



ALEXANDER TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF THESSALONIKI (A.T.E.I)



GUIDE FOR INCOMING ERASMUS MUNDUS
MAYANET -ASSUR STUDENTS AND STAFF

https://erasmusmundus.univaq.it/mayanet/?page_id=6

<http://www.teithe.gr> (only in Greek)

http://erasmus.teithe.gr/index_en.html

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

- **INFORMATION ABOUT THE ATEI OF THESSALONIKI**
- The **A.T.E.I. of Thessaloniki** is located 15 kms away from the city center, very close to the village of Sindos. The Institution was founded in 1973; it has 1.645 permanent and part-time staff members and approximately 30.000 students. It offers undergraduate and master studies, as well as research programs concerning issues of applied technology.
- It consists of Four Faculties, and Seventeen different Departments.
- The A.T.E.I. is one of the oldest Technological Educational Institutions in Greece, with a 30 years long history, nowadays classified among the best in the country, promoting its name and reputation, as an Institution of high quality in the Greek market, particularly in the market of Northern Greece.

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- **TYPES OF STUDY PROGRAMS OFFERED**
- The A.T.E.I offers Undergraduate and Master studies(only in Greek from this year onwards), as well as research programs concerning issues of applied technology.

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- **GRADING SYSTEM**

- **Description of the Institution's Grading System:**

- 8,5 – 10: EXCELLENT
- 7,0 – 8,4: VERY GOOD
- 5,0 – 6,9: GOOD
- 4,0 – 4,9: INSUFFICIENT
- 0,0 – 3,9: FAIL

Definition:

- 5 is the pass grade and 10 is the highest grade

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- **ECTS Grading Scale**

ECTS Grade	In relation to the Institutional grading system	% of successful students normally achieving the grade	Definition (only of failing grades)
A	10	10	FAIL - some more work required before the credit can be awarded FAIL - considerable further work is required
B	9	25	
C	8	30	
D	7	25	
E	6 – 5	10	
FX	4	-	
F	3 – 0		

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COURSES OFFERED

Undergraduate & Master students

- For the undergraduate course catalogue and descriptions for each course, please go the following link:

http://erasmus.teithe.gr/courses_en.html

- For the Master course catalogue and descriptions for each course, please contact :

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****The selected beneficiaries have the possibility to discuss with the ATEI's academic coordinator about customized courses***

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

September 2015							October 2015							November 2015							Date	Event or Holiday
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa		
		1	2	3	4	5	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1-Jan	New Year Holidays
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	10-Jan-5 Feb	Winter semester Exam Period*
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	30-Jan	School Holiday
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	14-Mar	Shrove Monday Holiday
27	28	29	30											29	30						25-Mar	National Holiday
December 2015							January 2016							February 2016								
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa		
		1	2	3	4	5	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	29-Apr-8 May	Easter Holidays	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	20-Jun	Holy Spirit Holiday
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21-Jun-08 Jul	Spring semester Exam Period*
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	15-Aug	Virgin Mary Assumption Day
27	28	29	30	31			31							28	29						15-Feb-17 Jun	Classes of the Spring Semester*
March 2016							April 2016							May 2016								
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa		
		1	2	3	4	5								1	2	3	4	5	6	7	21-Sep-15 Jan	Classes of the Winter Semester*
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6	7	8	9	10	11	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	26-Oct	Saint Dimitrus Holiday	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	13	14	15	16	17	18	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	28-Oct	National Holiday	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	20	21	22	23	24	25	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	17-Nov	School Holiday	
27	28	29	30	31			27	28	29	30	31		29	30	31					24-31 Dec	Christmas Holidays	
June 2016							July 2016							August 2016								
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa		
		1	2	3	4	5	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	25-Dec	Christmas Day
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	1-Jan	New Year's Day
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	21	22	23	24	25	26	27		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30	31					
27	28	29	30																			

* These dates might change

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VISA AND RESIDENCE PERMIT

- Invitation letters and all other support documents will be sent both to the Greek Consulates and the selected candidates for visa issuance. Upon arrival in Thessaloniki the students will be guided in detail on how to obtain a residence permit from the local Municipalities.
- **ACCOMMODATION**
- Accommodation can be arranged in private single studios or shared flats, either in Sindos (located near the ATEI) or in Thessaloniki. As soon as the beneficiaries receive their visa, they should contact the Erasmus Mundus for Mayanet and Assur administration office (Mr Athanasios Dermetzopoulos, adermet@gmail.com). The prices, depending on the location, as well as on the type and quality of the accommodation vary from 150 euro per month to approximately 300 euro per month (electricity, water, heating and internet may or may not be included in these prices, depending on the rate basis).

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COST OF LIVING

- The beneficiaries will have the opportunity to have two meals per day (lunch and dinner) at the students' canteens at the special total price of 3,30 euro per day.
- The prices for entertainment, clothing, etc., are considered reasonable compared with the European standards. The average cost of products and services are as follows: a loaf of bread 0.50 €, milk (1 lit) 1.20 €, eggs (6 pack) 2.00 €, pasta 0.80 €, olive oil (1 lit) 4.00-6.00 €, shampoo 2.50 €, cinema ticket 8 €, cup of served coffee 2.00-3.50 €.

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TRANSPORT TOWARDS THE A.T.E.I.

- Tickets are available from several kiosks, the cost amounts 1.00 € and when issued by automatic ticket machines on the buses the cost is 1.10 €.
- ⇒ **Bus Transfer from the City Center to the A.T.E.I (15 kms)**
- Bus line No. 52 “**TEI – Sindos**”. Start point from the New Railway Station (local line). Duration approximately 20-25 minutes.
- ⇒ **Bus Transfer from the Macedonia Airport to Sindos (27 kms)**. Bus line 78 “**Airport to K.T.E.L**”, correspondence with the same ticket: Bus line 52 “**TEI to Sindos**”
- ⇒ **Bus Transfer from Macedonia Airport to the city center (14 kms)** Bus line 78 “**Airport to K.T.E.L**” with several bus stops in the city center.
- ⇒ **Taxi Transfer from Macedonia airport to ATEI (27 kms)** Transfer cost approximately 50€
- ⇒ **Taxi Transfer from Macedonia airport to the city center (14 kms)** Transfer cost approximately 25€

**For more details concerning the bus transfers please visit: <http://www.oasth.gr>*

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CURRENCY

- **Euro (€)** is the official currency of Greece and for your purchases you can use cash, as well as credit cards such as AMEX, VISA, MASTER, MAESTRO, DINNERS, etc.

BANK ACCOUNT

- A bank account per beneficiary will be opened at a local bank upon arrival. The beneficiaries will also be provided by the bank with cash cards, so as to withdraw money from the ATMs at any time. E-banking is possible as well.

MOBILE PHONE SERVICES

- The following mobile companies are the most popular in Greece:
 - **COSMOTE** www.cosmote.gr
 - **WIND** www.wind.com.gr
 - **VODAFONE** www.vodafone.gr

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- **INTERNET AVAILABILITY**

- All the beneficiaries of the program can have free Internet access at the library and at the Internet labs of the ATEI. Analytical time-table for the internet use is given from the Erasmus Mundus for MAYANET and ASSUR upon arrival.
- Furthermore, in most studios or apartments, free internet access is included in the rent price but it would be wiser to confirm it with the landlord first.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- In case of emergency you can call the following telephone numbers:
 - **Police Department** telephone number –100
 - **Ambulance** telephone number – 166
 - **Fire brigade** telephone number – 199
 - **European Emergency** telephone number – 112

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THE CITY OF THESSALONIKI

- **Thessaloniki (Thessalonica, or Salonica)**, was founded around 315 BC by the King Cassander of Macedon. It is the second-largest city in Greece and the capital of Macedonia, the nation's largest region. Today more than 1 million people live in the metropolitan area, making it the second largest metropolitan area in Greece after Athens.
- Thessaloniki is North Greece's major economic, industrial, commercial and political centre; its commercial port is also of great importance for Greece. The city's industries centre on oil, steel, petrochemicals, textiles, machinery, flour, cement, pharmaceuticals and liquor. Being a free port, the city functions as the gateway to the Balkan hinterland. The city is also a major transportation hub for the whole of south-eastern Europe, carrying, among other things, trade to and from the newly capitalist countries of the region. A considerable percentage of the city's working forces are employed in small - and medium-sized businesses and in the service and the public sectors.

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- Thessaloniki retains several Ottoman and Jewish structures, as well as a large number of Byzantine architectural monuments. Early Christian and Byzantine monuments of Thessaloniki are inscribed on the cultural **UNESCO World Heritage list** (<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/456>).
- Culturally, Thessaloniki offers numerous museums and theaters, as well as a Concert Hall and the National Theater of Northern Greece. Thessaloniki is well known for its active scientific community with three Universities: the Aristotle University, the University of Macedonia and the Alexander Technological Educational Institution.
- Thessaloniki is the seat of CEDEFOP (European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training) and the Black Sea Trade and Development Bank headquarters. The city is also home to a number of festivals and events, including the Thessaloniki International Trade Fair.

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SHOPS

- Thessaloniki has a big variety of qualitative goods to offer to shoppers, from top designer labels and exquisite jewelry to fine antiques, furs and high quality leather goods. Shops are open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday 9 am - 3 pm and on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9 am - 8 pm. Major shopping areas are: **Tsimiski, Venizelou, Agias Sofias, Ermou, Mitropoleos, Egnatia** and **M. Iossif Str.** There are two big malls in the West and East side of the city of Thessaloniki as well.

LIBRARIES

- The beneficiaries are entitled to use the library of the ATEI, the library of the Macedonia University (<http://www.lib.uom.gr/index.php?lang=utf-8>) and the Aristotle University (<http://www.lib.auth.gr/index.php/en>), as well as the Municipal library of Thessaloniki (www.librarytechnology.org/libraries.pl?Institution=Thessaloniki,%20Greece), which are located in the city center. Entrance is permitted by showing a certificate issued by the Erasmus Mundus for Mayanet and Assur.

SPORTS

- The ATEI of Thessaloniki organizes several sport activities, such as Basketball, Volleyball, Diving, Swimming, Aikido, Kendo, Tennis, Chess, Archery, Fitness, Life saving.

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STUDENT RESTAURANTS

- There are two student canteens, to be used by all beneficiaries. Students can show their certificate issued by the Erasmus Mundus for Mayanet and Assur (lunch meal costs 3,30 € and without extra cost the students can have dinner as well).
- The canteen is located within the campus of ATEI in Sindos (Opening hours 12:00-16:30 & 19:00-21:00).

CLIMATE

- Thessaloniki displays characteristics of both Mediterranean and continental climates. Winters are relatively dry, with common morning frost. Snowfalls are sporadic and usually the snow does not stay for more than a couple of days. The average temperature during the winter is 2-5°C. Thessaloniki's summers are hot with rather humid nights. The temperatures usually rise above 30°C and sometimes they go over 40°C. Rain is seldom in summer and mainly falls during thunderstorms.
- In general, the citizens of Thessaloniki enjoy plenty of sunny days throughout the year. On average, the climate is mild with an average temperature of 20°C.

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