



**Programme of Post-graduate Studies (MA)**  
**"CRIMINOLOGY"**  
**Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences**

The Post-graduate Programme (MA) "CRIMINOLOGY" of the Department of Sociology was established the first in 2003 under the title "The contemporary criminality and its confrontation" -following the informal postgraduate seminar held in the Section of Criminology since 1984- and from July 2014 with its current title (Government Gazette 2006/23-7-2014). In the context of the re-establishment of all Postgraduate Programmes. The current Government Gazette is No. 2485 /26-6-18, t.B.

The Post-graduate Studies last two years and award a Master Degree, officially recognised by the State, under the aforementioned title.

The organisation and the structure of the Post-graduate Programme leads to the development of particular interests for the students as well as to their specialization in issues related to contemporary criminality, its prevention and its wider confrontation, seen as subjects of empirical research and critical consideration as well as of design and implementation of effective criminal policies.

**Aims**

The general aim of the Post-graduate Programme is the training and the specialisation of post-graduate students in the importance of studying and recording contemporary criminality and its confrontation as well as their familiarization with the theoretical corpus and the research methodology in this field.

The Programme contributes to the development of knowledge related to issues of criminal policy, as approached on international level and according to Human Rights, as declared by the Greek state, the European Union, the international organizations and as foreseen by the Constitution, the international Conventions and law.

The Programme consists an integrated action for the development of post-graduate studies on the social problems evoked by the qualitative and quantitative changes of criminality, since it combines a multilevel intervention in several fields of scientific, social and political life. The teaching programme, the teaching methods, the interdisciplinary collaboration of the teaching staff, the social activity of the University, the dissemination of our work aims at contributing significantly to the confrontation of related phenomena at the national level, such as: urban criminality, organized and economic crime, crimes related to biotechnology

and modern technologies, contemporary forms of corruption, environmental crime, victimisation etc., as well as of problems at the local level, such as: prevention of petty criminality, consolidation of feelings of insecurity, fear of crime reduction etc.

## **Courses**

Post-graduate students have the opportunity to participate in the research projects and the teaching activities of the Post-graduate Programme. The attendance of classes is compulsory.

### **First Semester**

1. Contemporary criminality, its confrontation and Criminology
2. Methodology of criminological research
3. Contemporary issues of criminal law and criminal justice

### **Second Semester**

1. City and criminality, feeling of unsafety and punitiveness
2. Internationalization of criminal policy and human rights
3. Crime prevention and social reintegration of ex-prisoners

### **Third Semester**

1. Epistemological issues in Criminology
2. Organized crime, economic criminality. Phenomenology, types, factors
3. Victim's role in the criminal justice and in the design of criminal policy

### **Fourth Semester**

Dissertation.

To obtain the Master Degree all students should pass successfully the examination of all courses as well as their dissertation to be successfully evaluated.

## **Other Scientific Activities**

Apart from the rich teaching and research activity of the teaching staff of the Post-graduate Programme, a wide range of other scientific activities are held under its operation. Indicative examples are educational visits to agencies of criminological character (e.g. prisons, forensic laboratory of the Hellenic Police etc.), conferences, lectures, workshops, seminars of criminological interest with the participation of prominent scientists and practitioners from Greece and other countries as well as with the active participation of the teaching staff and the students.

Additionally, the accomplishment of part of the post-graduate studies is possible in foreign Universities on the basis of the relevant collaborations of Panteion University and under the decision of the Steering Committee of the Programme.

## **Career Prospects**

The post-graduates of the Programme are qualified to be recruited in public and private services as researchers as well as in the Social Welfare Service, the Juvenile Probation Service, several social services (of the state, of the municipalities, of the private sector), several Ministries (of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights, of Citizen Protection, of the Interior etc.), Local Crime Prevention Councils, prisons, several services of prevention centers related to social exclusion of certain social groups (ex-prisoners, drug addicts, immigrants, homeless, unemployed) or crime victims (abused women and children etc.) and victimisation in general. Therefore, the scientists specialized via the Post-graduate Programme are capable of making propositions of intervention and confrontation of phenomena related to contemporary criminality and criminal policy.