Agricultural University of Athens



Institute full name:

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Institute profile:

The Agricultural University of Athens (AUA) is the third oldest University in Greece. Since 1831 as a rural school and from 1920 as a University, it has been making valuable contributions to Greek and European agricultural and economic development, by conducting basic and applied research in the agricultural sciences, and by producing high quality graduates as well as cutting edge scientific knowledge.

The University is based on a 25-hectare campus that straddles both sides of the historic Iera Odos (the Sacred Avenue of antiquity), close to the Acropolis, at the heart of the ancient Olive Grove nearby the remnants of Plato's Academy. Its buildings infrastructure comprise auditoriums, 41 fully equipped laboratories, a modern library, computer rooms, extensive applied agricultural facilities (an arboretum, vineyard, experimental fields, the Botanic garden of Athens, experimental hydraulic structures, greenhouses, alternative energy installations, animal husbandry installations, dairy installations, aquaculture tanks), museums, student center, indoor gym, and sports fields. The students are taught the principles of Applied Agricultural Sciences in ten semesters for their undergraduate Diploma, followed by M.Sc. and Ph. D. degrees offered by the Graduate School.

AUA has seven departments: Agricultural Biotechnology, Agricultural Economics & Rural Development, Animal Science and Aquaculture, Crop Science, Food Science & Technology, Natural Resources Development & Agricultural Engineering and General Sciences Department.

This formal learning and practical training has been and remains embedded within applied research addressing major challenges that Greece, Europe and by extension other Regions in the world are facing in the twenty-first century. In the past centuries, academic staff and graduate students firmly established Greece as well as contributed to EU added value by fostering: the distribution of arable land to landless farmers; refugee resettlement and feeding after the tragic events in the Asia Minor Greek catastrophe; early eradication of hunger in Greece by remarkably increasing farm production; initiation of export of quality agricultural products. As of the turn of the century, AUA continues to act as valued advisor to the Greek State and other national organizations, as well as to the European Commission and other European, UN and International Agencies on agricultural issues, and to conduct a wide array of advent-grade rural development projects. AUA contributions address a wide range of issues related to natural resources such as water and soil sciences, diet and environmental protection significantly affecting the daily lives of Greek and Europeans citizens: food quality and safety, water resources management, desertification mitigation, atmospheric and climate studies, irrigation and drainage engineering, biological farming, alternative energy sources, and biotechnological applications in agriculture.

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