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at a glance





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about the UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS

The University of Cyprus was established in 1989 and admitted its first students in 1992. It was the first public university in Cyprus, and is dedicated to creating opportunities for intellectual growth and pursuing excellence in education.

Throughout its brief history of twenty years, the University of Cyprus has played a major role in the social, cultural and economic development of the country, offering quality teaching and promoting innovation and the development of research.

Besides a wide selection of study programmes, the University of Cyprus also provides a positive and supportive working and learning environment, as well as all the necessary resources to meet the demands of both academic staff and students.

the city of Nicosia (Lefkosia)



The University of Cyprus is located in Nicosia, the capital of the country and its largest city, with a population of over 270,000.

Living in Nicosia provides a rich and fulfilling experience as the city offers many opportunities for work, recreation, study, and intellectual stimulation. Nicosia combines its historic past with the amenities of a modern and vibrant European city. Besides being a busy commercial and business centre, it also features a selection of museums, art galleries, libraries, theatres, cinemas and athletic centres, as well as cafés, bars, shopping centres and restaurants.

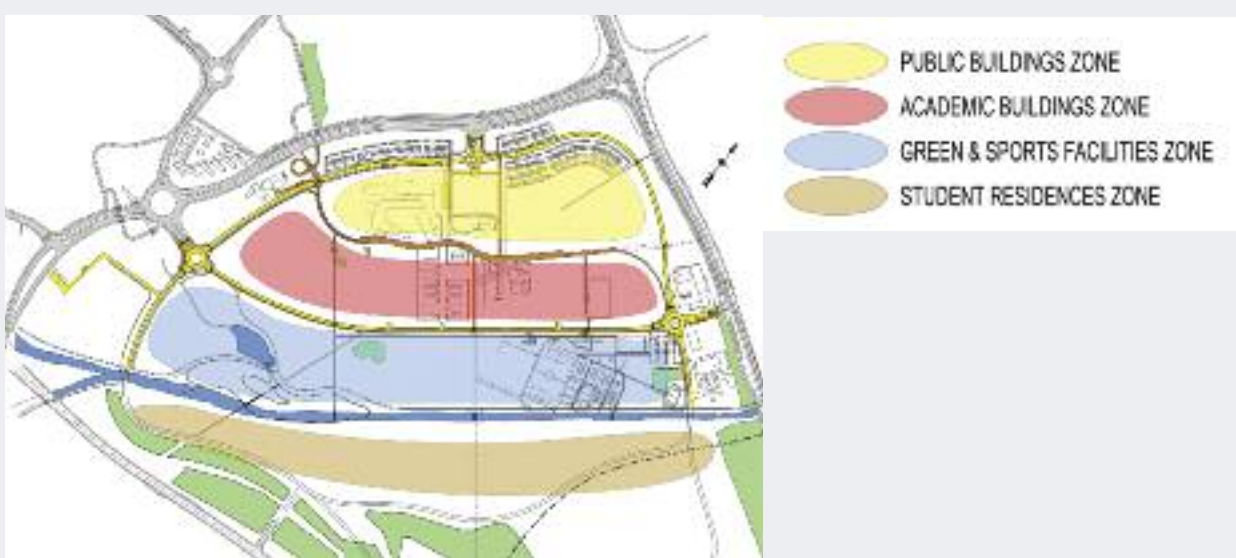
Much of the charm and beauty of Nicosia can be found in the preserved and renovated "Old City" centre, located within the 16th century Venetian walls. The old city is scattered with buildings and monuments of historical interest as well as shops, cafés and tavernas.



the campus

The University boasts a brand new campus with modern facilities, located on the outskirts of east Nicosia. The new campus, part of which is still under construction, covers an area of approximately 1.2 square kilometres. According to the Master Plan, it will consist of four basic zones: public buildings, academic buildings, green and sports facilities, and student residences. Upon completion, the University Campus will be able to accommodate a total of 10,000 students.

Part of the University is still housed in the former Pedagogical Academy of Cyprus, a historic building which was fully renovated to meet the needs of a modern university.





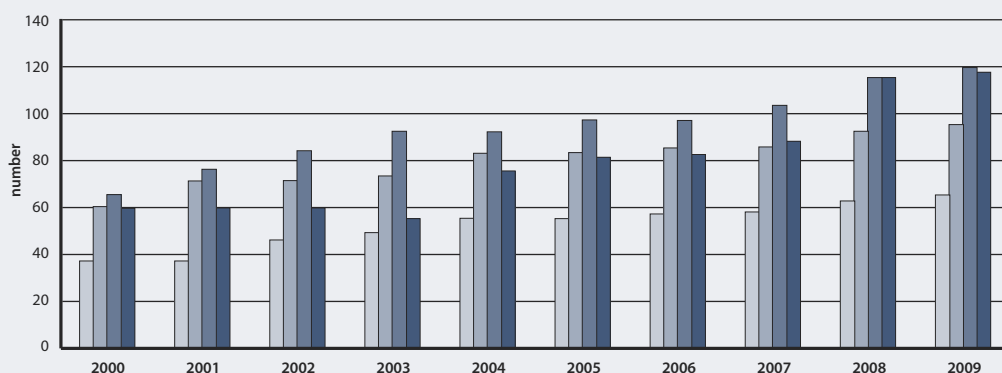
staff

Academic Staff

There has been a consistent and steady increase in the number of academic staff at the University of Cyprus, in parallel with the growth of its faculties and departments and the development of new programmes of study. In 2009, there were 400 authorised positions for academic staff (4 levels) and 64 authorised positions for special teaching staff.

The academic faculty is international and has been recruited from reputable universities worldwide. The University also benefits from the contribution of visiting academic staff through Erasmus and other exchanges. The achievements of the academic staff in research and innovation have earned the University of Cyprus international recognition and awards as well as favourable classifications following international evaluation.

Academic Staff – Authorised Positions



Position	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Professors	38	38	47	50	56	56	58	59	63	66
Associate Professors	61	72	72	74	84	84	86	86	93	96
Assistant Professors	66	77	85	93	93	98	98	104	116	120
Lecturers	60	60	60	56	76	82	83	89	116	118
Total	225	247	264	273	309	320	325	338	388	400

Administrative Staff

There were 322 authorised positions for administrative and technical staff at the University of Cyprus in 2009.

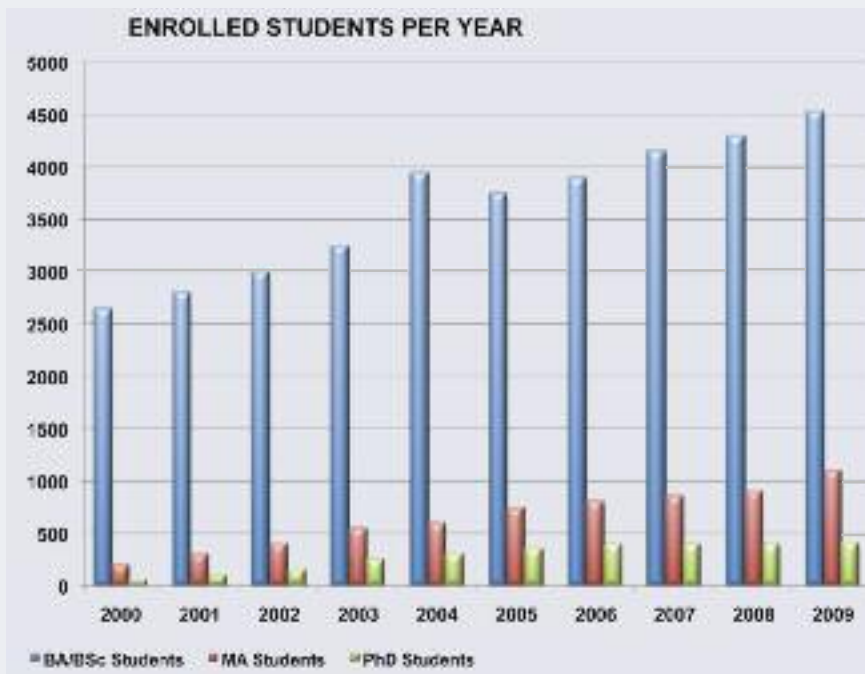
Emphasis is placed on providing high quality services to the whole of the academic community and on maintaining quality levels through constant training. The University of Cyprus administrative services received the “Committed to Excellence” Award from the European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM) in 2008.





students

There are currently 6046 students enrolled at the University of Cyprus. Of these, 4529 are undergraduate, 1104 are postgraduate and 413 are doctoral students. Admission for the majority of students is by entrance examinations set by the Ministry of Education and Culture of the Republic of Cyprus.



Students with Disabilities

A number of places are reserved for students with special needs or circumstances. Every effort is made to offer practical solutions to students facing specific problems, be it access to University facilities or assistance on academic issues.

research



Research has been one of the main pillars of the University ever since its establishment. It is promoted and funded in all departments of the University, and makes significant contributions to society at the local and international level. The University's research programmes cover a wide range of fields that correspond to existing specialisations and departments, and employ over 400 scholars.

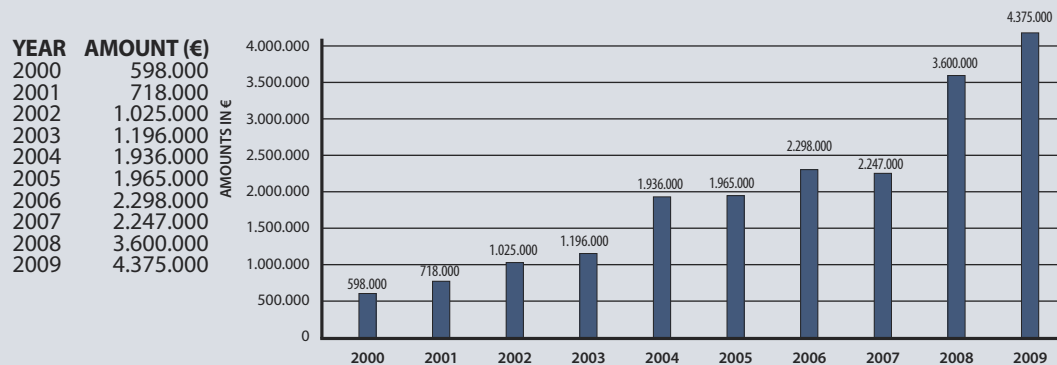
Funding

Research programmes are funded either through the University's budget or by institutions in Cyprus and abroad. The University provides funding for 28 internal research programmes, while 7 additional programmes currently receive funding from the Leventis Foundation in Cyprus.

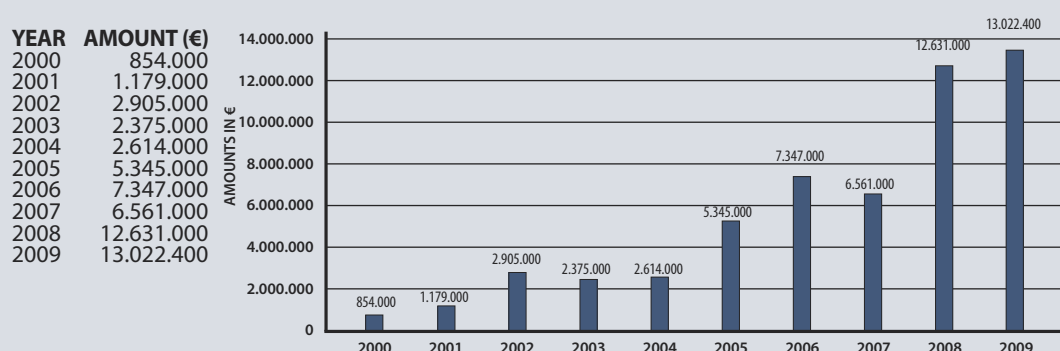
The majority of the externally funded research programmes are European Union programmes. The University of Cyprus participates in 98 European and International Research Programmes such as the Framework Programmes (FP6, FP7), LLP and programmes of the newly established European Research Council (ERC). The University also participates in 231 programmes funded by the Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation (RPF), an independent organisation that promotes scientific and technological research in Cyprus. The RPF has so far awarded University of Cyprus staff four strategic grants for research infrastructure.



INTERNAL FUNDING (University Budget) €4.375.000



EXTERNAL FUNDING (European, International and RPF Programmes) €13.022.400





Research Facts and Figures

The University of Cyprus:

- *signed 13 new contracts for EU funded research projects in 2009*
- *began the implementation of two research projects funded by the European Research Council (ERC) in 2008*
- *ranked first in the number of proposals for the 2008 call for proposals by the Cyprus Research Promotion Foundation*
- *ranked as the 22nd most productive research university in the world in the field of Service Operations Management, according to an assessment by the "Production and Operations Management" Scientific Journal*
- *has attracted a number of Research Chairs (UNESCO, Marie Curie)*
- *runs a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence*
- *operates 76 research laboratories*
- *has 9 registered patents*
- *organised 43 international conferences in Cyprus in 2008*
- *plans the establishment of a Research and Innovation Institute, with the aim to further promote the development of research within the University*

Research Centres / Units

- Centre for Banking and Financial Research
- Economics Research Centre
- Archaeological Research Unit
- Hephaistos Nanotechnology Research Centre
- KIOS Research Centre for Intelligent Systems and Networks
- Oceanography Centre
- Centre for Gender Studies



Publications

The publication, "Research at the University of Cyprus—Research Profile and Publications", presents the research activities and publications of each member of the academic staff by faculty and department and is published every three years.

Between 2004-2008, members of the academic staff of the University of Cyprus produced around 6000 publications, including articles in scholarly journals and conference proceedings, as well as books and chapters in books.

faculties

Teaching at the University of Cyprus takes place across a broad range of disciplines. There are six faculties within the University:

- the Faculty of Humanities with three departments and the Language Centre,
- the Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences with five departments and the Oceanography Centre,
- the Faculty of Social Sciences and Education with four departments and the Centre for Gender Studies*,
- the Faculty of Economics and Management with two departments, the Economic Research Centre and the Centre for Banking and Financial Research,
- the Faculty of Engineering with four departments, the Nanotechnology Research Centre and KIOS Research Centre for Intelligent Systems and Networks,
- the Faculty of Letters with three departments and the Archaeological Research Unit.

** also under the aegis of the Faculty of Humanities*



studies

Undergraduate Studies

There are currently 31 undergraduate study programmes offered at the University of Cyprus. Most programmes include a combination of lectures and seminars, and assessment is based on a combination of exams and coursework. All students are assigned an academic advisor who assists them in academic matters. Eight semesters are normally required for graduation.

Postgraduate Studies

All academic departments of the University offer graduate programmes of study in a wide range of subjects. These include taught programmes leading to M.A., M.Sc. and M.Eng. degrees (38 programmes), and research programmes at Ph.D. level (33 programmes). Assessment is based on coursework and dissertation or thesis, respectively. Some programmes can be undertaken on a part-time basis. For every student in a Postgraduate Programme, the department assigns an academic or research supervisor who guides the students in their research and provides the necessary help and advice. Attendance for a minimum of three semesters is required for Master degrees and a minimum of six semesters for Ph.D. degrees.

The European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) is applied to all programmes of study

Diploma Supplement

In May 2009, within the framework of ERASMUS, the University of Cyprus was the first Greek speaking University to obtain the Diploma Supplement Label by the European Commission, amongst other 51 European universities. The Diploma Supplement is a valuable tool for achieving international transparency, recognition and mobility of qualifications and is granted free of charge to all graduates of the University of Cyprus (Undergraduate and Postgraduate-Master Degree- level).

Scholarships/Awards

The University of Cyprus offers a substantial number of scholarships/awards to students with exceptional performance in their studies. Additionally, various organisations offer scholarships directly to incoming students on the basis of their academic, financial or other criteria. Each year, the Government of Cyprus offers five scholarships to Greek citizens, on the basis of their results in the Pan-Hellenic Exams.



learning resources

the Library

The Library serves the learning and information needs of the University community and also meets the information needs of the broader public. More than 280,000 books, with an annual increase of about 12,000 new titles, as well as 70,000 volumes of periodicals are housed in the Library. The catalogued books are searchable via the Library's e-system, either from all computers connected to the campus network or remotely, through the online public access catalogue (WEB-OPAC) operated by the Library. The Library contains print, non-print, audiovisual and digital material. An interlibrary loan service is also available.

Two collections are housed in separate branches of the Library: the Archaeological Collection with approximately 20,800 archaeological books and 400 periodical titles and the Turcological Collection with approximately 17,350 turcological books and 800 periodical titles.

The library offers facilities for the reproduction of material into Braille for blind and visually impaired users. In 2000, an adaptive workstation was installed for blind users, as was a portable magnification device for visually impaired users. The workstation is equipped with software and devices that enable blind users to access the digital library without the intervention of sighted persons.

Aiming to constantly upgrade and improve the quality of its services, the Library participates in the European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM) recognition scheme and has achieved the second of the three stages of recognition, which is the "Recognized for Excellence" 3 star award.

Information Technology

The Information Systems Services (I.S.S.) provide computing and IT services to the entire University. The services are intended for general use, such as networking, printing, electronic mail, and office applications, as well as customized use, such as developing specific 'tailor'-made applications. The I.S.S. offers continuous education and training to the University community in the area of Information Technology services and tools.

E-Learning

The e-Learning system of the academic community of the University is supported by the installation and maintenance of blackboard e-learning systems. These systems enhance the education of students by providing alternative means of communication not only between professors and students, but also among students.



student life

Sports

The University provides many opportunities for practising sports and other extra-curricular activities. It has a brand new sports centre with modern facilities, including squash courts, indoor courts, and rooms for aerobics, martial arts and weight-training. This forms part of a larger sports complex which comprises tennis courts, a football pitch and sports fields.

To encourage participation in sports, the Sports Office has developed a broad programme that includes recreational sports, competitive sports and internal/European championships. The programme is available to the entire university community.

Within the framework of the University's social contribution, University sports teams often participate in charity events. Additionally, in an effort to support individuals from the field of sports, the University offers special entry requirements to exceptional athletes.



Student Activities

There are currently 28 student clubs at the University of Cyprus, involved in educational, cultural, artistic and entertainment activities.

The University has its own radio station, UCYVoice, which is run by students. It broadcasts programmes in both Greek and English.



international links

Bilateral Agreements of Cooperation

The University of Cyprus cooperates, through inter-state and inter-university Agreements of Cooperation, with universities and research centres in Europe and the rest of the world, for the promotion of science, scholarly research and exchange of information. To date the University has signed 90 such Agreements with universities and research centres in Europe, the US, Australia and Asia. Within the framework of these Agreements, students have the opportunity to study abroad at collaborating universities. The Agreements also authorise and facilitate academic staff exchanges, joint research projects, conferences and exchange of teaching and research material.

Networks and Associations

The University is a member of the following international university networks and associations:

- Association of European Universities (EUA)
- International Association of Universities (IAU)
- Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe (UNICA)
- Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU)
- Association of Arab and European Universities (AEUA)
- Mediterranean Universities Union (UNIMED)
- European Association of International Education (EAIE)
- European Association of Erasmus Coordinators (EAEC)
- The Santander Group (SG)
- LEO-NET

A number of the University's academic and administrative staff participate in UNICA working groups to promote issues of topical interest to universities worldwide.

The University has also established close contacts with numerous international organisations, including the European Commission, UNESCO, CEPES and the Council of Europe.



Representation in European Network/Association Committees

- Presidency of the Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe (UNICA)
- Vice-Chairmanship of the Heads of University Management and Administration Network in Europe (HUMANE)
- Presidency of the European Association of ERASMUS Coordinators (EAEC)

LLP/Erasmus Mobility

The University of Cyprus encourages student and staff mobility as a means of fostering cultural exchange and enhancing inter-cultural understanding. This is accomplished primarily within the framework of the Lifelong Learning (LLP)/Erasmus Programme, which allows the exchange of students and staff within European universities and promotes the European dimension in education.

The University also participates in the Leonardo da Vinci Programme, which promotes a vocational training policy in Europe, offering university graduates the opportunity for work placements in E.U. countries.

LIFE LONG LEARNING – ERASMUS MOBILITY

Academic Year	Outgoing Erasmus students	Incoming Erasmus students	Teaching staff exchanges	Bilateral Agreements of Cooperation	European Universities	Countries
2003-2004	43	30	11	158	92	15
2004-2005	62	54	6	181	86	15
2005-2006	102	53	15	210	155	21
2006-2007	96	84	8	255	111	22
2007-2008	109	96	13	314	155	21
2008-2009	116	95	15	326	189	26





social contribution

The Cultural Centre

Pursuing its commitment to promoting culture, the University of Cyprus has established a Cultural Centre under the Faculty of Letters, which is located in the historic centre of Nicosia. Carefully restored by the Department of Antiquities, the Centre's building, an old mansion, serves as the home of the University's cultural activities. The Centre houses the Cyprus University Theatrical Workshop, which brings together students, but also members of the academic and administrative staff, alumni, friends of the arts, artists, etc. The Workshop offers a variety of theatrical activities and contributes to the cultural life of Cyprus through staging important Medieval and Renaissance works, some of which are performed in the Greek-Cypriot dialect.

Free University Scheme

The University, in cooperation with local municipalities and certain institutions, has organized a scheme of lectures known as "Free Universities". These lectures aim to promote an exchange of ideas between academics and the public. The lectures are conducted by University of Cyprus professors and other scholars, both from Cyprus and abroad. "Free Universities" operate at Nicosia, Larnaca, Limassol and Pafos, as well as in London and in Marioupoli, Russia for the Cypriot diaspora.

Centre of Continuing Assessment and Development

The Centre of Continuing Assessment and Development organises written exams and interviews for recruitment purposes as well as seminars and training related to professional issues for various public and private employers. The training programmes can be tailored to address the specific needs of government, semi-government, private and other organisations. All programmes are conducted by qualified instructors, mainly academic staff and external collaborators of the University of Cyprus.

Consultancy by Academic Staff

UCY academics offer their knowledge and expertise to various semi-government and private organisations and committees, acting as advisors or as consultants. They also participate on the boards of academic and other organisations, both locally and internationally, helping to enhance the wider recognition of the University.



European Office of Cyprus

In 2007, the University of Cyprus in collaboration with 18 organisations from a wide spectrum of sectors and interests in Cyprus, founded the European Office of Cyprus (EOC) a non-profit, non-governmental organisation based in Nicosia, with a representation office in Brussels. It currently has 21 member organisations including municipalities, academic institutions, research foundations, banking and legal, as well as cultural, tourism and youth organisations. The European Office of Cyprus aims to provide information to its members on policies and funding and development opportunities that the European Union offers to citizens of the member states.



Industry Liaison Office

The University of Cyprus coordinates the Project, "Development and operation of offices acting as a liaison between business/ industry and the various universities in the Republic of Cyprus", approved and funded by the European Union Structural Funds.

The Project concerns the establishment and operation of offices in each of the six universities in the Republic of Cyprus whose objective is to promote communication and cooperation between business and the universities in areas such as: technology transfer, applied research responding to specific industrial problems, collaboration in research programmes, the placement of students in industry and, in general, innovation in business and the universities in Cyprus.



Diogenes Business Incubator

"Diogenes", a Cyprus-based business incubator focused on high technology, is a private entity wholly owned by the University of Cyprus. It was incorporated in 2003 and began operations in 2004 under the Cyprus Government Programme for Creating High Technology Enterprises through Business Incubators. "Diogenes" aims to support the development of the high technology sector in Cyprus. It has eight portfolio companies, six of which are currently in incubation.

Environmental Policy

The University of Cyprus has adopted an "Environmental Policy" in an effort to raise public awareness of the need to protect and nurture our environment. Within the framework of this policy, the University has already taken various steps towards safeguarding the environment, such as: the adoption of energy-saving measures, the recycling of waste paper and other materials and the encouragement of the University Community to use public transport or eco-friendly means of transport. Environmental protection leads to a balanced integration of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development, which forms the basis for this policy.





Publications

The University produces a variety of publications that provide comprehensive information to the public as well as to current and prospective students and the international academic community. These include an annual undergraduate and postgraduate prospectus in Greek and English, a book listing the research interests, projects and publications of the academic staff of the University, the University Annual Report, information leaflets and other material. A University Newsletter is published every two months. "Endeiktis", an education and culture magazine, and "Apofitos", the University Alumni magazine, are issued every six months. The majority of the publications are produced in-house by the Publications Office of the Research and International Relations Services, while a substantial number of research and information publications are produced by the faculties, departments, research units, services and other entities of the University.

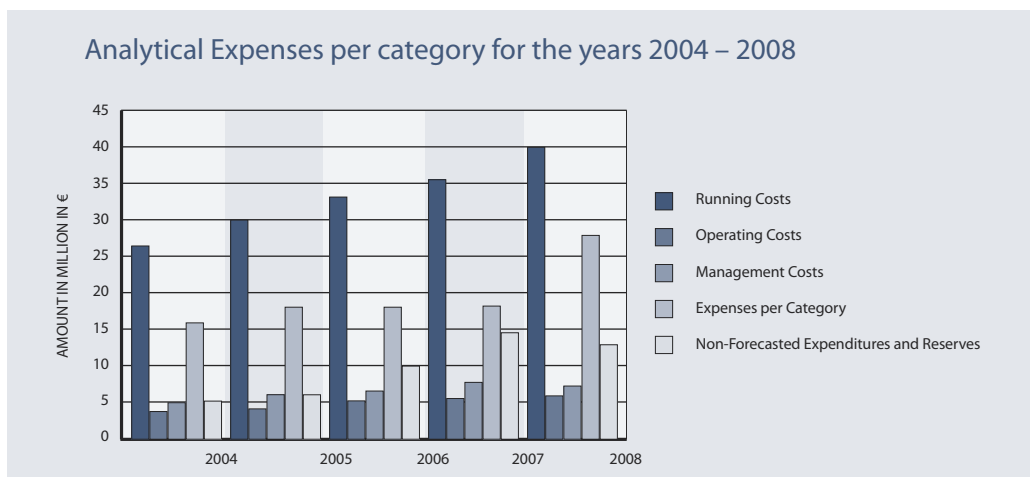
In 2002, the University of Cyprus, in a joint venture with Ellinika Grammata of Greece, established Mesogios Press, a publishing house which aims to promote and enhance science, art and culture through the production and promotion of books. To date, Mesogios Press has published 18 books that cover a wide range of topics, including history, psychology and literary studies.

The University of Cyprus also publishes a series of Scholarly Essays addressing current social issues. Through these essays the University aims to raise public awareness of social problems which require the contribution of public and private organisations in finding appropriate solutions.



Expenses

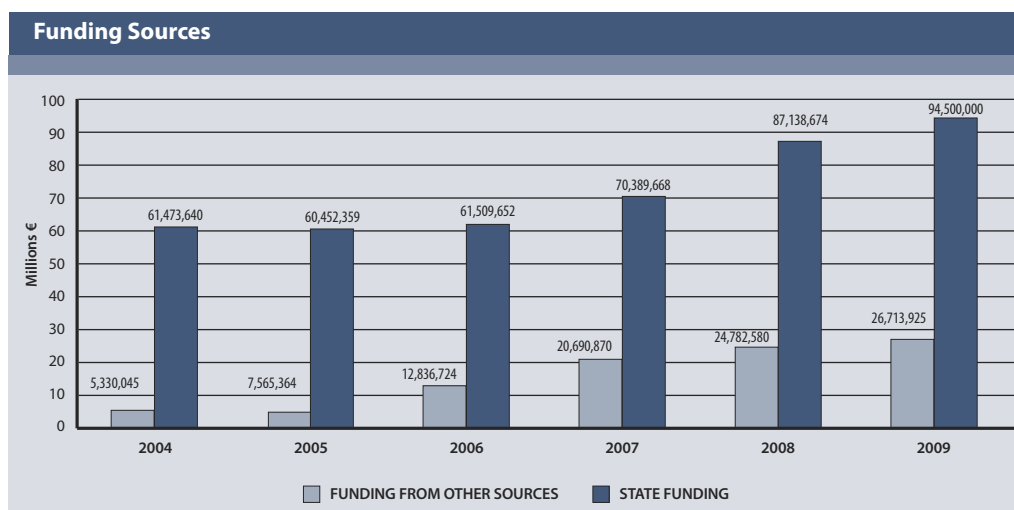
Over the last five years, the University budget has risen annually, reflecting the steady growth of the University (establishment of new faculties and departments, increase in students and staff, campus development, etc.). In 2004, total University expenses amounted to €56,471,666, whereas in 2008, expenses amounted to €93,536,212 (a 66% increase).



Funding Sources

University expenses are primarily financed by the state, although external funding covers some expenses.

For the year 2009, 77% of the total University costs were financed by state funding and undergraduate tuition fees for Cypriot students and students from EU countries, and 23% were financed externally, i.e., through funding for research programmes, contributions, grants, postgraduate tuition fees, donations and other sources.





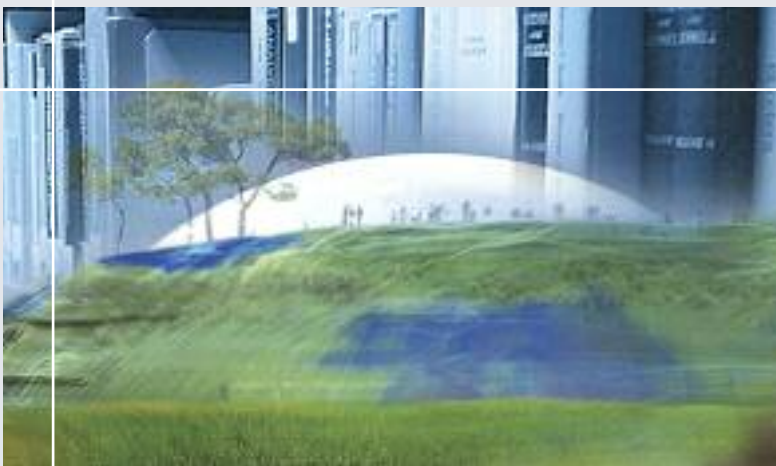
Donations

Financial contributions are vital to sustaining the University's mission. The generosity of individuals and organisations supports excellence in teaching and innovation in research, and enables the University to remain at the forefront of high education.

In its endeavour to achieve distinction within the area of European higher education, the University has the active support of the Cypriot society, the financial sector and the state, the ever-growing network of graduates and the wide family of its students and expatriate Cypriots, but also the support of those who recognize academic institutions as a key component of progress in the modern societies of knowledge. Hundreds of citizens, organisations and companies empower the work of the University with substantial or lesser donations.

Fundraising Campaign "University of Cyprus 2010: The Road to Excellence"

The University of Cyprus launched a five-year fund-raising campaign in 2003. The campaign focused on a set of priorities that included strengthening the existing programmes and creating new programmes of study, providing new impetus for research and developing close ties to the economy, industry and society. The University received donations amounting to millions of euro, which significantly increased the financial resources of the University. Besides the major benefactors - Elli Ioannou, the Anastasios G. Leventis Foundation and George Vasiliou - many other individuals and organisations supported the campaign (sponsors, contributors, supporters, friends).



development and future goals



Establishment of a Medical School

The establishment of a Medical School at the University of Cyprus was approved by the government in November 2008.

To proceed with the development of the School, the University Senate appointed an Advisory Committee of international leading scholars in the field. The Committee is authorised to propose the steps required to develop the School.

The University of Cyprus Medical School will follow the traditional European pattern which means six years of studies, starting with one year premedical basic sciences (i.e., biology, physics, chemistry, etc.), followed by two years of preclinical studies (i.e., anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, etc.) and three years of clinical studies. In addition, there will be a post-qualification (pre-registration) year. It is foreseen that the Medical School will be ready to accept its first students in September 2013.

Graduate School

The University of Cyprus plans to establish a Graduate School, based on the standards adopted by international research institutions. The new School will address the needs arising from the significant increase in the number of graduate students and programmes offered at the University. Among its major aims will be to upgrade and enhance the quality of the graduate programmes and degrees awarded by the University through the adoption of a common policy for their structure and management, to increase the support offered to graduate students and the various University departments, and to encourage cooperation with other European universities. It is expected that the establishment of the School will lead to further development of the research activity at the University.





e-University

The implementation and application of the capabilities offered by new technologies and the internet are among the University's top priorities. The University's constant growth, combined with modern society's need for remote access to information and services, have resulted in the decision to develop a people-centred, e-service system that will provide constant and secure access to administrative services and e-support in the areas of teaching, learning, and research, in a fast and cost-effective manner.

The e-University's general objective is to facilitate the provision and implementation of the services offered to students, academic staff, administrative staff and collaborators as well as the wider public. Other major targets of the e-university are to upgrade and increase the services offered at the University and to promote knowledge sharing and collaboration. This project will be gradually developed with financial support from the European Union Structural Funds.

«Stelios Ioannou» Learning Resource Centre

The University will soon have a brand new Library – Information Centre. The new library building will consist of five levels comprising storage facilities, reading rooms, special collections and workstations. More than 620,000 books and 80,000 magazines will be housed in the library. There will also be around 900 study cubicles.

Designed by the world-famous French architect, Jean Nouvel, this distinctive building has the shape of an artificial hill and will blend in harmoniously with its surroundings, on the historical Aronas hill. Both in terms of design and function, the new library will be a significant addition to the overall campus development and will provide a central focus for learning.

The library building, covering an area of almost 15,000sq.m., will also house the Information Systems Services, the Centre for the Technological Support of Teaching and the Language Centre. This combination of services within the library is based on contemporary trends according to which academic libraries operate as providers of a wide network of services for research, learning and teaching.

Research and Innovation Institute

The establishment of a Research and Innovation Institute (R.I.I.) within the University of Cyprus is currently under study.

The major aims of the R.I.I. will be to enhance the University's reputation as an academic research institution, to broaden the local research community by creating a connection between researchers, academic staff and the industry, and to create new job opportunities in the areas of research and innovation. Additional aims include: to contribute towards attracting the most capable students from Cyprus and abroad and to manage and implement research and technology programmes, undertaken either independently or in collaboration with other organisations and institutions.



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