

Quality Assurance Policy  
of the Department of Food Science and  
Technology  
for the Postgraduate Program  
“Food Innovation, Quality and Safety”

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## **Introduction**

The Quality Assurance Policy of the Postgraduate Program entitled “Food Innovation, Quality and Safety” is fully aligned to the quality assurance policy of the Department of Food Science and Technology of University of West Attica (Uniwa), as it has been approved by the Institution's Senate, and reflects its core values.

The Postgraduate Program “Food Innovation, Quality and Safety” ensures and disseminates the quality of its teaching, research and administrative services, through their continuous improvement and with the participation and contribution of all its members. The Postgraduate Program is committed to the development of a creative research and work environment for all its teaching, research and administrative staff as well as to the development of a creative academic environment for its students.

The Department of Food Science and Technology's Postgraduate Program on "Food Innovation, Quality, and Safety" has a Quality Policy that outlines the commitment of the Director, Coordinator Committee, Secretary, and entire teaching staff to continuously ensure and improve the quality of research, education, and program activities. Every year, the Director and the Program Coordinating Committee, working with the University's Quality Assurance Unit (QAU/MO.DI.P.), perform inspections, reviews, and revisions of the Postgraduate Program's quality assurance procedures.

## **Quality Policy Implementation – Quality Assurance**

The Postgraduate Program “Food Innovation, Quality and Safety” while implementing the present policy, is committed to apply the quality procedures that will demonstrate the following:

1. the provision of high quality education with an emphasis on student-centered learning with the goal of gaining qualifications and skills, that will enable program graduates to successfully navigate any competitive work environment in scientific fields related to Postgraduate Program subjects with excellent career prospects,
2. the suitability of the Postgraduate Program 's structure and organization, as well as the curriculum's ongoing reform and improvement through ongoing observation of global advances in science, research, and technology pertaining to Postgraduate Program academic areas,
3. the encouragement of creativity in teaching and research, strengthening the relationship between studies and research, and sharing the findings of research,

4. the development of students' critical thinking, creativity, cooperative spirit, organizational skills, and interdisciplinary approach,
5. the enhancement of the caliber and efficacy of the teaching profession and guaranteeing the presence of an innovative atmosphere for research, instruction, and employment for Postgraduate Program scientific and administrative personnel as well as graduate students,
6. the advancement of the Postgraduate Program, the creation of partnerships with other academic programs, with professional and scientific associations, and the implementation of Postgraduate Program interconnection activities with the job market and society,
7. the appropriateness of the teaching staff's qualifications and their capacity to draw in esteemed academics and researchers from both Greece and beyond to serve as Postgraduate Program professors,
8. The efficient administration and use of the Postgraduate Program's financial resources
9. the establishment and monitoring of strategic goals, objectives quality and performance indicators that have been set,
10. networking and collaboration with Postgraduate Program's graduates, and the continuous investigation of the level of demand of the acquired qualifications of graduates in the labor market,
11. the preservation of academic principles and ethics,
12. the implementation of corrective actions for the educational, research, and overall work of the P.M.S. the undertaking of corrective actions for the educational, research and overall work of the Postgraduate Program, according to the findings of annual internal evaluations.

### **Quality Policy Dissemination and Publication**

The Quality Policy is communicated and disseminated to the academic and administrative staff, to the students, as well as to other involved parties. The Quality Policy is published on the Postgraduate's Program website (<https://foodiqs.uniwa.gr/en/homepage/>).