



*Double Master's Degree*

*Political Science &  
Politics and Economics  
of Contemporary  
Eastern and  
Southeastern Europe*

## *An Interdisciplinary and Regional Focus in Thessaloniki*

The University of Macedonia aims to offer a comprehensive analysis of both political and economic development in the highly dynamic region of Eastern and Southeastern Europe while emphasising the interrelation between the two and placing the institutional and social context on a firmly analytical foundation.


This regional focus is complemented by regular guest lectures by academics, diplomats, politicians, businesspeople and journalists with experience in the dynamics of regional and European integration in Eastern and Southeastern Europe.

Graduates become experts at understanding the political and economic power of that particular region, and it is this expertise that makes them attractive to employers operating in Eastern and Southeastern Europe.

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## *Cutting-Edge Research in Bamberg*

At the University of Bamberg, Political Science is taught as a social science with a strong empirical focus. The university is in a position to offer courses in all major sub-fields of Political Science, including a range of modules in English. Both our teaching and research are strongly driven by theory, and cutting-edge research methods are also a central focus.


Students are also provided with the opportunity to take part in the annual National Model United Nations (NMUN) in New York, USA.

This all means that programme graduates are equipped with extraordinary skills which not only make them attractive to possible employers, but which also qualify them for future careers in the academic sector.

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# Student Life in Bamberg

## City and University

Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1993, Bamberg is one of the most beautiful cities in Germany. With its gothic, renaissance and baroque buildings, it is an architectural gem and serves as a contrast to Thessaloniki. Bamberg is also a true university town, as it is affordable and offers an abundance of cultural events and recreational opportunities, including a lively music and club scene.

## Great Support and Facilities

Political Science at the University of Bamberg benefits from a favourable staff-student ratio, allowing us to teach most courses in relatively small groups. Students are taught by scholars with an international reputation for excellence who are committed to offering and developing an outstanding learning experience for students from all backgrounds. Moreover, the university provides students with excellent library and ICT facilities.

## International Profile

The Bamberg Political Science programme welcomes students from abroad, either as full degree students or as visitors for shorter periods of study (e.g. Erasmus students). The University's International Office provides an excellent advisory and support infrastructure for foreign students.

## Two Countries – Two Qualifications

Programme graduates are awarded a double master's degree, meaning one degree from the University of Macedonia in Thessaloniki (Politics and Economics of Contemporary Eastern and Southeastern Europe) and one from the University of Bamberg (Political Science). The programme is structured such that students spend their first year of study at the University of Macedonia and their second year at the University of Bamberg.

This programme is a unique opportunity to study at two excellent and closely networked universities that offer an integrated, structured, well-supported and well-managed international learning experience.

## Application, Enrolment and Scholarships

The Double Master's programme begins each October with five applicants being chosen by each university. Prospective students should follow the online application tutorial to apply to the regular master's programme in Political Science at the University of Bamberg, and should indicate that they wish to participate in the Double MA programme. The deadline for applications is July 31<sup>st</sup>.

This programme is supported until 2016 by the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) with funding from the Federal Foreign Office of Germany. Thus, all students studying in the programme will receive scholarships for a period of six months.

## Career Prospects

This Double Master's degree equips students with the knowledge and analytical and transferable skills needed to pursue further postgraduate research or an internationally oriented career in the public or private sectors. Typical careers include

- ▶ careers in business, government, NGOs and international organisations operating in Eastern and Southeastern Europe
- ▶ employment in international organisations (EU, WTO, UN etc.)
- ▶ research in policy-oriented domestic or international think tanks
- ▶ careers in government administration
- ▶ further postgraduate research at PhD level
- ▶ journalism

## Admission Requirements

- ▶ Applicants are expected to have already completed a bachelor's degree in Political Science or in a related field in the Social Sciences.
- ▶ Candidates whose first language is not English must provide verification of their English proficiency.
- ▶ Applicants must submit two written references, typically from professors who know the applicant personally.
- ▶ No knowledge of either the Greek or German languages is required to complete the double master's programme, as modules are taught in English at both universities.



# Student Life in Thessaloniki

## City and University

Thessaloniki is the second largest city in Greece, with more than one million inhabitants and more than 100,000 students. Due to its student population, its nightlife and the quality of food served in its numerous bars and tavernas, the city is very lively, offers cultural activities all year round and is known as the cultural capital of Greece.

## Facilities and Equipment

Students are provided with substantial support by the Library and Information Service (L.I.S.), the Career Office, and by the Computer and Network Operations Center. The university's sports, cultural and political activities are open to all students. Moreover, Eastern European language courses at the introductory, intermediate and advanced levels are offered free of charge.

## International Environment

The University of Macedonia welcomes students from all over the world. We know that the programme's quality is enriched by the variety of our international students' cultural and educational experiences. Our incoming students therefore receive all manner of support from the Graduate Secretary and are warmly welcomed by independent student networks that help them to become quickly involved in local student life.

