory practice or practical familiarisation. Particular emphasis is placed on the participation of students in the Oncological Boards of the collaborating university surgical clinics, which take place on a weekly basis during the first three academic semesters. Through this participation, students become familiar with the interdisciplinary approach to oncological cases and the process of collective clinical decision-making.

The educational process also includes continuing medical education courses of the collaborating Clinics and participation in symposia, as well as compulsory educational activities conducted exclusively in person, such as laboratories and observation of surgical procedures. Within this framework, students are trained in modern conventional and minimally invasive surgical techniques, as well as robotic surgical techniques, under the guidance and supervision of experienced university lecturers.

The Programme follows a blended learning system, in accordance with current legislation and the Study Regulations. The maximum limit of distance learning participation, overall or per course, is determined at the beginning of each academic year by the Coordinating Committee. Asynchronous distance learning does not exceed twenty-five per cent (25%) of the total credit units of the PPS.

For the support of the educational process, the official digital platforms of the NKUA (e-class and Webex) are used, through which educational material is posted, announcements are made and, in special cases, approved distance learning activities are conducted.

Educational material is provided exclusively for the educational use of postgraduate students and is protected by current legislation on intellectual property and personal data.

The organisation of the educational process using distance learning methods ensures accessibility for persons with disabilities and special educational needs, in accordance with the provisions of the NKUA. Furthermore, the support of the digital educational process and compliance with the institutional framework for the protection of personal data are ensured by the competent administrative and technical units of the NKUA.

14. Venues and Course Attendance

The educational process of the PPS “Surgical Oncology” is conducted at the facilities of the Medical School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA) and the collaborating university hospitals, under the supervision of the 1st Propedeutic Surgical Clinic (General Hospital of Athens ‘Hippokration’) and the 2nd Surgical Clinic (Aretaieion Hospital).

Courses, seminars and symposia are held in the lecture theatres and teaching rooms of the Clinics, while specialised laboratories and clinical units are used, such as the Laboratory of Pathological Anatomy, the Radiation Oncology Unit and the operating room housing the da Vinci X robotic system. Teaching is distributed between the two hospital structures, in accordance with the academic planning of the Programme. Collaborations with other university and private clinics provide access to modern surgical techniques and specialised practices, at the level of laboratories, oncological departments and specialised surgical procedures.

All venues are equipped with audiovisual aids, are accessible to persons with mobility difficulties, and may be used for the presentation of postgraduate theses and scientific events. These venues are also used for other academic activities of the Programme. Additionally, the Medical School has a multimedia room with computer terminals available for educational use by Postgraduate Programmes.

Attendance at courses and activities takes place in accordance with the Programme schedule and the instructors' guidelines. Student presence is compulsory at clinical and laboratory sessions, and students are required to observe the operational regulations of the premises and the instructions of those responsible, in accordance with the basic principles of professional ethics.

15. Assessment and Examination

15.1 Study Structure and Attendance

The academic year of the Postgraduate Programme of Studies comprises two semesters, the winter and the spring semester. Each semester includes at least thirteen (13) weeks of teaching and three (3) weeks of examinations. The courses of both semesters may be re-examined during the September examination period.

In the event that a course cannot be delivered, it is made up at a later date, and the date and time of the make-up session are announced via the PPS website.

Attendance at courses, laboratories, operating theatre sessions, oncological boards and the continuing medical education programme of the participating clinics is compulsory. The maximum permitted number of absences per semester is nine (9) teaching hours, subject to justification. Exceeding this limit results in repetition of the semester, which is permitted only once. If the maximum number of absences is exceeded in more than one semester, the postgraduate student is struck off the PPS, following consideration of the matter by the Coordinating Committee and a relevant recommendation to the Assembly of the Medical School.

15.2 Assessment and Examinations

The assessment of postgraduate students takes place at the end of each semester, primarily through written examinations with multiple-choice questions. Student performance is assessed on the basis of the percentage of correct answers, with a minimum pass mark of fifty per cent (50%).

Laboratory exercises, written assignments and seminars may be taken into account in the final grade for each course. Their percentage contribution is determined per course and is set out in the Student Handbook of the PPS. Examination results are announced by the lecturer and sent to the Secretariat of the PPS and the Medical School within four (4) weeks from the date of the course examination.

15.3 Special Assessment Provisions

In cases of exceptional circumstances or force majeure, alternative assessment methods may be applied, such as remote written or oral examinations using electronic means, provided that the integrity of the process is ensured.

For students with disabilities or special educational needs, alternative assessment methods may be applied, by decision of the Coordinating Committee and a relevant recommendation from the competent departmental committee, in accordance with current accessibility guidelines.

In cases of illness or recovery from serious illness, lecturers may provide accommodations, such as an oral remote examination, ensuring the objectivity of the process.

15.4 Repetition of Courses and Grade Matters

Courses in which the postgraduate student has not achieved a passing grade must be repeated. Laboratories or exercises that have been successfully completed and are independently graded are secured and do not need to be repeated.

Correction of a grade is permitted only in cases of obvious errors or cumulative mistakes, upon recommendation of the responsible lecturer and by decision of the Assembly of the Medical School. In the event of failure in the same course more than three (3) times, the procedure provided for by current legislation applies.

15.5 Retention of Examination Scripts and Calculation of Degree Grade

Examination scripts are retained under the responsibility of the course supervisor for a period of two (2) years and are subsequently destroyed, unless a related criminal, disciplinary or administrative procedure is pending.

The final grade of the degree is derived from the weighted average of the grades of all courses, with the credit units (ECTS) of each course serving as the weighting factor, according to the formula:

$$\text{Degree Grade} = (\sum BM_k \times ECTS_k) / \text{Total ECTS}$$

Where:

N = number of courses required for the award of the corresponding degree

BM_k = grade of course k

ECTS_k = credit units of course k

Total ECTS = total credit units required for the award of the corresponding degree

For the award of the Master's Diploma, the successful completion of all compulsory courses, the preparation of the Master's Thesis and the accumulation of one hundred and twenty (120) credit units (ECTS) are required.

16. Master's Thesis

The Master's Thesis is prepared during the fourth (4th) semester of study and constitutes an integral part of the Programme. For this reason, its preparation presupposes the student's successful examination in all compulsory courses.

The thesis is individual, original and relevant to the subject area of the Programme. It may take the form of a bibliographic review or a research study with a clear scientific or research character. At the same time, it is

prepared in accordance with the basic principles of academic ethics, and the use of current scientific data and relevant bibliography is encouraged.

The assignment of the Master's Thesis is made upon application by the student, in which the title is declared and a brief description of the topic is submitted. Within this framework, a supervisor is appointed and a three-member examination committee is constituted, one member of which is the supervisor. If required, the title of the thesis may be finalised or modified in agreement with the supervisor.

Throughout the preparation of the thesis, supervision includes continuous scientific guidance of the student, with the aim of ensuring the scientific quality and coherence of the work.

The language of writing of the Master's Thesis may be Greek or English. After its completion, the thesis is defended orally before the three-member examination committee, which evaluates the content, methodology and overall scientific quality.

The Master's Thesis corresponds to twenty (20) credit units (ECTS) and is a necessary prerequisite for the award of the Master's Diploma. Approved theses are deposited in the Digital Repository 'PERGAMOS' of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

Finally, the further exploitation of the Master's Thesis for scientific dissemination is encouraged, such as submission for publication in scientific journals or presentation at scientific conferences, without constituting an obligation.

17. Teaching Assignments

The assignment of teaching work in the PPS "Surgical Oncology" is carried out in accordance with the applicable institutional and regulatory framework governing the operation of Postgraduate Programmes of Studies. The relevant procedure is completed by decision of the Assembly of the Medical School, following a recommendation by the Coordinating Committee.

Teaching work in the PPS may be assigned to members of the Teaching and Research Staff (TRS), Special Educational Personnel (SEP), Laboratory Teaching Personnel (LTP) and Special Technical Laboratory Personnel (STLP) of the Medical School or other Departments of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, as well as of other Higher Education or Higher Military Education Institutions, as additional employment beyond their statutory obligations. The categories of lecturers also include emeritus professors and retired TRS members, collaborating professors, designated lecturers, visiting professors or visiting researchers, as well as researchers and specialist scientific staff from recognised research and technology bodies in Greece or abroad. Furthermore, it is possible to assign teaching work to scientists of recognised standing, with specialised knowledge and documented experience in the subject area of the Programme, in accordance with the prescribed conditions.

By decision of the Assembly of the Medical School, auxiliary teaching work may also be assigned to doctoral candidates of the Medical School, under the supervision of a PPS lecturer, within the framework of their educational and academic development and in accordance with the applicable institutional provisions.

The decisions of the Assembly of the Medical School concerning the allocation of teaching work include the full name of each lecturer, their academic or professional capacity, the type of teaching work assigned to them (course, seminar or laboratory), as well as the number of teaching hours per educational activity.

The allocation of teaching work is carried out, as a rule, before the start of the academic year for both the winter and spring semesters. When this is not feasible, the relevant decision is taken before the start of the corresponding semester. In special cases, the assignment of teaching work may be modified during the academic year, by a reasoned decision of the Assembly of the Medical School.

Finally, lecturers who are on educational leave or suspension of duties may provide teaching work in the PPS, provided that their schedule permits and subject to the condition that the provision of such work is substantively and practically feasible, as assessed on a case-by-case basis by the competent bodies.

18. Rights and Obligations of Postgraduate Students

Postgraduate students of the PPS are fully integrated into the academic environment of the Institution and exercise the rights and obligations arising from student status, as provided for by the applicable institutional and regulatory framework.

18.1 Rights and Benefits

Postgraduate students:

- Enjoy the rights and benefits provided for first-cycle students of the Institution, unless otherwise specified by special provisions applicable to Postgraduate Programmes of Studies.
- Have access to the academic, administrative and support structures of the University, in accordance with the applicable operational regulations.
- May participate in international mobility and educational exchange programmes, such as ERASMUS+ and CIVIS, in accordance with current legislation and the regulations of the Institution.
- May participate in educational or research collaborations with other Higher Education Institutions in Greece or abroad, where provided for by the corresponding cooperation programmes.
- Have the possibility of simultaneous enrolment in an undergraduate programme of studies and a Postgraduate Programme of Studies, or in more than one PPS, in accordance with current legislation.

Special consideration is given to students with disabilities and/or special educational needs. The Institution ensures accessibility to the teaching process and the recommended textbooks through the necessary adaptations. In this context, the Accessibility Unit for Students with Disabilities (FmeA) of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens provides support services and access technologies. Information is available on the official website of the Unit: <http://access.uoa.gr/>

18.2 Academic Obligations and Conditions of Study

Postgraduate students are required to:

- Attend courses, seminars and other educational activities of the PPS on a systematic basis.
- Participate in scientific and educational activities related to the subject area of the Programme, such as seminars, bibliography discussions, laboratory visits, conferences, symposia and lectures.

- Comply with the academic, administrative and ethical obligations arising from student status and the operational regulations of the PPS.

Within the framework of the conditions of study, it is clarified that the free provision of teaching textbooks is not provided for postgraduate students, in accordance with the applicable institutional framework.

18.3 Removal of Postgraduate Students

The Assembly of the Medical School, following a recommendation by the Coordinating Committee, may decide to remove a postgraduate student in the following cases:

- Exceeding the maximum permitted number of absences.
- Failure in the examination of one or more courses and unsuccessful completion of the Programme.
- Exceeding the maximum duration of studies.
- Violation of the provisions on disciplinary offences.
- Non-payment of the prescribed tuition fee.
- Submission of a relevant application by the student themselves.
- Failure to produce a certificate of academic title recognition from DOATAP, for graduates of foreign institutions, within the prescribed time limits, as specifically defined in Article 5 of Government Gazette B' 5027/2024.

In the event of removal, a certificate may be issued for courses that have been successfully completed, in accordance with the institutional framework.

19. Scholarships

The PPS “Surgical Oncology” (MSc in Surgical Oncology) provides for the award of scholarships, subject to the availability of financial resources.

The PPS awards an excellence scholarship to the student who achieves the highest grade point average across all courses, as calculated after the completion of the 1st semester of studies. The scholarship exempts the recipient from the payment of tuition fees for the last semester of course teaching, prior to the semester of preparation of the Master’s Thesis.

Postgraduate students who have completed at least half of the normal duration of studies are eligible to apply for an excellence scholarship, provided that they do not hold a salaried position in the public or private sector and do not receive a scholarship from any other body for the same period.

The evaluation of candidates is based on grade performance in courses, the successful completion of all courses in accordance with the curriculum, as well as individual and household income. In the event of a tie in both grade and income, the selection is made by lot. If the selected student declines the scholarship, it is awarded to the next candidate in the ranking order.

The procedure is initiated following a relevant call. Interested parties submit an application to the Secretariat of the Medical School, accompanied by the required supporting documents. The Coordinating Committee

examines the applications and makes a recommendation, while the final decision is taken by the Assembly of the Medical School.

In addition to the excellence scholarship, the PPS provides for the possibility of awarding reciprocal scholarships to postgraduate students who undertake auxiliary teaching work in first-cycle programmes of studies. Their award depends on the number of admitted students and the financial capacity of the PPS. The amount of the reciprocal scholarship is calculated on the basis of actual working hours and may cover part or all of the tuition fees.

20. Tuition Fees and Exemptions

For participation in the PPS “Surgical Oncology” (MSc in Surgical Oncology), postgraduate students pay tuition fees of eight hundred euros (€800.00) per student, per semester, and a total of three thousand two hundred euros (€3,200) for the full duration of study. Payment is made in a lump sum, at the beginning of each semester, to the Special Research Account of the NKUA.

Exemption from tuition fees is granted to PPS students who meet the financial or social criteria and the conditions of academic excellence during the first cycle of studies, as defined by current legislation. The exemption is granted for participation in one PPS only, and exempted students do not exceed, in any case, thirty per cent (30%) of the total number of admitted students per academic year. In the event that the above percentage is exceeded, the selection of beneficiaries is made in order of ranking, starting from those with the lowest income, in accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 35 of Law 4485/2017.

The application for exemption from tuition fees is submitted after the completion of the student selection process of the Programme, and the financial situation of a candidate is in no case a reason for non-selection to the PPS.

Those who receive a scholarship from another source are not entitled to exemption, nor are citizens of countries outside the European Union. The examination of the exemption criteria is carried out by the Assembly of the Medical School, which issues a reasoned decision of acceptance or rejection of the application. Where current legislation sets an age criterion, for reasons of sound administration and equal treatment, the date of birth of students is recommended to be considered as the 31st of December of the year of birth.

Members of the SEP, LTP and STLP categories who are admitted as supernumerary students are exempt from the payment of tuition fees. Furthermore, in the event of simultaneous enrolment in a PPS of the Institution by members of the same family up to the second degree of consanguinity or affinity, the possibility of a 50% reduction in the tuition fees paid is available.

21. Award of Degree – Master’s Diploma

The award of the Master’s Diploma (MD) requires the full and successful completion of the programme of studies. Specifically, the postgraduate student must have attended and successfully sat examinations in all compulsory courses of the Programme, accumulated a total of one hundred and twenty (120) credit units (ECTS), and have prepared and successfully defended the Master’s Thesis.

The completion of academic obligations is verified by the competent bodies of the Programme and confirmed by decision of the Assembly of the Medical School, which certifies the completion of studies and approves the award of the degree. Following the completion of the award procedure of the MD, a certificate of completion of studies may be issued to the graduate, while student status and participation in collective bodies of the Institution automatically cease.

The MD in “Surgical Oncology” is accompanied by a final grade, which is calculated on the basis of the weighting of each course in the programme of studies, as calculated on the basis of the corresponding credit units (ECTS) of each course.

The type and content of the degree awarded is uniform for all Postgraduate Programmes of Studies of the Institution and is determined by the Postgraduate and Doctoral Studies Regulations of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. The PPS leads to the award of a Master’s Diploma in “Surgical Oncology” (MSc in Surgical Oncology), following the full and successful completion of all prescribed academic requirements.

The Degree corresponds to Level 7 of the National and European Qualifications Framework (NQF/EQF).

22. Structure of the Programme

The administrative and academic organisation of the PPS is structured at distinct and complementary levels, with the aim of ensuring the smooth operation, academic quality and effective administrative support of the Programme.

22.1 Academic and Scientific Level

At the academic and scientific level, the PPS is governed by the following bodies:

a) Director of the PPS

The Director of the PPS is a member of the Teaching and Research Staff (TRS) of the relevant Department and has overall responsibility for the operation of the Programme. Specifically, the Director:

- Coordinates the administrative and academic operation of the PPS.
- Presides over the meetings of the Postgraduate Programme Committee.
- Is responsible for the educational, scientific and research level of the Programme.
- Ensures compliance with the Study Regulations and the decisions of the competent collective bodies.

b) Coordinating Committee of the Postgraduate Programme of Studies (CC-PPS)

The Coordinating Committee is a collective governing and decision-making body and is responsible, among other things, for:

- The approval of courses and the curriculum.
- The evaluation and approval of candidate postgraduate students.
- The organisation of the examination procedure.
- The coordination and supervision of the preparation of Master’s Theses.

22.2 Administrative Level

At the administrative level, the PPS is supported by the following structures:

a) Secretariat of the PPS

The Secretariat of the PPS is responsible for the administrative support of the Programme and in particular for:

- The management of applications and student enrolments.
- The maintenance of the student register, grades and examinations.
- The provision of administrative support to TRS members, lecturers and postgraduate students.

b) Support Staff

Depending on the size and needs of the PPS, it may be supported by additional staff who provide:

- Technical support in matters of distance learning (e-learning), library and laboratories.
- Support in financial management matters, such as the preparation and monitoring of the budget and the management of scholarships.

22.3 Committees and Subsidiary Bodies

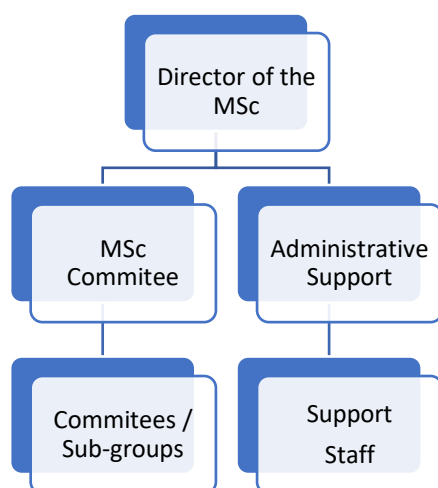
For the effective operation and quality assurance of the PPS, special committees and subsidiary bodies are constituted and operate, including for example:

- Student Assessment Committee.
- Practical Training Committee, for applied Postgraduate Programmes of Studies.
- Thesis / Postgraduate Work Committee.
- Quality and Programme Evaluation Committee.

The competences, composition and mode of operation of the above committees are determined by the Operating Regulations of the PPS and the decisions of the competent bodies of the Institution.

22.4 Administrative Structure and Communication Chart of the PPS

The administrative structure and the main lines of communication of the Postgraduate Programme of Studies are summarised in the following organisational chart, which has an explanatory character and reflects the hierarchy and functional coordination between the bodies of the PPS:



23. The Academic Advisor– Other Matters

The Academic Advisor is a lecturer of the PPS who supports postgraduate students throughout the duration of their studies, within the framework of their responsibilities.

The duties of Academic Advisor may be undertaken by any lecturer of the PPS, regardless of grade or position, who has scientific relevance to the subject area of the Programme. The appointment and allocation of students to Academic Advisors are carried out by decision of the Coordinating Committee. Depending on the number of students and the operational needs of the Programme, the Coordinating Committee may also assign Academic Advisor duties to other members of the academic or research staff participating in the PPS, in accordance with the applicable institutional framework.

The Academic Advisor monitors the student from the commencement to the completion of their studies and remains, as a rule, the same throughout the duration of study. Communication takes place by prior arrangement and through scheduled meetings, with respect for confidentiality and the legislation on personal data protection. The role of the Academic Advisor is purely advisory and does not replace the competences of the collective bodies of the Programme.

Postgraduate students may approach their Academic Advisor for matters concerning their academic progress, such as course attendance, understanding of matters in the Study Regulations, organisation of workload, as well as for matters that may affect their studies. In this context, the Academic Advisor provides guidance on the selection and formulation of the topic of the Master's Thesis and informs students about academic or professional opportunities relevant to the subject area of the Programme.

For matters not explicitly covered by the Student Handbook or the PPS Regulations, postgraduate students may address the Coordinating Committee through the Secretariat of the Programme. The operation of the Academic Advisor institution is governed by the applicable institutional framework, and in particular by Government Gazette B' 5027/04.09.2024, the Postgraduate and Doctoral Studies Regulations of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, and the specific regulations of the PPS on the Academic Advisor.

24. Governing Bodies and Teaching Staff

The organisation and operation of the PPS “Surgical Oncology” (MSc in Surgical Oncology) is governed by the applicable institutional framework for Postgraduate Programmes of Studies and determined by the provisions of Government Gazette B’ 5027/2024.

24.1 Governing Bodies of the PPS

24.1.1 Assembly of the Medical School

The Assembly of the Medical School constitutes the supreme supervisory body of the PPS and is responsible for taking the fundamental decisions concerning the operation of the Programme. It approves the recommendations of the Coordinating Committee concerning, among other things, the procedure for the selection of postgraduate students, the appointment of supervisors and examination committees for Master’s Theses, the award of postgraduate diplomas, as well as any other matter provided for by the regulatory framework governing the operation of the Programme.

24.1.2 The Director of the PPS

The Director of the PPS is a TRS member of the Medical School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, appointed by decision of the Assembly of the Medical School, in accordance with the applicable institutional framework. The Director presides over the Coordinating Committee, has overall responsibility for the academic organisation and smooth operation of the Programme, and ensures the implementation of the decisions of the competent bodies.

24.1.3 Coordinating Committee (CC)

The Coordinating Committee is responsible for the academic organisation, coordination and monitoring of the educational and administrative operation of the PPS. It is composed of five (5) TRS members of the Medical School, including the Director of the PPS. The CC makes recommendations to the Assembly of the Medical School on matters relating to the smooth operation of the Programme and ensures the implementation of its decisions.

Composition of the Coordinating Committee

Name	Position / Role
Toutouzas Konstantinos	Professor of Surgery, 1st Propedeutic Surgical Clinic, NKUA, GHA ‘Hippokration’ Director of PPS Email: tousur@med.uoa.gr
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Theodorou Dimitrios	Professor of Surgery, Director, 1st Propedeutic Surgical Clinic, NKUA, GHA ‘Hippokration’ Email: dtheodorou@med.uoa.gr
Fragoulidis Georgios	Professor of Surgery, 2nd Surgical Clinic, NKUA, Aretaieion Hospital Email: gfragoulid@med.uoa.gr

24.2 Teaching Staff of the PPS

The teaching work of the PPS “Surgical Oncology” (MSc in Surgical Oncology) is supported by members of the Teaching and Research Staff (TRS) of the Medical School of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, as well as by lecturers from other Higher Education Institutions or scientists with recognised scientific relevance, specialisation and experience in the subject area of the Programme, in accordance with the provisions of current legislation and the applicable institutional framework.

Lecturers participate in the teaching of courses and seminars, in laboratory and clinical education, as well as in the supervision of Master’s Theses, contributing to the linking of theoretical training with modern clinical and research practice in the field of Surgical Oncology.

For each course, a responsible lecturer is appointed, who has the scientific and educational coordination of the course and collaborates with the individual lecturers and speakers for the comprehensive coverage of the subject matter.

List of Teaching Staff – 2nd Academic Year

#	Surname	First Name	Position / Affiliation
1	Angelousi	Anna	Associate Professor of Medicine and Endocrinology, Medical School, University of Athens, 1st Department of Medicine, Laiko General Hospital Athens
2	Agiomamitis	Georgios	Surgeon, Coordinating Director, 1st Surgical Department, General Hospital of Piraeus ‘Tzaneio’
3	Alexakis	Nikolaos	Professor of Surgery, Medical School, University of Athens, 1st Propedeutic Surgical Clinic, GHA ‘Hippokration’
4	Apostolou	Paraskevi	Clinical Laboratory Geneticist, ErCLG, Postdoctoral Researcher, Laboratory of Human Molecular Genetics, NCSR Demokritos
5	Vailas	Michail	Research Associate, 1st Surgical Clinic, Laiko Hospital Athens
6	Vezakis	Antonios	Professor of Surgery, Medical School, University of Athens – 2nd Surgical Clinic, Aretaieion Hospital
7	Veryeridis	Moschos	General Surgeon, Director, 2nd Paediatric Surgery Department, Aglaia Kyriakou Children’s Hospital
8	Georgopoulos	Ioannis	Assistant Resident, 2nd Surgical Clinic, Children’s Hospital ‘Agia Sofia’
9	Gianouli	Stavroula	Associate Professor of Medicine – Haematology, 2nd Department of Medicine and Research Laboratory, NKUA, GHA ‘Hippokration’
10	Gkamaletsou	Maria	NHS Consultant, Department of Infectious Diseases, Laiko General Hospital; Research Associate
11	Gklavas	Antonios	General Surgeon
12	Gogos	Thanos	Psychiatrist
13	Dellaportas	Dionysios	Assistant Professor of Surgery, NKUA, Attiko Hospital
14	Iliadis	Kosmas	Director, Thoracic Surgery Clinic, HYGEIA Hospital
15	Thanos	Loukas	Interventional Radiologist – Coordinating Director, Department of Medical Imaging and Interventional Radiology, ‘Sotiria’ General Hospital of Chest Diseases
16	Theodosopoulou	Polyxeni	Assistant Physician, Anaesthesiologist, 1st Anaesthesiology Clinic, NKUA, Aretaieion Hospital

#	Surname	First Name	Position / Affiliation
17	Theodosopoulos	Theodosios	Professor of Surgery, Medical School, University of Athens – 2nd Surgical Clinic, Aretaieion Hospital
18	Theodoropoulos	Georgios	Professor of Surgery, Athens Medical School, 1st Propedeutic Surgical Clinic, GHA ‘Hippokration’
19	Karoubalos	Ioannis	Gastroenterologist, NHS Director, Gastroenterology Clinic, ‘Genimatas’ Hospital
20	Kokoropoulos	Panagiotis	2nd Surgical Resident, 4th Surgical Clinic, GHA ‘Attikon’
21	Kontis	Elissaios	2nd Surgical Resident, Anti-Cancer Hospital of Piraeus ‘Metaxa’
22	Kontis	Ioannis	Professor of Surgery, University of Athens, 2nd Surgical Clinic, Aretaieion Hospital
23	Kanavides	Prodromos	General Surgeon, Research Associate, Athens Medical School, 1st Propedeutic Surgical Clinic, GHA ‘Hippokration’
24	Kontoangelos	Konstantinos	Professor of Psychiatry, 1st Psychiatric Clinic, University of Athens, Aiginiteio Hospital
25	Kontovounisios	Christos	General Surgeon
26	Kopanakis	Nikolaos	1st Surgical Resident, Surgical Clinic, Anti-Cancer Hospital of Piraeus ‘Metaxa’
27	Kourakis	Emmanouel	Assistant Resident, 2nd Surgical Clinic, Children’s Hospital ‘Agia Sofia’
28	Koutoulidis	Vasileios	Associate Professor of Radiology, Athens Medical School, 1st Radiology Laboratory, Aretaieion Hospital
29	Krokidis	Miltiadis	Vascular and Interventional Radiologist, Assistant Professor, Medical School, University of Athens, 1st Radiology Laboratory, Aretaieion Hospital
30	Kyriazianos	Ioannis	General Surgeon
31	Kyrodimos	Efthymios	Associate Professor of ENT – Head and Neck Surgery, 3rd ENT Clinic, NKUA, GHA ‘Hippokration’
32	Koletsis	Efstratios	Associate Professor, Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, University of Patras, School of Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine
33	Leivaditis	Vasileios	Deputy Director, Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery Clinic, Westfalz-Klinikum Kaiserslautern, Germany
34	Liontos	Michail	Assistant Professor of Medicine-Oncology, Athens Medical School, NKUA, Therapeutic Clinic, GNA ‘Alexandra’
35	Lykoudis	Panagis	Assistant Professor of Surgery, 4th Surgical Clinic, NKUA; Honorary Lecturer, Division of Surgery & Interventional Science, UCL
36	Markogianakis	Charidimos	1st Surgical Resident, 1st Propedeutic Clinic, GHA ‘Hippokration’
37	Mavrantonis	Konstantinos	General Surgeon, Director, 6th Surgical Clinic, HYGEIA Hospital
38	Melemenis	Aikaterini	Professor of Anaesthesiology, 1st Anaesthesiology Clinic, NKUA, Aretaieion Hospital
39	Mitsos	Sofoklis	Assistant Professor, University Thoracic Surgery Clinic, University Hospital ‘Attikon’
40	Michalaki	Vasiliki	Medical Oncologist, Laboratory Teaching Staff, Medical School, University of Athens
41	Boltsis	Nikolaos	General Surgeon, Deputy Director, 6th Surgical Clinic, HYGEIA Hospital

#	Surname	First Name	Position / Affiliation
42	Bramis	Konstantinos	Assistant Professor of Surgery, Medical School, University of Athens, 2nd Surgical Clinic, Aretaieion Hospital
43	Myoteri	Despoina	Assistant Professor, Medical School, NKUA, Laboratory of Pathological Anatomy, Aretaieion Hospital
44	Nastos	Konstantinos	Associate Professor of Surgery, Medical School, University of Athens, 3rd Surgical Clinic, GHA 'Attikon'
45	Pallas	Nikolaos	Surgical Oncologist
46	Panoskaltsis	Theodoros	Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Medical School, NKUA, 2nd University Clinic, Aretaieion Hospital
47	Papadimitriou	Christos	Professor Emeritus of Oncology, NKUA
48	Papakonstantinou	Ioannis	Professor of Surgery, Medical School, University of Athens – 2nd Surgical Clinic, Aretaieion Hospital
49	Papalambros	Alexandros	Associate Professor of Surgery, University of Athens, 1st Surgical Clinic, GHA 'Laiko'
50	Peppa	Melpomeni	Professor of Endocrinology, Medical School, NKUA; Head of Endocrinology and Metabolic Bone Disease Unit, 2nd Propedeutic Medicine Clinic, Research Unit and Diabetes Centre, University General Hospital 'Attikon'
51	Pergaliotis	Vasileios	Surgeon, 1st Obstetrics-Gynaecology Clinic, NKUA, 'Alexandra' Hospital
52	Polymeneas	Georgios	Professor Emeritus of Surgery
53	Protopapadakis	Evangelos	Professor of Applied Ethics, School of Philosophy, NKUA
54	Rekatsina	Martina	Assistant Professor of Anaesthesiology, 1st Anaesthesiology Clinic, NKUA, Aretaieion Hospital
55	Saltiki	Aikaterini	Research Associate & Academic Fellow, Therapeutic Clinic, Medical School, University of Athens, GNA 'Alexandra'
56	Souvatoglou	Michail	Assistant Professor, Department of Nuclear Medicine, Medical School, University of Athens, Aretaieion Hospital
57	Soultanis	Marios	Director, Thoracic Surgery, 251 General Air Force Hospital; Chest Wall Tumours
58	Stavrinou	Lambis	Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery, 2nd Neurosurgery & Neurotraumatology Clinic, NKUA, University General Hospital 'Attikon'
59	Skondras	Ioannis	General Surgeon, 1st Surgical Resident, 2nd Paediatric Surgery Department, Children's Hospital P & A Aglaia Kyriakou
60	Stefanidis	Konstantinos	Interventional Radiologist, Director, Radiology Department, Anti-Cancer Hospital of Piraeus 'Metaxa'
61	Sotiropoulos	Georgios	Professor of Surgery, Universities of Essen and Athens
62	Tiniakou	Konstantina	Professor of Pathological Anatomy, Medical School, NKUA, Pathological Anatomy Laboratory, Aretaieion Hospital
63	Toutouzas	Konstantinos	Professor of Surgery, Medical School, University of Athens, 1st Propedeutic Surgical Clinic, GHA 'Hippokration'
64	Tseleni	Sofia	Professor Emeritus of Pathological Anatomy, Medical School, University of Athens
65	Tsoulfas	Georgios	Professor of Transplantation Surgery, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH); Director, Transplantation Surgery Clinic, AUTH; Centre for Research and Innovation in Solid Organ Transplantation
66	Fragoulidis	Georgios	Professor of Surgery, Medical School, University of Athens – 2nd Surgical Clinic, Aretaieion Hospital

#	Surname	First Name	Position / Affiliation
67	Frountzas	Maximos	General Surgeon, 1st Propedeutic Surgical Clinic, NKUA, GHA 'Hippokration'
68	Rasheed	Shahnawaz	Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, The Royal Marsden Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, London, UK
69	Qiu	Sheng	Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, The Royal Marsden Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, London, UK

25. NKUA Services for Students

25.1 Network Operations and Management Centre (KLEIDI)

KLEIDI is an independent organisational unit of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and is responsible for the development, operation and support of the central network and information infrastructure of the Institution. Through KLEIDI, IT and electronic communications services are provided to all members of the academic community, including undergraduate and postgraduate students, teaching and administrative staff. KLEIDI supports more than 80,000 members of the academic community, providing innovative electronic services and digital infrastructure that contribute to supporting the educational process, research, collaboration and communication within the University. In this context, connection services to the internal NKUA network and the Internet are provided, both via wired and wireless access, email services via institutional accounts, telephony and video conferencing services, as well as web services concerning the installation and hosting of websites of university departments and units, the provision of storage space and file sharing. Particular importance is attached to user support and the resolution of technical problems related to the IT and network infrastructure of the Institution, through organised service and technical support services. Postgraduate students have access to KLEIDI services using their institutional login credentials, in accordance with the applicable regulations for the use of the information systems of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

For further information on the services provided, students may contact the Network Operations and Management Centre or visit its official website.

User support telephone: 210 727 5900 | Website: <http://www.noc.uoa.gr/to-kleidi.html>

25.2 Medical and Pharmaceutical Care

The University Club, housed in the building at 15 Hippokratous Street, offers students medical and pharmaceutical care. This care is provided by the Health Service located on the 1st floor (offices 6–10) of the University Club building, 15 Hippokratous Street (tel. 210-3688216 / 210-3688218 / 210-3688228). The Health Service is divided into three departments: medical, dental and nursing. All undergraduate and postgraduate students, Greek nationals, diaspora Greeks and foreign students, are entitled to health care. Specifically, health care is provided to students as follows: (a) Medical examination (tel. 210 3688208) (b) Hospital care (tel. 210 3688208, 3688218) (c) Internal Medicine Clinics (tel. 3688241, 3688243) (d) Paraclinical examinations (tel. 210 3688208, 3688241, 3688243, 3688210) (e) Physiotherapy (tel. 210 3688208, 3688241, 3688243) (f) Dental care (tel. 210 3688210, 210 3688211) (g) Orthopaedic supplies (tel. 210 3688208, 3688241, 3688243) (h) Psychosocial Intervention Unit (210 3688226). If a student is entitled directly or indirectly to care from another insurance body, they select the insurance body of their preference, declaring this each academic year by statutory declaration. The Health Service is located on the 1st floor of the University Club (15 Hippokratous Street) and the Secretariat telephone is: 210 3688218. For further information: <http://lesxi.uoa.gr/foithtiki-merimna/ygeionomiki-yphresia.htm>

25.3 Student Restaurants

The University of Athens, ensuring the provision of meals to its students, currently operates four restaurants: the restaurant at the School of Philosophy, which serves students attending courses at the University Campus; the restaurant at Goudi, which serves students in Health Sciences; the restaurant at Dafni, which serves students enrolled in the Department of Physical Education and Sport Science; and the restaurant at 14 Lykavittou Street, which serves students attending courses in the Athens city centre. For further information on the categories of students entitled to free meals: <http://www.lesxi.uoa.gr>

25.4 Foreign Language Courses

The School of Foreign Languages of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens is an independent and autonomous academic unit that provides high-level foreign language instruction. Currently, 23 languages are taught at the School at all levels: English, Albanian, Arabic, Bulgarian, French, German, Danish, Japanese, Indian (Hindi – Sanskrit), Spanish, Italian, Chinese, Korean, Norwegian, Dutch, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, Serbian, Swedish, Turkish, Czech and Finnish. Additionally, specialised programmes are offered for those wishing to specialise in language, translation, legal or medical science. The School of Foreign Languages awards a Certificate of Attendance and a Certificate of Studies to those who successfully complete attendance of the course in which they have enrolled. Contact tel.: 210 3688232, 210 3688263, 210 3688265, 210 3688266, 210 3688267, 210 3688204, 210 3688270. For further information: <http://www.lesxi.uoa.gr>

25.5 Music Department

The Music Department's purpose is the musical development of students and in particular the organisation of musicology courses and seminars, history of music, musical instruments, art, folk and Byzantine music, as well as the organisation and operation of a student choir and orchestra. The core of its operation and participation in university life has been – and remains – the mixed choir and orchestra of the University of Athens with a repertoire that is both classical and Greek. The performances of the Music Department at university ceremonies, at concerts within and outside the University, within and outside Greece, attract the interest of students and are incentives for their participation in the Music Department, a space where, in addition to the practice of art, not only interpersonal communication is forged, but also – due to the different sciences studied by students – interdisciplinary and inter-school communication is fostered. It has a large training hall equipped with the necessary sound installations, a music library with classical music works, a record library with classical music records, a film library and other musical instruments. The Music Department is located on the 4th floor of the University Club (Tel. 210-36.88.235, 210-36.88.229). For further information: <http://www.lesxi.uoa.gr>

25.6 Physical Education and Sports

The University Gymnasium's purpose is the organisation and operation of physical exercise programmes and sports activities for students, including the teaching of sports disciplines. The University Gymnasium and its sports facilities at the University Campus – Ano Ilisia are available to all students of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, to participate in the various sports programmes and sections. Interested students may choose from a variety of sports/activities, within and outside the University Gymnasium facilities, such as tennis, basketball, volleyball, football, swimming, traditional dances, chess, hiking, etc. Participating students may, in addition to recreational participation in activities, join the representative teams of their Department or the University and participate throughout the Academic Year in internal, interuniversity and international student championships. Winners are awarded by the University Authorities at a special

ceremony after the end of the teaching year. Information: 210-72.75.551, 210-72.75.552, 210-72.75.557, 210-72.75.576 and 210-72.75.560.

25.7 Housing and Employment Support

The Department of Public Relations and Student Employment of the University Club has the following responsibilities: (I) It informs students on a wide range of matters concerning them, such as scholarships and prizes, seminars, symposia, conferences. It also provides information on Student Housing matters (process for entry to Student Residences – apartment rental), and more generally informs students about the benefits of the University Club and any matter concerning student life within the University of Athens. (II) It receives applications from students who wish to work and assists them in finding employment. It also records and codifies labour market requests, informing and bringing into contact students who meet the conditions – criteria set out in each request. (III) It supervises the operation of the Students' Cultural Club of the University of Athens and undertakes, in cooperation with its Sectors, the organisation of various student cultural events. (IV) The Department is located on the 4th floor of the University Club (15 Hippokratous Street). Contact tel.: 210 368 8227 – 210 368 8251 – 210 368 8254. For further information: <http://www.lesxi.uoa.gr>

25.8 Career Office

The Career Office serves as the link between the University and the employment market, with the aim of providing services to students and graduates of the University of Athens. The Career Office's primary objective is to prepare new graduates for a smooth transition into the professional arena, to facilitate and support them in their professional and educational development. The aim of the Career Office, through its career guidance services, is to support students-graduates in developing and continuously adapting their skills throughout their lives, in parallel with the constantly increasing new demands. Specifically, the Career Office provides the following services: (I) Development of counselling, career guidance, information and direction services for interested students and graduates at the University of Athens, in order to facilitate the selection of the most appropriate professional and educational pathways for them. Assistance and counselling support to students and graduates, both during the job search process and during the process of submitting applications for postgraduate studies (CV writing, letters of recommendation, interview preparation, etc.) through individual and group meetings relating to skills development. (II) Development and enrichment of a website (<http://career-office.uoa.gr>) for students, graduates, businesses and matters of academic interest. (III) Systematic monitoring of the labour market, recording of vacancies / new employment positions, providing information to students / graduates on the required professional qualifications. Career Days are also regularly organised with the participation of major Greek and international companies. (IV) Conducting research and studies on the state of the labour market, graduate absorption and the productive sector in general. Guides describing professions and career guidance. Updating of the Institution's Departments and the Senate. (V) Publicity activities and dissemination of the results of the Career Office of the University of Athens. The Career Office participates in exhibitions, organises symposia and publishes information brochures and promotional posters. It invites speakers and collaborates with productive bodies and embassies for the joint organisation of events. (VI) Supporting the Youth Entrepreneurship programme, which aims at developing the entrepreneurial spirit.

25.9 International Career/Liaison Unit

Within the framework of the Career Office, the International Career Unit operates on a pilot basis at the Regional Career Office of the Department of Political Science and Public Administration. It aims at the timely and systematic collection of all announcements, competitions and vacancies in European and international organisations, non-governmental organisations, international missions and activities, research centres and other related needs, whether permanent or of shorter duration. It also seeks to create a global network of Greek

executives serving or who have served in international organisations and missions. Contact: Central Career Office, Postal Address: Department of Informatics and Telecommunications, Office A22, University Campus – Ilisia, Athens, 15784. Tel.: 210 727 5220, 210 727 5190. Email: gd@di.uoa.gr. Career Office, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Postal Address: 6 Themistokleous Street, Athens 10678. Tel.: 210 368 8947. Email: imeleas@pspa.uoa.gr

25.10 Students' Cultural Club

For the entertainment and development of the artistic identity of students, the Students' Cultural Club operates, which includes the Theatre, Dance, Cinema and Photography Sectors. The Students' Cultural Club aims to support and promote the artistic activities of NKUA students. It is a 'place' of collective expression and creation. Students come into contact with works of art and are encouraged to create their own artistic works. The Students' Cultural Club includes four (4) sectors: (a) Theatre, (b) Dance, (c) Cinema and (d) Photography. To become a member of the Students' Cultural Club of the University of Athens (POFPA), a written application at the office of the sector of interest suffices (the Theatre, Photography and Cinema sectors are located on the Mezzanine floor, while the Dance sector is located in the 1st Basement of the University Club). Contact tel.: 210-36 88 205 – 210-36 88 275 – 210-36 88 276. The Students' Cultural Club of the University of Athens is represented by a Governing Committee, elected by vote from among all members of the Students' Cultural Club. The Students' Cultural Club, in cooperation with the Department of Public Relations, organises various cultural events in which any interested students may participate.

25.11 Student Reading Rooms

The student reading rooms are located in the building of the University Club, at 15 Hippokratous Street. Two (2) Reading Rooms operate within the Student Club premises, at 15 Hippokratous Street (one on the 2nd floor, with 250 seats, and one on the 4th floor of the same building with 120 seats and 4 computers available to students). The reading rooms are open daily, except Saturdays and Sundays, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. A reading room also operates within the University Campus. In the reading room spaces, students study with their own books or with books from the library, which are borrowed using their student or national identity card and by completing a library loan slip (internal loan). In special cases, another proof of student identity, together with the national identity card, is accepted. Books may not be borrowed outside the Student Reading Rooms. Contact tel.: 210-3688219 (2nd floor), 210-3688231 (4th floor).

26. Access to Course Venues

The courses of the Postgraduate Programme of Studies are held at the Hippokration General Hospital of Athens and the Aretaieion Hospital.

26.1 Access to the General Hospital of Athens 'Hippokration'

The GHA 'Hippokration' is located in Athens, at 115 Vasilissis Sofias Avenue (Postcode 11527). The hospital is easily accessible by public transport, as well as by private vehicle.

Metro:

The nearest stations are 'Megaro Mousikis' and 'Evangelismos' (Line 3). From these stations, the hospital is accessible by a short walk or by bus/trolley.

Buses / Trolleys:

A number of urban transport lines serve Vasilissis Sofias Avenue and the wider area of the hospital.

Private Vehicle:

Access by private vehicle is via Vasilissis Sofias Avenue. The hospital has parking facilities.

Contact Details:

Address: 115 Vasilissis Sofias Avenue, 11527, Athens

Telephone: 213 2088000 (Switchboard)

26.2 Access to the University Hospital ‘Aretaieion’

The Aretaieion Hospital is located in Athens, at 76 Vasilissis Sofias Avenue (Postcode 11528). It is situated between the Aiginiteion Hospital and the ‘Alexandra’ Hospital, opposite the Megaro Mousikis, and is just a few metres from the ‘Megaro Mousikis’ Metro station.

Metro:

The nearest station is ‘Megaro Mousikis’ (Line 3), a few metres from the entrance to the hospital.

Buses / Trolleys:

Urban transport lines serve Vasilissis Sofias Avenue and the wider area of the hospital.

Private Vehicle:

No parking facilities are provided for visitors at the hospital. For further information, interested parties may contact the hospital porter’s lodge.

Contact Details:

Address: 76 Vasilissis Sofias Avenue, 11528, Athens

Switchboard: 210 7286000

Porter’s Lodge: 210 7286296

27. Contact Details

27.1 Administrative Support Department Offices

For the provision of administrative, secretarial and technical support to the postgraduate students of the PPS “Surgical Oncology” (MSc in Surgical Oncology), an Administrative Support Department operates, housed in the collaborating university clinics of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

General Hospital of Athens ‘Hippokration’

1st Propedeutic Surgical Clinic, NKUA

PPS “Surgical Oncology” Office – 3rd Floor

Address: 114 Vasilissis Sofias, Postcode 11527, Athens

Telephone: 210 7772331

Aretaieion Hospital

2nd Surgical Clinic, NKUA

PPS “Surgical Oncology” Office – 1st Floor

Address: 76 Vasilissis Sofias, Postcode 11528, Athens

Telephone: 210 7286349

27.2 Electronic Communication and Website

Communication with the Administrative Support of the PPS also takes place by email and through the official website of the Programme.

Email address: surgoncol@med.uoa.gr

Official PPS website: <https://surgoncol.med.uoa.gr>

Through the PPS website, detailed information is provided regarding the Curriculum, announcements, academic bodies, administrative procedures and any other matter concerning the operation of the Programme.

28. Useful NKUA Services and Links

The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens provides postgraduate students with a set of central digital, academic and support services, which facilitate the educational process, academic communication and administrative service. These services are accessible through the students’ institutional login credentials and operate in accordance with the applicable regulations of the Institution.

28.1 Central Digital Services

E-Learning Platform (e-Class)

Used for the provision of educational material, submission of assignments, organisation of educational activities and communication with lecturers. Website: <https://eclass.uoa.gr>

Institutional Email (NKUA Webmail)

Constitutes the official means of communication of students with the administrative and academic services of the University. Website: <https://webmail.uoa.gr>

NKUA Webex Video Conferencing Service

Supports the conduct of synchronous distance educational activities, meetings and academic events, in accordance with current legislation and the Study Regulations. Access is made using institutional login credentials. Website: <https://uoa.webex.com>

Network Operations and Management Centre (KLEIDI)

Provides network services, Internet access, institutional email, video conferencing and user technical support. Website: <http://www.noc.uoa.gr>

User support telephone: 210 727 5900

28.2 Libraries and Scientific Resources

NKUA Libraries and Electronic Resources

Provide access to print and electronic collections, scientific journals, databases and information services.

Website: <https://www.lib.uoa.gr>

Digital Repository ‘PERGAMOS’ of the NKUA

The official institutional repository of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, in which approved Master’s Theses are compulsorily deposited and archived, as well as other scientific and research work of the Institution, in accordance with the decisions of the competent bodies. Website: <https://pergamos.lib.uoa.gr>

28.3 Institutional Websites and Resources

Central Website of the NKUA: <https://www.uoa.gr>

Medical School Website: <https://www.med.uoa.gr>

NKUA Interactive Maps: <https://maps.uoa.gr>

NKUA Telephone Directory: https://www.uoa.gr/epikoinonia/tilefonikos_katalogos

28.4 Accessibility Support

Accessibility Unit for Students with Disabilities and/or Special Educational Needs: <https://access.uoa.gr>

29. Final Provisions – Information

This Student Handbook describes the structure, content and basic operational procedures of the Postgraduate Programme of Studies “Surgical Oncology”, as applicable at the time of its publication, in accordance with the institutional framework governing the operation of Postgraduate Programmes of Studies of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and the provisions of the relevant Government Gazette of establishment and operation of the PPS.

Matters not explicitly regulated in this Student Handbook are governed by the PPS Regulations, the Postgraduate and Doctoral Studies Regulations of the NKUA, as well as by current legislation.

The PPS Regulations, the Government Gazette of establishment and operation, as well as the related administrative forms, procedures and updated announcements are available on the official website of the Programme:

<https://surgoncol.med.uoa.gr/episima-eggrafa/>

For any update or specific matter concerning studies, postgraduate students are informed through the official communication channels of the Programme.