

B2 – QUALITY ASSURANCE POLICY
UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES PROGRAM
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS
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The Department of Physics at the University of Ioannina adopts a Quality Assurance Policy (QAP) on teaching and research in its Undergraduate Studies Program (USP), that is fully compliant with the QAP of the University [<https://www.uoi.gr/panepistimio/diasfalisi-poiotitas-modip>], the standards set by the Hellenic Authority for Higher Education (HAHE), as well as with the international policies and methods of the European Higher Education Area [<http://www.ehea.info>].

The strategic aim of the QAP of the Department is the consolidation and continuous improvement of the quality and efficiency of the USP in order to ensure high-quality teaching and training of students, in theoretical and experimental Physics. In parallel, our USP aims at an interdisciplinary training of students in materials' science & technology, chemistry, mathematics, informatics, medical physics, atmospheric science, as well as physics teaching. In this way, the Department aims to provide its students with all required qualifications and competences for a successful academic, research or professional career.

The Quality Assurance Policy is published in the Department's website, and is publicly available to the members of the academic community of the Department. The teaching staff, the laboratory staff, the administrative staff and the students are involved (e.g. by participating in the General Assembly of the Department) in the efficient implementation of the QAP.

To ensure optimal quality of Undergraduate Studies Program, the Department of Physics is engaged to:

- Ensure that a high-level teaching is offered to its students, in compliance with international standards. To achieve this, according to the established process, the USP is assessed and revised on an annual basis by the General Assembly of the Department, focusing on teaching as well as research efficiency.
- Pursue the improvement of the teaching efficiency via implication of novel teaching methods and teaching classes with optimal number of students. Such an improvement of teaching contributes directly to the enhanced qualifications and competences of our graduates, according to the established international educational practices.
- Optimize the quality and efficiency of the teaching, through continuous evaluation of the teaching staff by the students, a process supervised by MODIP of the University.
- Ensure highly qualified teaching staff, achieved by the strict scientific and academic criteria applied by the Department in the recruitment and promotion of the teaching staff members.
- Ensure the production of high-quality research, according to international standards, promote international collaborations, interdisciplinary as well as the dissemination of the results for the benefit of science and society.
- Strengthen the international recognition of the Department and strengthen its

extroversion by promoting the scientific identity of its members at international level.

- Promote recognition of excellence and rewarding of the Department members in teaching and research in accordance with the general policy of the University.
- Enhance the connection of teaching with research, through theoretical courses and specialized elective laboratory courses that familiarize and prepare the students for the competitive requirements of modern cutting-edge research.
- Promoting the international mobility of students through the “Erasmus+” program as well as the guidance of students towards contact with the labor market i.e. through the Internship Program, which covers a wide range of possibilities including private research laboratories, European institutions’ research laboratories, public and private stakeholders & industry.
- The continuous improvement of the quality of support services, such as the library and the reading rooms, the administrative services and the student care services following the policy of the University.

The Department of Physics is engaged to ensure the efficient implementation of the above objectives and to take corrective actions, where necessary. More specifically:

- According to established institutional procedures, the President of the Department, in collaboration with the OMEA and MODIP of the University of Ioannina, accomplishes internal evaluation of the Department on an annual basis, within the framework of the «Internal Quality Assurance System» (IQAS) of the University (<https://www.uoi.gr/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/egxeiridio-poiotitas2.pdf>). This applies to all teaching staff members as well as the EEDIP/ETP members of the Department.
- Utilizes the outcomes of external evaluations of the Department, carried out in collaboration with the MODIP and the Quality Assurance and Certification Authority in Higher Education.
- Communicates the Quality Policy of the Department as well as the results of its implementation control procedures to all involved members.