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Department
of Environment





Dear MESPOM Students

This guide is expected to provide answers to most questions that you may have. Every effort has been made to keep the information as accurate as possible. However, changes may occur due to unavoidable circumstances and/or when deemed in the best interests of delivering a better program. Staff and faculty will do our best to effectively communicate any changes and update to this document accordingly.

In the case that there are more questions, feel free to contact us (Contact information is provided in the last page of this guide)

The University of the Aegean

The University of the Aegean (UAegean) was founded in 1984, aiming to introduce new approaches in higher education in Greece and worldwide and to promote regional development. It represents a strong social and economic factor and acts as Regional Innovator in the two Regions (North and South) of the Aegean Archipelago. Situated on six picturesque islands in the Aegean Archipelago, the UAegean offers a unique natural, cultural and human environment for modern studies in the ancient cradle of knowledge.

In less than forty years, the UAegean has evolved into an international research oriented University offering 17 undergraduate (BA or BSc) and 43 postgraduate (MA, MSc or MBA) programmes in modern interdisciplinary thematic areas such as environment, communication systems, cultural informatics, business administration, product design, food and nutritional sciences, education design and Mediterranean studies. In addition, the UAegean has established joined international postgraduate programmes (Biodiversity, Environmental Policy and Management, European Integration) as well as joined PhD programmes in a wide range of thematic areas. It has organized and established 90 research laboratories with activities in the following research areas: ICT, Design and Interaction Design, Sustainable Development and Environment, Geography, GIS, Meteorology-Climatology, Transport & Shipping, Culture & Education, Financial, Economic and Social Sciences.

According to the results of the 2015 external periodic evaluation of the 22 Greek public universities (<http://www.hqa.gr/en/insteval-reports.php>) by the Hellenic Quality Assurance and Accreditation Agency (EEC), UAegean not only was placed in the highest class of evaluation results – “Worthy of Merit” along with six more Greek Universities – but it was also achieved the highest ranking among all Greek academic institutions, scoring 18 Worthy of Merit, 7 Positive and 1 Partially Positive marks over the 26 areas evaluated. The external evaluation concluded “The EEC was impressed by the performance and achievements of the UAegean, especially in terms of innovation, internationalization, research, outreach, both in teaching and research, as well as in terms of management, leadership and strategy. All this is worthy of merit.”

Introduction video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TR831EYWwWA>

Location


The town of Mytilene is full of life, a growing city of 30,000 inhabitants. The town is built on small hills, on top of the ruins of an ancient city. The prosperous economic past of the town is reflected on impressive mansions, while the establishment of the University of the Aegean has given it a fresh impulse and has livened things up.

Lesvos is the third biggest island of Greece with 1,632 square kilometres in extent and 86,436 inhabitants. The immense areas of olive groves, pine forests, oaks, the rich gulfs of Gera and Kalloni and the impressive Petrified Forest of Lesvos (at Sigri) on Western Lesvos compose a multifarious and particularly attractive natural landscape.



For an online Guide to flora, fauna, and trails:

https://issuu.com/crossbillguidesfoundation/docs/cg20_lesbos_issuu_befe7ac980cb7e

The weather in Mytilene in the Spring is typically sunny  with monthly average temperatures of **15 °C**, **20 °C** and **24 °C** for April, May and June, respectively.

For those who'd like to check: http://www.meteo.gr/cf-en.cfm?city_id=8

History & Culture

The island of Lesbos is renowned for its rich history and culture, which are depicted in a number of archaeological and historical monuments and works of art. Homeland of ancient Greek poets, such as Sappho, Alceus and Theophrastus, modern Greek painters, such as Theofilos, and modern Greek writers, such as Myrivilis, Eftalioties and Elytis [Nobel Prize for Poetry in 1979], Lesbos is famous for its rich culture and contribution to world literature and arts.



Online Travel Guide to Lesbos: https://issuu.com/empros/docs/agglikos_odigos

Student life

Life in the town of Mytilene combines the advantages of a small scale place and a place with a long history and tradition. Cultural events, sports activities, musical events and performances at the town and the University, along with the vibrant nightlife in the bars of the harbour and the traditional food, snacks and ouzo at the taverns compose the range of student entertainment.

UAegean MESPOM facilitators will provide all information about the upcoming cultural events and sports activities on a regular basis.

The Department of Environment

The Department of Environment of the University of the Aegean was established in 1987. It was the first Department on Environmental Science in Greece and the first to emphasize interdisciplinary studies. It was designed based on international standards, and it was innovative and pioneering in its inception. Its Undergraduate, Graduate programs, as well as its research activities cover a wide range of environment-related topics such as Ecology, Economics, Education, Politics, Engineering and Pollution. According to the last Thomson research on the impact of scientific research by country and discipline, the University of the Aegean is the leading University in Greece in the area “Environment/Ecology” with an average score of 12.74 -with the second Greek University score at 7.58 and the global average at 10.7.

Webpage: <http://www.env.aegean.gr/en/>

Introduction video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BF1Xd2lot88&list=PL0TxYou27ge-A3QeBZGfe6juW6bKTNFLh&index=2>



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The UAegean Mespom Semester

DURATION: 14 weeks from **Monday, April 5 2021 to July 09, 2021**. (including the 2 weeks of Easter Holidays)

A 2-WEEK BRAKE: There will be a **2 week brake (University will be closed for the Greek Easter Holidays)** from **Monday, April 26 to Friday, May 7**. The 2021 Greek Easter is almost a month later than the Catholic Easter. It may be a well suited 2-week period for the Students to have a (Spring) brake and the opportunity to have a rest and/or enjoy it by exploring the Greek Islands.

COURSES:

A. **Mandatory:**

- i. **[ENV540] *Assessment, Modelling and Scenarios for Ecosystems Management* (6 Credits)**

B. **Elective** (Students have to select **courses** of at least **10 Credits*** in total):

- i. **[ENV541] Applied Ecology (2 Credits) – Prerequisite:** “Introduction to Environmental Sciences” @ CEU Fall Semester
- ii. **[ENV511] Air Pollution and Climate Change (3 Credits)**
- iii. **[ENV512] Freshwater Resources: Natural systems, Human Impact and Conservation (2 Credits)**
- iv. **[ENV513] Aquatic Pollution and Wastewater Management (2 Credits)**
- v. **[ENV531] Environmental Applications of GIS: Spatial Analysis and Modeling (3 Credits) - Prerequisite:** “Spatial Analysis with GIS” in Winter Semester @ CEU” (or equivalent)
- vi. **[ENV571] Sustainable Tourism (2 Credits)**
- vii. **[ENV581] Research Design & Methods in Social Sciences (3 Credits) - Prerequisites:** Introduction to Quantitative Research Methods (I and II) @ CEU Fall Semester

Course

Information

For more information on the UAegean semester and/or specific courses, please, visit the Department's web page:

<http://www.env.aegean.gr/studies/masters-degrees/mespom2/>

The screenshot shows the MESPOM website with a large diagonal watermark reading <http://www.env.aegean.gr/studies/masters-degrees/mespom2/>. The website header includes the University of the Aegean logo and navigation links: The Department, Studying, Research, Staff, Students, Alumni, News. The main content area features a search bar, a 'Masters Degrees' section with contact information for the Department of Environment, and an 'About MESPOM' section. The 'About MESPOM' section describes it as an Erasmus+ program operated by four leading European and two North American universities. A 'Useful Information' section at the bottom contains links to an Information Guide, Student ID cards, Internet, Moodle and building Access, and Contact Persons. The browser's address bar and taskbar are visible at the bottom.

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About MESPOM

MESPOM is an Erasmus+ Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree in Environmental Sciences, Policy and Management operated by four leading European and two North American Universities. MESPOM prepares students for identifying and implementing solutions to complex environmental challenges, especially in an international context. Please visit the MESPOM website for full details.

The **MESPOM** study programme is in English and lasts two years. The students study in at least three out of six consortium universities: the International Institute for Industrial Environmental Economics at Lund University (Sweden), the University of Manchester (UK), Central European University (Hungary), the University of the Aegean (Greece), Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (MIIS) (USA), and the University of Saskatchewan (UoS) (Canada).

The Spring Semester of the 1st year **MESPOM** study programme takes place at the Department of Environment, University of the Aegean, Greece.

Useful Information

[Information Guide](#) [Student ID cards](#) [Internet, Moodle and building Access](#) [Contact Persons](#)

Practicalities

Accommodation

We will check prices and availability of several big houses where you can stay in groups. Previous experience has shown that the above arrangement represents the best and more affordable option.

Specific Information (and contact details) regarding potential accommodation options will be sent to you in the beginning of 2021. However, you have to make your own arrangements.

Transportation to & from the UAegean Campus

Concerning your transportation from the town of Mytilene to the University Campus and vice versa, there are frequent buses that can be taken from several bus stops in the town centre. You simply show your [UAegean student ID](#) card to the driver when you board the bus and you will be carried [free of charge](#).

In the first couple of days, you'll receive your **UAegean student ID card** that, in addition to free transportation to and from the university campus, gives you access to 50% off in all public transportation in Greece (except airplane tickets) and access to the University canteen.

Food at the University Canteen

The University Canteen offers students **three meals** (breakfast, lunch and dinner) at a total cost of about **2.50 € per person per day**.

The University Canteen is located on the University campus next to the Department of Geography and it is open seven days a week.

You should keep in mind that the meals are based on the Greek diet (every Wednesday and Friday vegetarian meals are served).

Time schedule:

Breakfast is served from 08:00 - 09:30

Lunch is served from 12:00 - 15:00

Dinner is served from 18:00 - 20:30

Internet access - Wi-Fi

FREE INTERNET ACCESS

All students of the University of the Aegean have free and unlimited access to the University's Wi-Fi connection by using their username and password provided by the host department. Furthermore, it is possible to have free internet access to the UAegean, other Institutions and public locations worldwide by using **eduroam** (education roaming) at <https://www.eduroam.gr/>. It allows students, researchers and staff from participating institutions to obtain internet connectivity across campus, as well while visiting other participating institutions.



Other Activities

During your stay, a number of activities will be organized, such as:

- "get together" events for food and drink,
- a tour to the town's museums and cultural centers,
- other activities such as a weekend trip or a football game between students and faculty,
- a field trip-tour to the Lesvos Petrified Forest,
- several educational field trips during the coursework that cover most of the island,
- contacts for scuba diving, crewed Sailing Cruises ...and more!



Pictures

The University Campus



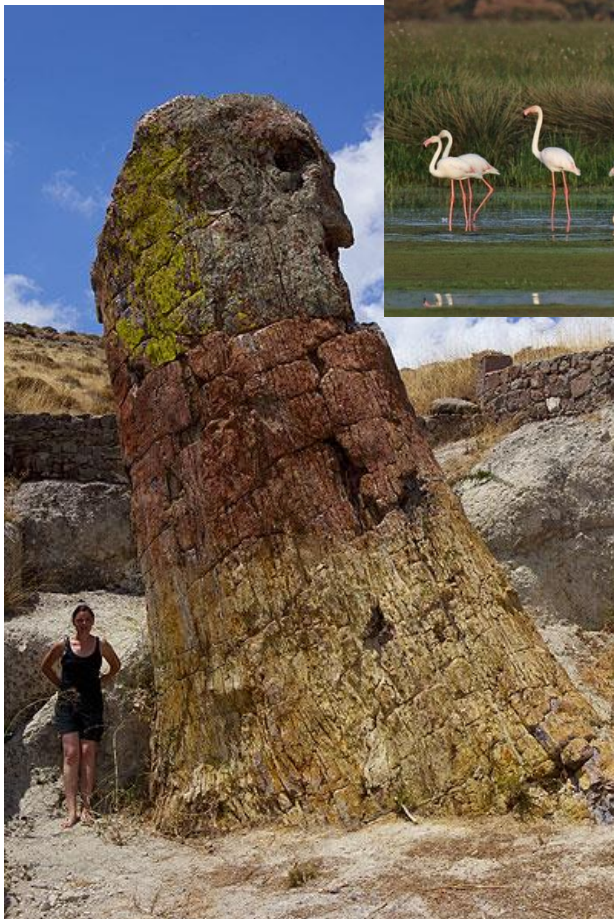
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The Island towns



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The Natural Environment



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