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MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

It gives me great pleasure to communicate with our international friends, partners and colleagues with whom we share common academic values and who seek to join our endeavors to maximize social, economic and cultural benefits through research, innovation and education.

At CUT, we strive to develop and promote creative, excellence-driven partnerships within the European context of academic excellence and research-driven knowledge society. At the same time, we aim to keep a global perspective, especially on issues such as Environment, Energy and Sustainability.

We always look forward to new ideas on international academic cooperation as we believe that interaction between institutions and their academic communities allows all parties involved to optimally use their capacities, thus enhancing individual strengths and competitiveness.

Universities have always been in a position to influence society and to serve as its eminent force of modernization. In today's world of diversity we are in a privileged position to work towards establishing universities as the seedbeds of a global culture of tolerance, dialogue and peace between nations, countries, civilizations, religions and social groups. The stronger our commitment in this common cause is, the more successful we will be in confronting the huge and complex global challenges.

Professor Elpida Keravnou-Papailiou



CUT AN OVERVIEW

Cyprus University of Technology (CUT) is one of three state universities in the Republic of Cyprus. It was founded by law on December 2003 and welcomed its first students on September 2007.

The CUT aspires to develop into a modern, pioneering and internationally recognized university, able to offer education and high level research in leading fields of research that currently have a great impact on the economic, technological and scientific sectors. Focusing mainly on applied research, the University aspires to acquire a role in support of the State and society in their efforts to deal with problems related to science and technology.

The University's mission has been developed around the following priorities:

- To offer education to students of a high scientific, technological and professional level.
- To produce high quality research that will transcend the traditional boundaries between basic and applied research, so that solutions may be offered to major problems of society and the economy. Simultaneously to allow Cyprus to attain an important position as a partner in a modern, European setting and to secure significant external research funding.
- To promote University cooperation with local industry and the economic sector in order to participate in the national effort to innovate and constantly improve products and services.
- To develop relationship and cooperation with its social partners and contribute to society, social cohesion, culture, local development and the economy.



FACTS AND FIGURES

Students: 2194

Undergraduate: 1975

Postgraduate: 118

Doctoral: 101

International Students: 88 undergraduate students, 24 postgraduate students

Academic staff: 295

Administrative staff: 226

Teaching and research staff: 158

Annual Budget: €55 million

Budget Allocated for Research: €1.8 million

LOCATION

Cyprus

It is the third largest island in the Mediterranean, with an area of 9,251 sq. kms. Cyprus became an independent country in 1960 and joined the European Union in 2004. On 20 July 1974 Turkey invaded the Republic of Cyprus with massive military force in violation of the UN Charter and fundamental principles of international law. Turkey occupied 36,2% of the sovereign territory of the Republic of Cyprus. Since then, negotiations for the solution of the Cyprus problem are taking place under the auspices of the United Nations.

Limassol

The island's second largest city, Lemesos (Limassol) spreads out between two ancient city-kingdoms, Amathous to the east and Kourion to the west, two of the most spectacular archaeological sites in Cyprus.

It is the island's main port, the centre of the wine industry and a bustling holiday resort. A large number of hotels and hotel apartments line a 15 km coastline interspersed with eucalyptus groves and linked by a promenade popular with walkers or joggers.

Wander round the narrow streets of the old town radiating out from the fishing harbour. The medieval castle was the site of the royal wedding in the Middle Ages between Richard the Lionheart and Berengaria of Navarre, and now houses the Cyprus Medieval Museum. Browse through the array of goods and produce in the atmospheric Market.

A short drive out into the surrounding countryside will take you through vineyards and quaint with traditional wine producing villages.



UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

The University consists of six faculties, which are located in the city centre of Lemesos (Limassol).

For the first out of three phases of its operation, covering the period 2007-2013, the University buildings are located within the old city centre. Old government buildings given to the University have been renovated, but in order to cover the remaining needs, other buildings in the vicinity have been rented and a number re-modified in order to house laboratories, lecture rooms as well as offices. During the second phase (2014-2020) the University campus will expand to an area of approximately 50.000m², about seven minutes walking distance from the old city centre.

The University Campus Master Plan envisages that until 2020 the number of students will steadily grow to 7000-8000, with 21-28 departments.

FACULTIES-DEPARTMENTS

At present, the University consists of six faculties and ten departments as follows:

Faculty of Communication and Media Studies

- Department of Communication and Internet Studies

Faculty of Engineering and Technology

- Department of Civil Engineering and Geomatics
- Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering and Informatics
- Department of Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science and Engineering

Faculty of Fine and Applied Arts

- Department of Multimedia and Graphic Arts

Faculty of Geotechnical Sciences and Environmental Management

- Department of Agricultural Sciences, Biotechnology and Food Science
- Department of Environmental Science and Technology

Faculty of Health Sciences

- Department of Nursing

Faculty of Management and Economics

- Department of Commerce, Finance and Shipping
- Department of Hotel and Tourism Management

**FACULTY OF
COMMUNICATION
AND MEDIA STUDIES**

Department of Communication and Internet Studies

The Department of Communication and Internet Studies offers a Bachelor degree in Communication and Internet Studies. Courses in the first two years have been designed to provide background knowledge about Internet technologies, media studies and the societal impact of technology. After successful completion of the first two foundation years, students can select one of the following specializations: a) Communication Technologies, b) Information Management, and c) Information Society. Upon completion of the programme, graduates will have acquired the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue advanced university degrees or to be employed in information-intensive professions, such as information technology managerial positions, advertising, public relations and campaigning, film and television production, web-design, mass communications, and journalism.

**FACULTY OF
ENGINEERING
AND TECHNOLOGY**

Department of Civil Engineering and Geomatics

The Department of Civil Engineering and Geomatics (CEG) seeks to develop its students within an inspiring and dynamic environment that challenges them and enables them to acquire a wide range of professional, analytical and design skills, which are necessary to make a positive and significant impact to civil infrastructure and the quality of life. The Department offers two versatile 4-year undergraduate (Bachelor) programmes in Civil Engineering and Land Surveying & Geomatics Engineering, tailored to meet current needs of the industry. Post-graduate studies in the Department include a new taught 13-month Master of Science in Civil Engineering and Sustainable Design as well as PhD studies in various areas of Civil Engineering and Geomatics, tapping from the strong research experience and record of the Departmental academic staff. Research in the Department is undertaken in state-of the art laboratory facilities and is funded through national and European programmes (e.g Marie Curie, FP-7, LIFE+, EUREKA, MED etc). The Department has and aims to enhance strong links with the industry and public sector, in order to provide to its students the opportunity to work on exciting projects through research and professional training. Furthermore it seeks and encourages links with international Higher Education Institutions, through the exchange of students and visits from distinguished academics, whose specialist expertise would add value in our taught and research programmes.

Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering and Informatics

The Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering and Informatics combines the fields of Electrical Engineering, of Computer Engineering and of Computer Science under a unified multi-disciplinary department. The department offers two distinct programmes of studies (curricula), one for students who wish to study Electrical Engineering and one for those who wish to study Computer Engineering and Informatics. There is though, a substantial overlap of required and elective courses between the two programmes. The programmes aim at providing the students with the abilities needed to face with confidence the challenges of the domestic and foreign professional sectors or of post-graduate academic programmes at home or abroad. Graduates acquire the professional skills of rapidly shifting technological environment demands. In addition, the graduates are in position to succeed in the private industrial sector; in the government sector; as well as in the academic and research environment.

Department of Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science and Engineering

The Department of Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science and Engineering offers a modern broadly based undergraduate programme that promotes learning, thinking, understanding and problem-solving abilities necessary for the technological needs of the 21st century. The Department combines the strengths and professional engineering recognition of the mechanical engineering discipline with the innovative nature of Materials Science and Engineering in a unified programme.

The Department offers a 4 year curriculum and grants a single degree in Mechanical Engineering while, in parallel, we offer courses specialized in material science and engineering discipline. The curriculum within the first two years, providing a strong foundation in science and engineering fundamentals while providing a more focused education with fundamental and specialized mechanical engineering and materials science and engineering courses during the last two years of the curriculum. The Department of Mechanical Engineering and Material Science and Engineering provides undergraduate degree of Mechanical Engineering. The curricula have received Mechanical Engineering accreditation from ETEK, which is the official government body that provides engineering professional registration in Cyprus.

**FACULTY OF
FINE AND
APPLIED ARTS**

Department of Multimedia and Graphic Arts

The Department of Multimedia and Graphic Arts offers a Bachelor degree in Multimedia and Graphic Arts that builds a strong foundation around the process of original and theoretical research, methodological adaptation, creative teamwork, hands-on experience with industry, standard technologies and internship opportunities.

The Department has also introduced a number of new postgraduate programmes (an MA in Interactive Multimedia and an MSc in the Design and Development of Computer Games and Interactive Technologies) designed with special focus on today's needs for interdisciplinary education – an essential qualification for professionals in the related industry. The programmes welcome and encourage the admission of candidates from diverse backgrounds.

All programmes are intended to train and prepare students for careers in the Interactive Multimedia and Creative Applied Arts industries, as well as encourage aspiring young researchers to explore their potentials to generate new knowledge and innovation.

**FACULTY OF
GEOTECHNICAL SCIENCES AND
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

Department of Agricultural Sciences, Biotechnology and Food Science

Considering the problems, prospects and challenges resulting from Cyprus' accession to the EU and with the objective to contribute to the required modernization and technological transformation of the island's agrifood sector, the Cyprus University of Technology has established a department of Agricultural Sciences, Biotechnology and Food Science. The department offers a B.Sc. degree in Agricultural and Food Sciences with specialization in three basic areas: a) Crop Science and Technology, b) Animal Science and Technology (including fisheries and aquaculture) and c) Food Science and Technology.

Department of Environmental Science and Technology

The courses and curricula of the Department were designed by the faculty assisted by an international group of leading scientists in environmental science and engineering who took into full account the special environmental needs and problems of Cyprus and of the surrounding region. Therefore, the University provides a university level programme in Environmental Science and Technology that will prepare graduates for a successful professional career and equip them for positions of leadership in industry, government, and academia.

**FACULTY OF
HEALTH SCIENCES**

Department of Nursing

The Graduate of the Department of Nursing will be a competent, knowledgeable practitioner of nursing, who is confident in working from an evidence base in a multi disciplinary environment. He/she will be a good communicator who is research aware and demonstrates professional leadership for the 21st century. This programme has been designed to comply with the relevant professional requirements leading to nursing registration, as required by the relevant legislation. Additionally the programme complies with the EU Directives for nursing. In addition it has taken note of relevant healthcare policy, including the National Health Plan.

**FACULTY OF
MANAGEMENT
AND ECONOMICS**

Department of Commerce, Finance and Shipping

The Department of Commerce, Finance and Shipping offers a curriculum that prepares students to cope effectively with challenges and opportunities. The programme of studies focuses on three areas that are central to modern economic development and also are the main pillars for the economic prosperity of any nation, especially in Cyprus. The programme also aims to provide students with a thorough understanding of how these sectors operate within a modern economic system and also give them the tools necessary for a successful career in business management in the sectors of commerce, finance and shipping.

Department of Hotel and Tourism Management

The Department offers an academic degree in Hotel and Tourism Management. The Department strives to develop an ideal learning environment in which students will receive a pedagogically sound academic experience that adequately prepares them for a successful managerial-level career in the Hospitality and Tourism Industry.

The Department envisions becoming an international centre of excellence for teaching and research in the area of Hotel and Tourism Management. Its objective is to develop, promote, and disseminate in a rational manner the scientific knowledge and values on which the hotel and tourism professions are based. At the same time the Department aims to educate high calibre individuals, who are able to serve the hotel and tourism industry in particular, and Cypriot society and culture in general.



LANGUAGE CENTRE

Cyprus University of Technology Language Centre (LC) has an international reputation for its research in Applied Linguistics, Language Teaching and Learning, Curriculum Development and Evaluation, Computer Assisted Language Learning, Assessment, Testing, and Quality Control.

The CUT LC has more than 20 specialist teaching and research staff. All our staff are bilingual speakers, which means that students are immersed in the kind of authentic language learning environment, which is so vital to improving confidence and proficiency. Our language experts provide excellent teaching in a supportive and relaxed atmosphere.

Language programmes

Language tailor-made courses are available at A1, A2, B1, B2 and C1 levels of the Common European Framework of References (CEFR) for Languages. Students have the opportunity to immerse in an authentic language learning experience. Learning a language at CUT LC is a truly enriching experience. The Centre boasts an excellent learning environment, suite multimedia dedicated language classrooms and a Cooperative and Interactive Learning Centre.

Courses as part of student degree studies

The Language courses which constitute part of student degree studies are:

Compulsory

English for Academic Purposes (CEFR B1-B2 levels)
English for Specific Academic Purpose (B2), based on the specialisations of the ten different departments.

Electives

We currently offer 6 languages: English, Greek, French, German, Italian and Spanish.

Evening Language Programmes

Certificated evening courses are open to adults over 18 and are designed to give participants greater confidence in speaking a foreign language, whether for work, travel or just for fun. Courses are available at different levels.

Corporate Language Training

We can help professionals, businesses, employees and employers get a competitive edge by developing confidence and fluency in a range of languages for specific professional purposes, upon request and sufficient number of participants. We offer a select portfolio of language training solutions for businesses and other organisations and are looking to expand this service.

CYPRUS INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE

The Cyprus International Institute (CII) for Environmental and Public Health is an international research, education and technology initiative for environmental and public health. It was established by the Government of Cyprus and Harvard University to address environmental and public health issues in Cyprus and throughout a broad region.

CII provides opportunities for research, education and training in environmental health and public health to students, scholars and professionals.

CII offers an array of postgraduate programmes in public health, including environmental health, epidemiology and biostatistics. In addition, CII hosts regional public lectures, continuing professional education workshops, symposiums and other events.

Since 2009, the Institute operates as an element of the Cyprus University of Technology, under its Faculty of Health Sciences, in association with the Harvard School of Public Health.

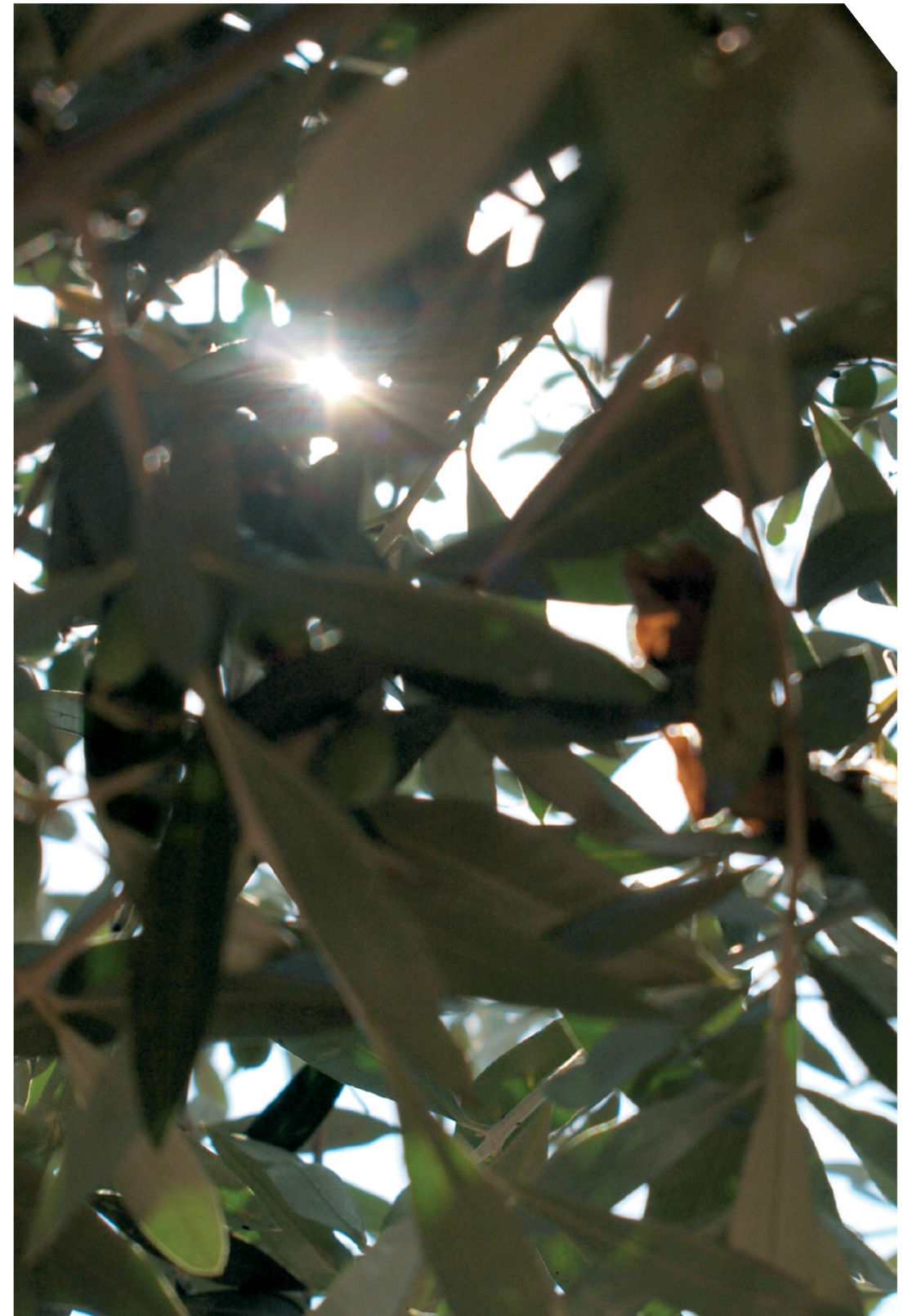
More information: <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/cyprus>

INDUSTRY-ACADEMIA LIAISON OFFICE

The main aim of the Industry-Academia Liaison Office is to develop and establish mutual benefit links through research collaborations and partnering opportunities between the University and the regional business sector. In short, the purpose of the office is to create synergies between the University's academic and student community and the business world in order to promote the transfer of specialised know-how in terms of technology and innovation.

Furthermore, the Industry-Academia Liaison Office assists and supports the University's Student Affairs office, the Erasmus office and the IAESTE office to place students and graduates in businesses, in fields related to students' education and specialisation.

More information: <http://www.liaisonoffices.ac.cy>





“VASSILIS MICHAELIDES” UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

The Library and Information Services of the Cyprus University of Technology was founded in 2007.

Mission/Objectives

- Serving and supporting the members of the academic community in their scientific, research, design and teaching work.
- Collection development in quality, size and depth, providing access to reliable information resources throughout the University research community.
- Accumulating, preserving and making accessible of the University's research activity (academic publications and students theses and dissertations).
- Library contribution to the research, teaching and lifelong learning through information literacy courses aimed at training users to develop the necessary research skills and critical thought.
- Beneficial partnership and collaboration with other scientific institutions and libraries of Cyprus for the recording, preserving and documentation of works of popular culture, and other scientific, artistic and cultural production.
- Social contribution to the local community through the sustainability, digitization and promotion of cultural heritage.

CUT Library is a member of the following cooperation and professional organizations:

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)

Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche (LIBER)

International Association of Technological University Libraries (IATUL)

Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC)

European Association for Health Information and Libraries (EAHIL)

European Innovative Users Group (EIUG)

Cyprus Association of Librarians and Information Scientists (CALIS)

Cyprus Organization for Standardization (CYS)

Consortiums:

Hellenic Academic Libraries Link (IHEAL-Link)

Cyprus Academic Libraries Consortium (CALC)

Library Holdings

Although is the newest Cypriot university library, its collections of about 24 000 items contain materials on all disciplines taught at the University, including books, journals, audio-visual materials, leaflets, pamphlets, etc. The Library offers access to about 21 000 e-journal titles, 160 bibliographical and full-text data-bases and 23 000 e-books.

Library hours

September–May

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| Monday–Friday | Saturday |
| 8:30 a.m.–10:00 p.m. | 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. |

June–August

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| Monday–Friday | Saturday |
| 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. | Closed |

Library hours are subject to change during holiday and examination periods.

Digitization activities

The CUT Library has significant experience with digitization activities such as cultural content selection, resource description, image processing, preservation and digital library infrastructure.

One of the major priorities of the Library was to design and develop the first Institutional Repository in Cyprus, named 'Ktisis' (<http://ktisis.cut.ac.cy/>). Ktisis is an open access digital repository containing all digital content related to the various activities of the CUT as well as cultural heritage material. It demonstrates the history, the intellectual life and the research activities of the University, preserving, spreading and promoting the scientific research to the local and international community.

The University signed in 2011 the **Berlin Declaration** on Open Access to Scientific Knowledge. All the publications submitted to KTISIS constitute the intellectual property of the respective author and are freely available online under the terms of the "Deposit-Disposal" license and the **Creative Commons** license.



STUDIES AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Student Admission

The number of undergraduate students admitted each year per academic department is based on the procedures and criteria regulated by the Pancyprian Examinations Law. The basic criterion is the result of the annual Pancyprian Examinations, which are organized by the Ministry of Education and Culture. Every year about 500 undergraduate students are accepted at CUT.

Studies at the Cyprus University of Technology

Undergraduate Studies System

The academic year is constituted of two semesters: the Fall semester (September–December) and the Spring semester (January–May). Attendance in all the Departments is obligatory and continuous. The expected time of completion of programs of study is eight (8) semesters and the longest allotted time for the completion of studies is twelve (12) semesters.

The programmes of study at the CUT are based on the system of European Credit Units (ECU), known as ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System). An ECU represents 25-30 hours of work taught. The total work load taught for an undergraduate programme (4 years) is 6000-7200 hours.

During the first week of teaching, the instructor gives a written syllabus for the course to in which describes the objectives, the matter, the bibliography and the form of evaluation for the course. Each student is assigned an Academic Advisor from the Department, which advises on academic topics.

Grading System

The grading system for the course is numerical, from 0 up to 10, per 0.5 (1/2) the unit. The minimum grade for passing is five (5). Grade Point Average (GPA) is the mean that takes into consideration the ECTS, that is to say the grade of each course is multiplied with the number of ECTS of the course and the sum is divided with the total number of ECTS. For the calculation of the final GPA, the courses that were marked with a grade of 5 and more are only taken into account. The GPA of the grades for the course are entered in the transcript, while on the Degree the grades are stated as follows: "Excellent" (grades 8.5-10), "Very Well" (grades 6.5-8.5), and "Well" (grades 6.5-5).

Student Services

Policy for Student Support and Welfare

The Office of Student Social Welfare and Financial Support succeeded in the concession of money as economic assistance, as a way to apply innovative practices, such as: distribution of food coupons for the student restaurant, subsidy card for transportation, grants for buying University books and computers. This was done to ensure that the aid will be used only towards the selected student and his studies at the University.

Accommodation

The University rents a number of apartments/rooms, in which are offered to certain students at a lowered rent price, based on their socio-economic status. Additionally, the Housing office of the Student Services Department provides guidance for all the students who need accommodation, by providing a list of residences/apartments available for renting. This list is available during the registration period (beginning of July) and is continuously updated.

Meals

The University has a restaurant, called "Plateia", which operates at the ground floor of the Student Housing at the Hero's Square. A variety of meals, sweets and drinks are offered, at discounted prices. There is also a Kiosk, in the yard of the Andreas Themistocleous building, as well as the Student Café "Zappeion", at Hero's Square, where drinks and snacks are offered at discounted prices.

Transportation

The University has upgraded its collaboration with the Limassol City Buses with the aim to better serve the students. In the context of the new policy for student support, the Limassol City Buses offers to all University students the free use of the bus lines in the urban area of Limassol, when they show their student identification card upon boarding.

Student Welfare Association

Beyond the measures of economic support that are stated above, the University offers through the Student Welfare Association a fixed amount for economical support to students on the basis of economic status.

It is for annual scholarships – grants which are based on the economic criteria, or for special economic help which is given to a number of students with exceptions.

Scholarship and Awards

Different organizations and companies offer fixed amounts in the form of financial aid or awards to students of the University. The University has worked out a framework for attracting private organizations and people for providing scholarships and awards. Relative information on scholarships and awards are announced by the Department of Academic Affairs and Student Welfare Services.

Counseling Services

The Counseling Services of the Cyprus University of Technology have the aim to support and help the students who need to receive counseling support and guidance.

The Counseling Services Office is responsible for the support of students with Special Needs and cooperates with their Academic Departments.

The Counseling Services organize presentations and workshops with topics that address emotional and physical health, personal and family relations, and societal topics that bother the students.

Career Office

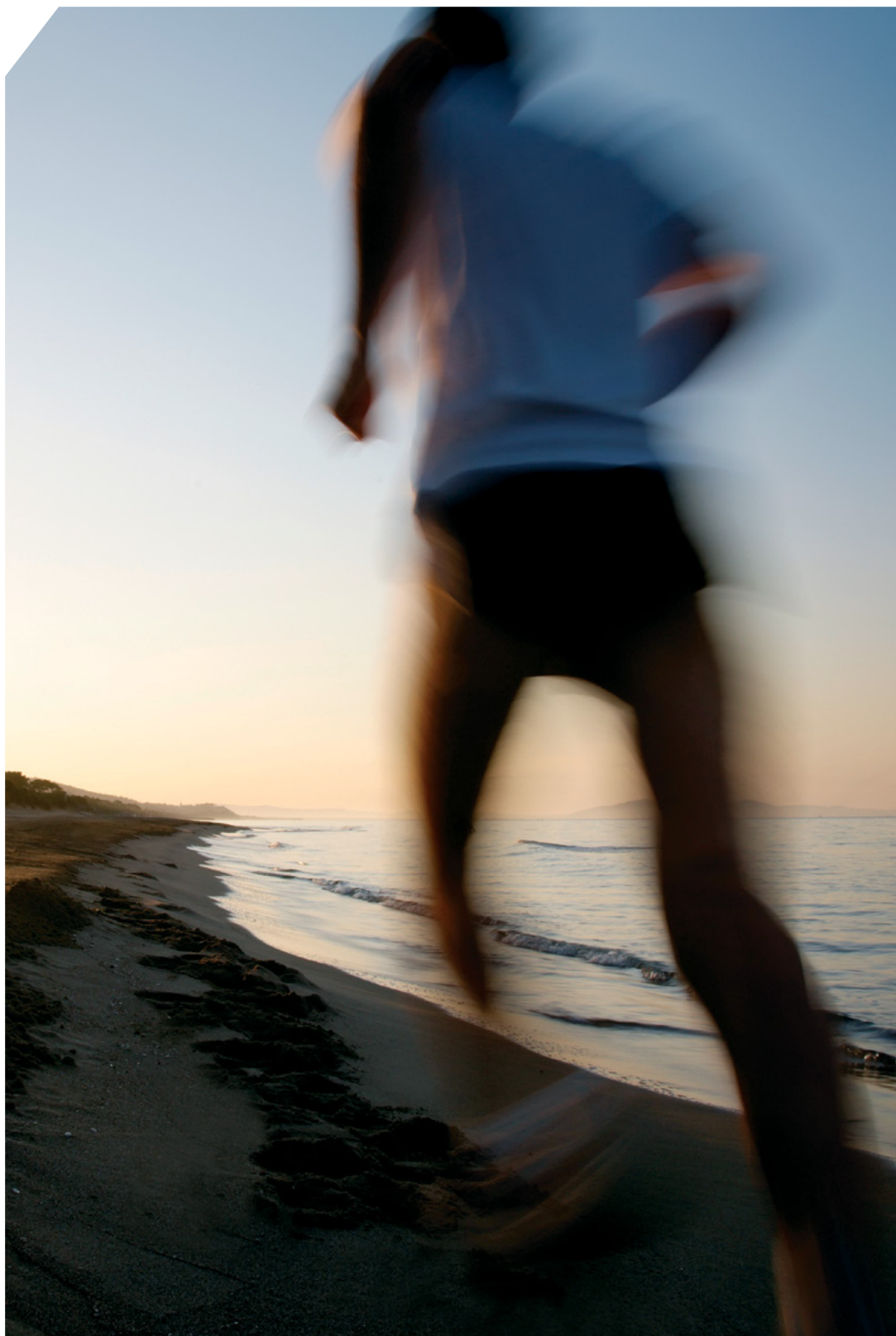
The Student Services and Academic Welfare provide students with information on possible professional prospects, and helps students to form a clear picture concerning their professional orientation. Furthermore, advisement is provided for students on how to succeed in a personal interview, it provides information on composing a Curriculum Vitae and an application for employment, and moreover, it contributes to a more effective presence of graduates in the Labour Market.

Student Life

Student Union

From March 2008 the Student Union was developed at the Cyprus University of Technology. According to the law of the Cyprus University of Technology the students are represented at all the administrative bodies and take part in the decision-making procedure and participate actively in the management, operation, and development of the University.





Student Groups

Students have the opportunity to create student groups at the University. A common cause needs to be created and meet other guidelines in order to form a Student Group. Some examples of Groups that are currently active at the University are: Journalist Group, Theatre Group, Music Group, Dance Group, Rock and Metal Music Group, etc.

Athletics

The Athletics office has the task of preparing a complete annual athletic activities programme, which includes:

- Recreational Sports
- Championships
- Competitions
- Sports activities and giving back to the society
- Presentations

The policy of the University is to provide mass recreational sports, but also to upgrade athletics and activities which may not be well known to the general public. Particular emphasis is given to sports that are related to the sea, beach, and mountain.

Medicare

All the Cypriot students that study at the CUT are entitled to medical care by the state hospitals of the public health system.

The same policy stands for students from EU members states, as long as they bring their European Health Insurance Card from the state health institutions.



RESEARCH AT CUT

Cyprus University of Technology has as its strategic target the design and development of research activities both within the University and in cooperation with other research Institutes in Cyprus and abroad. The research emphasis of CUT is reflected in the substantial funding provided to academics for the establishment of research centers and laboratories.

CUT aims at transferring knowledge (education) and producing new knowledge through basic and applied research in all the academic fields of the University's six Faculties. Research is carried out in each different Department or between two or more Departments, under the responsibility of one or more members of the academic staff. University research activities are realized through funding secured from the following two major sources:

- a) From the University's state funded budget.
- b) From different organizations, entities or private sources at national, European and international level who award, with or without a competition, specific research projects to research groups and/or individual members of the academic staff.

Strengthening of the research management support and infrastructure, with the aim of securing externally funded projects, is another major objective of the University. Moreover, the University has adopted the following principles in relation to research which conform with the European Union's declarations relating to the creation of the European Research Area (ERA):

- Effective access and information support
- Equal research opportunities to all members of the academic community
- Effective support of research activities
- Promotion of competition, quality and support of research projects,
- Start-up funding for new academic and teaching members for the setting-up of research infrastructure, mainly for the creation of research laboratories.

CUT research and academic staff is involved in various Research Activities and National and European Research Programmes. Even though CUT initiated its research activity very recently, it has already managed to dispose 100 National Research Projects funded by the Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation and 35 European Research Projects funded under the European Research Framework Programmes (FP6 and FP7), the LIFE and IEE Programmes, the European Territorial Cooperation Programmes such as Interreg IIIB, Archimed, Interreg IVC, Cross Border Cooperation Greece-Cyprus, MED and the Lifelong Learning Programme.



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

International cooperation constitutes a vital pillar of action for the University, both within the framework of the Common European Higher Education and Research Area as well as in the context of the globalisation of knowledge and sustainability. For CUT, internationalization is one of the priorities of Strategic Development. Prioritized strategic choices towards this goal are:

- Attracting foreign students
- Strengthening international collaborations
- Participating in European LLP and International programmes
- Establishing a Network for Environmental and Energy Management

The University aspires to develop and to establish itself as a center of university education in the Mediterranean region and beyond, offering a rounded and multidimensional education, reflecting technological innovation and the progress of modern industry.

Under the leadership of International Cooperation Committee, the International Cooperation Office works towards the fulfilment of internationalization goals in the form of a) Bilateral Agreements with other Universities and b) Participation in International Organizations and Networks. CUT is already a member of 70 international and European organizations or networks such as UNIMED, UKRO, EARMMA, HUMANE. CUT maintains bilateral Agreements with most European countries' universities and additionally with Third Countries universities, mainly in the Mediterranean region. CUT is also a member of EMUNI (Euromediterranean University) Senate, Bologna Convention Promoter and is currently working in promoting its international out-look by participating in European Programmes such as ERASMUS, ERASMUS MUNDUS, TEMPUS, LLP. Regarding local collaboration, CUT has signed Memoranda of Understanding with 40 public bearers, organizations and private companies.



ERASMUS

Erasmus Mobility Office at CUT supports all incoming and outgoing students for Erasmus study and placement mobility and invites all students and staff to work together on an international campus.

The office is responsible for the signing of new Bilateral Agreements, for the running and organizing of the Erasmus Intensive Language Courses in Greek and Erasmus IPs, as well as for managing teaching and administrative staff mobility, for both Incoming and Outgoing staff.

Currently CUT has 119 signed Bilateral Agreements with most EU countries, and has hosted since its operation in July 2009, 64 students for both studies and placement.

The Erasmus Office at CUT participates in the annual ERACON (European Association of Erasmus Coordinators) conference, in which Dr Charalambos Chrisostomou, the Erasmus Institutional Coordinator and the Head of Research and International Relations Service, is the Vice President.

More information: <http://www.cut.ac.cy/erasmus>

IAESTE

The IAESTE Cyprus National Committee was founded in 1980 and has been administered by the CUT since 2011. In 2012, IAESTE Cyprus filed with the Registrar of Companies as a non-profit organization.

IAESTE Cyprus is a member of the International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience (IAESTE), providing students with technical degrees with paid, course-related, training abroad. To date, IAESTE has exchanged in excess of 335,000 students in over than 85 countries.

Aims

- To provide students in higher education with technical experience relevant to their studies.
- To offer employers well-qualified and motivated trainees.
- To be a source of cultural enrichment for trainees and their host communities.
- To operate a high quality practical training exchange programme between members in order to enhance technical and professional development.
- To promote international understanding and goodwill amongst students, academic institutions, employers and the wider community.

During 2012, a total of 39 students participated in IAESTE Cyprus. IAESTE Cyprus collaborated with 20 local employers to offer placements which enabled the programme to welcome 27 incoming students from 19 countries. In exchange, IAESTE Cyprus sent 12 outgoing students abroad for practical training to 9 countries.

More information: <http://www.cut.ac.cy/iaeste>

STRATEGIC PLAN 2010–2020

The Strategic goals of the University, as described in the Strategic Plan 2010–2020, have been prioritized by the Senate, taking into account the recent economic challenges and social needs.

New Departments

The Department of Rehabilitation Sciences will offer four separate programmes of study in Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy and Clinical Social Work. The department is expected to accept its first students in September 2013, starting with the programme in Speech and Language Therapy.

The Faculty of Applied Arts and Communication has evolved into two separate Faculties: the Faculty of Fine and Applied Arts and the Faculty of Communication and Media Studies. The specific adjustment leads to the establishment of a Department of Fine Arts and a Department of Public Communication. The Department of Fine Arts is expected to accept its first students in September 2014.

The Department of Fine Arts will cover visual arts and at the same time it will offer a secondary programme on 'Art Education'. The Department of Fine Arts will offer the following directions in its undergraduate programme of Fine Arts:

- a) Painting
- b) Sculpture and
- c) Printmaking.

The Department of Public Communication will offer an undergraduate programme in Public Communication with the following directions:

- a) Journalism
- b) Public Relations and
- c) Advertising.

The Faculty of Geotechnical Sciences and Environmental Management is expected to be reinforced with a new Department of Natural Resources.

The University is currently working on preparing comprehensive proposals for the establishment of a new Department of Pharmacy under the Faculty of Health Sciences and a new Department of Chemical Engineering under the Faculty of Engineering and Technology.

In addition, the University short-term (2012–2015) plans include the following:

- To increase by 10% the mobility of all incoming and outgoing Erasmus students.
- To complete the e-university infrastructure.
- To establish core research units operating at the University.
- To increase research funding from external sources and to increase the number of young researchers employed.
- To restructure all PhD programmes in order to meet the "Europe 2020" quality criteria and standards.
- To fully implement the internal quality assurance system for its academic and administrative functions.

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