

Optimizing Distance Learning Educational Programs



Partner Presentation: University of Ioannina

The University of Ioannina (UoI) has more than 21.000 undergraduate and postgraduate students, 473 Members of Academic Staff and 135 members of Technical Laboratory Staff. The University's administrative Services employ more than 280 highly qualified employees. There are a number of postgraduate study programs on offer, which combine teaching and research elements, both at Master's and Doctoral level. Approximately more than 2.000 students are involved in full-time study progressing to a Master's degree, while more than 2.200 students are currently pursuing their studies at Doctoral level. The University includes 24 Academic Departments operating in 11 Faculties, more than 50 research centers and laboratories as well as central services and infrastructures, all contributing in strengthening its education and research activities.

Since its foundation in 1964, the University of Ioannina has been firmly established and its development prospects appear to be particularly promising. This is likely to have a continuing positive contribution to both the academic community and the region as a whole. High quality research activity is implemented in every aspect of the scientific areas covered by its Academic Departments, including basic and applied research in information and communication technologies, engineering, science, arts, medicine, biology, nursing care, new materials, economic studies, environment, agriculture, musicology, philosophy, psychology, history and archaeology, Greek literature, linguistic studies and training methods.

UoI participated in many National and European funded activities and as a result it has a proven long-term experience in managing, monitoring, and coordinating research, educational and development projects. Furthermore, it has coordinated activities related to infrastructural development and equipment acquisition projects as well as many education and training activities. Additionally, UoI has successfully undertaken industrial contract research projects both on a National and International level. For this reason, UoI has implemented and established a Quality Management System in conformance with the International Management System Standard ISO 9001:2015, as well as the Greek Management Efficiency Standard, with a scope of "Project Management of Research and Development of Technological and Other Related Programs and Activities".

Uol engages in high quality interdisciplinary applied research activities of high importance to the Greek industry, economy and society. Research is mainly financed by the European Commission, the Greek Authorities, as well as the Greek General Secretariat of Research and Technology, as well as other funding sources. Other research funding sources are the Ministry of Development as well as bilateral agreements and research grants given by International Organizations to promote specific research areas. Furthermore, many research groups from both the University of Ioannina and other Greek, European or international institutions are collaborating under several international research programs. Today, the University of Ioannina participates in the development of several research projects in the research areas of science, chemistry, new materials, economic studies, biochemistry, biology, medicine, biomedicine, nursing care, environment, agriculture, education technologies and science, arts, as well as information and communication technologies. All funded research activities are



















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coordinated by the University of Ioannina Research Committee (UOI-RC), whose main aim is to manage the National, EU and industrial research projects in accordance to National and EU financial regulations, as well as ISO 9001:2015 standards

Involvement and participation within ODLEP research project

ODLEP project consists of four work packages. UOI is involved in all the tasks of the ODLEP project. Regarding the first work package which is the "Project Management", UOI has a major role.

As far as the second work package is concerned, identifying and recording characteristics of the educators and expectations and preferences of students in regard to online education, UoI and AUTH will develop two types of questionnaires, one for educators and one for students. Feedback will be provided by all partners. UOI along with all the other partners will provide feedback and different perspectives. Within the third work package UOI is participating in all activities.

Work package four requires from UOI to assign at least one course to be conducted through the ODLEP platform/approach and gather feedback from students and instructors. Along with the other partners UOI will be identifying and recording best practices. Finally, UOI will be hosting a multiplier event.















