

PROFESSIONAL RIGHTS AND COLLABORATIONS OF THE MSc PROGRAM WITH ORGANIZATIONS

1. Collaboration with ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants)

The Department of Economics, in collaboration with the Accounting and Finance Department of the University of Thessaly, and the Postgraduate Program in Accounting and Auditing, offers graduates the opportunity to obtain the certification of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

This certification highlights the quality and completeness of the Postgraduate Program in Accounting and Auditing, providing graduates with a significant competitive advantage. It reflects knowledge and training at the highest level, recognized by the Profession of Chartered Accountants and the world of Accounting and Auditing.

Graduates of the MSc program who wish to participate in the professional examinations for the ACCA Chartered Certified Accountant certification are exempted from nine (9) examination units (courses).

2. Collaboration of the Postgraduate Program with the Lifelong Learning Center of the University of Thessaly for monitoring and preparation of graduates for the remaining ACCA courses.

The Educational Program "Strategic Business Reporting (SBR) – ACCA" of the Lifelong Learning Center of the University of Thessaly is primarily designed for graduates of the MSc in Accounting and Auditing. It provides access to the Chartered Certified Accountant profession and the world of Accounting and Auditing. This is one of the courses that will complete the certification of the Chartered Accounting in collaboration with ACCA.

ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) is a global organization for accounting professionals. Its goal is to provide qualification certification titles related to business, making it the top choice for individuals worldwide seeking a rewarding career in accounting, finance, and management.

3. PROFESSIONAL RIGHTS

- Graduates of the MSc program are eligible to obtain a license to practice as economic professionals from the Economic Chamber of Greece. To do so, they must register as members, even if they do not hold a bachelor's degree from a higher economic school. Graduates with a master's degree in economic sciences can use their degree to practice economics as their primary livelihood.

According to the provisions of Law 3912/2011, graduates of Accounting, Trade and Advertising, Business Administration, Tourism Enterprises, Financial Applications, Financial and Auditing, and Financial and Insurance departments of the School of Management and Economics of Technological Educational Institutions (T.E.I.) are entitled to register as members of the Economic Chamber of Greece. They should possess a master's degree specializing in economic science from Greek universities or an equivalent master's degree from foreign universities. Graduates can use their

bachelor's or master's degree to secure positions in the public and private sectors or to practice as freelancers.

- Practice as a Tax Accountant - Reduced time for obtaining a higher-level license.

Holders of a recognized postgraduate title in Accounting-Auditing, Internal Audit, Cost Accounting, and Business Administration are eligible for a reduction in the required practice time for obtaining a higher-level Tax Accountant license, equivalent to the duration of studies for the acquisition of the postgraduate degree (Law 3470/2006).

- All graduates in economic disciplines (holders of a bachelor's or master's degree) have the opportunity to enroll in SOEL (the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Greece).

4. Collaboration with the Department of Economic & Budgetary Impact of Tax Policy, Directorate of Tax Policy, Ministry of Finance

Teaching of staff in the course "Tax Accounting."

5. Collaboration with "Taxheaven A.E." for Economic Information, the company behind the online platform Taxheaven.gr.

Students are provided with free access for one year. The platform offers accurate and timely information primarily for visitors such as accountants, tax consultants, certified accountants, and business financial advisors.

6. Memorandum of Cooperation with the Internal Affairs Service of the Ministry of National Defense at the educational, scientific, and research levels.

7. Internship through Erasmus

MSc students can combine their study period abroad with an internship to gain professional experience, increasingly essential for entering the job market.

8. Memorandum of Cooperation with the Association of Economists and Accountants of the Magnesia Prefecture for the joint organization of seminars and lectures.

The collaboration includes:

- Internships for students at the offices of association members as part of the Operational Program "Education and Lifelong Learning," funded by the European Union and national resources. This allows students to gain essential practical experience.
- Free participation of students in seminars and workshops regularly organized by the association for lifelong education and member updates. Through participation,

students can better understand and apply what they learned in their studies to practical issues encountered during their education.

9. Memorandum of Cooperation with the Association of Tax Consultants of the Magnesia Prefecture for the Joint Organization of Seminars and Lectures.

The collaboration with the Association of Tax Consultants of the Magnesia Prefecture (S.F.E.E.M) involves:

- Offering internships to students of the University of Thessaly. The internships aim to better connect students with the job market and provide businesses with new personnel possessing contemporary skills.
- Granting students of the Department of Economic Sciences access to seminars and conferences organized by the Association at the University's facilities, completely free, simply by presenting their student ID.
- Creating action groups focusing on "Brain Drain" and the assessment, estimation, and analysis of various market conditions. These groups will consist of professors, presenters, students, and professional Accountants-Tax Consultants.
- Conducting speeches, conferences, and seminars by distinguished educators for Accountants-Tax Consultants-Economists in the Magnesia Prefecture. The primary goal is to promote scientific research and education in contemporary skills.