POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES PLACES

OF JOINT DEGREE MASTER BETWEEN

UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS
AND
CYPRUS UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE UCY
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION UCY
DEPARTMENT OF MULTIMEDIA AND GRAPHIC ARTS CUT

MA IN DESIGN FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION

FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025
FALL SEMESTER

ENTRY SEPTEMBER 2024

March 2024

The University of Cyprus is accepting applications for the following postgraduate programmes beginning in **September 2024**, by **Friday 31ˢᵗ of May 2024 until 12 noon.**

Applications can be submitted electronically using the online application system http://ucy.ac.cy/postgraduate_appl_en .

The language of instruction for the above postgraduate programmes is Greek, except otherwise stated at http://www.ucy.ac.cy/graduateschool/en/postgraduate-studies/postgraduate-programmes-of-study.

For more information on postgraduate study programmes please visit the website of the Graduate School at https://www.ucy.ac.cy/graduateschool/?lang=en

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

Required Supporting Certificates/Documents:

The online applications should include the following:

1. **Curriculum Vitae.**
2. **Copies of University Degrees** or **a certificate of expected graduation** in the month preceding enrolment in the postgraduate programme. (In case of admission to a programme, certified photocopies of degrees must be submitted at the University no later than the acceptance date of the place).
3. **University Transcripts** as appropriate.
4. **A short statement** (max. two pages) of the student's research goals and interests.
5. **Letters of recommendation.**
   The names and addresses of at least two (2) referees (University Professors) familiar with the candidate and his/her academic performance. Reference letters are submitted electronically directly by the University Professors using the online application system. (Some departments require three (3) reference letters to be submitted with the application, so before submitting your application, please visit the web page of the department to verify the number of reference letters required).
6. **Copy of a certificate of English language proficiency for enrollment in English-speaking postgraduate programmes, as presented below:**

In accordance with the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education (CYQAA), for admission to programmes of study taught in the English language at postgraduate levels at universities, candidate students should provide a certificate of their knowledge of English.

For programmes of study at the postgraduate level candidate students are required to have certification for "Very Good Knowledge" of English at level B2-C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) corresponds to the following specific reference frameworks for international examinations, according to the official pages of the organizations offering these examinations. Indicatively, a score of 5.5 – 6.5 corresponds to knowledge of level B2 (Lower), while score 8.5-9 is level C2 (Proficiency).

Please note that some scores only remain valid for two years. If you apply using a certificate gained over two years ago, you will need to retake the test.

Option for candidates coming from Third Countries:

According to the 91.387/2021 decision of the Cabinet of the Republic of Cyprus, which is valid since 01.12.2022, there is an extra possibility for candidates coming from Third Countries and want to apply for a place in Universities and Colleges of the Republic. Namely, they are able from now to apply for entrance permit in the country, if they succeed in the Password Test Examination (Password Skills Test Plus edition).

Please, note that for their acceptance to a Postgraduate Programme, candidates must have a general grade of at least 5.5 on the particular examination.

Application Submission Confirmation
It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that their application has successfully been submitted. Upon successful submission, the candidate will receive an automated confirmation e-mail.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The University of Cyprus offers scholarships to Master degree and PhD students. These scholarships are awarded based on the academic performance and the socio-economic status of the student.

1. **[Scholarships from the Academic Departments of the University of Cyprus](#):** The academic Departments of the University of Cyprus offer scholarships to their postgraduate students from their own income.

2. **[Scholarships for Siblings or First Degree Relatives or Married Partners](#):** The Graduate School announces that for the Fall Semester of the academic year 2024/2025 will grant scholarships for partial coverage of fees to graduate students of the University of Cyprus. The scholarships will be granted to the students who study to conventional Master's and PhD programmes and are siblings or first-degree relatives or partners. In order for the scholarships to be granted, the students should fill certain requirements and provide the necessary documents and certificates that will be requested by the University of Cyprus.

   □ **Siblings**: when two or more siblings (or other first-degree relatives) attend to a conventional Master's or PhD programme at the same time, then they are granted 20% scholarship on the two doses of fees for the semester.

   □ **Partners**: married couples that study to conventional Master's or PhD programmes are granted 20% scholarship on the two doses of fees for the semester.

   Note: Students in Self-Funded Programmes are excluded from the scholarship award.

3. **[Scholarships from other Organizations and Institutions](#):** Postgraduate students have the opportunity to receive scholarships from other organizations and institutions.

4. **[Scholarships for staff of the Ministry of Defense and the National Guard](#):** The University of Cyprus announces four (**4**) scholarships for the personnel of the Cyprus Ministry of Defense and/or Cyprus National Guard. The scholarships are addressed only to new applicants for admission in any postgraduate programme of the University of Cyprus in September 2024. Each scholarship will cover the second 50% of the tuition fees (considering that applicants have already paid the first 50%).

5. **[Scholarship for Syrian refugees](#):** The University of Cyprus announces one (**1**) scholarship for Syrian Refugees who were forced to stop their studies and would like to studying in Cyprus. The scholarships is addressed only to new applicants of Syrian nationality who reside in Cyprus for admission in any postgraduate programme of the University of Cyprus in September 2024. The scholarship will cover the full amount of tuition fees applied to the selected programme of studies plus accommodation.

6. **Scholarships for the staff of the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation (CyBC):** The University of Cyprus announces four (4) scholarships for the staff of the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation (CyBC). A condition for the scholarship is to secure a place in a conventional postgraduate study programme of the Department of Business Administration and Public Administration or Law or Economics or Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering. Each scholarship will cover the second 50% of the tuition (candidates will need to provide the first 50% of the tuition).

7. **Scholarships to students - holders of the EU Disability card**: The University of Cyprus awards partial tuition scholarship to new students with disabilities who hold the European Disability Card and are studying in a Conventional or Self-financed Master's or Doctoral degree programme. The University of Cyprus grants a 20% scholarship on the semester's tuition fee instalments, with the exception of the tuition fee deposit paid by the student upon acceptance of the place. Additional information.

1.   DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE

Twenty **(20)** places for the postgraduate programmes leading to a Master degree are distributed as follows:

◻ Twenty **(20)** places at the MA in Design for Social Innovation

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

The new MA Design for Social Innovation is a unique programme that combines design thinking with social entrepreneurship to empower students to develop innovative solutions to some of the world's most pressing challenges. The MA in Design for Social Innovation brings together experts from design, architecture, social innovation, and entrepreneurship and a global cohort of learners.

MA in Design for Social Innovation

● is offered through the collaboration of two universities (the University of Cyprus and the Cyprus University of Technology) and three different Departments (Department of Architecture, Department of Business and Public Administration and Department of Multimedia and Graphic Arts)
● is designed to run online (combining both synchronous and asynchronous learning)
● is available for full and part time study
● places an emphasis on practice-based teaching

WHO CAN APPLY

The MA in Design for Social Innovation programme is designed for students with a Bachelor level of education, who have a strong interest in developing high-level competences rooted in social science and design theory and practice to build, improve and evolve skills and capacities necessary for social innovation action. The departments involved share an ethos of interdisciplinarity in design and innovation and strive to build links between academia and practice bringing to the forefront impactful and evidence-based theoretical and methodological knowledge. The course suits well both recent graduates and professionals.

More information at https://dsi.education/

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must have a University degree of a relevant background (such as Design, Management, Architecture, Social Sciences) awarded by an accredited institution in the country where it operates, or a degree evaluated as equivalent to a University degree by the Cyprus Council for the Recognition of Higher Education Qualifications (KY.S.A.T.S). Individuals who will be awarded a University degree or Graduation certificate fulfilling the necessary criteria by the end of the week that precedes registration week, are also eligible to submit an application.

- **Tuition Fees €5,125**
- **Language ENGLISH**
- **E-Learning**

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