



**GREEK REPUBLIC**

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION,  
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**PATRIARCHAL UNIVERSITY  
ECCLESIASTICAL ACADEMY OF CRETE**



**Heraklion, Crete**

# **WHAT IS PATRIARCHAL UNIVERSITY ECCLESIASTICAL ACADEMY OF CRETE (P.U.E.A.C.)**

The Patriarchal University Ecclesiastical Academy of Crete (P.U.E.A.C.) is a University School which was established by Law 3432/2006 (Gov. Gaz.14/A'/3.2.2006) of the Ministry of Education. Originally founded as Higher Ecclesiastical Academy of Crete and with the Article 20 of Law. 4301/2014 (Gov. Gaz. 223/A'/07.10.2014) renamed as "Patriarchal Higher Ecclesiastical Academy of Crete". The operation of P.U.E.A.C. began on 1 September 2007. Students are introduced via the Panhellenic examinations. The study period is four (4) years, eight (8) semesters, and attendance is mandatory.

The P.U.E.A.C. managed by a seven-member Executive Committee, chaired by the Metropolitan of Arkalochori, Kastelli and Viannos Mr. Andreas Nanakis, Professor of the Theological School of the Aristotle University, and Vice President Mr. Bournelis Apostlos, Professor of P.U.E.A.C. According to the Law, the administration will come to the Academic Council when it established.

In P.U.E.A.C. works contemporary Music Lab, which consists of recording studios, exhibition of traditional musical instruments and an extensive material about Byzantine and European and Folk Music. It also has a Computer Laboratory, Computer Room for students, Library with ten thousand or more volumes and CDs, Hall for Conferences and Hall of Residence and Dining Room for those who are entitled to housing and feeding. In the courtyard of the Academy operates on a daily basis the Church the Holy Protection, and at the ground floor operates for several years the chapel of the "Cretan Saints".

## STUDY PROGRAMS

In P.U.E.A.C. two study programs operate:



### **Program of Theological & Pastoral Studies (P.T.P.S.)**

which is only for male candidates.

Indicative courses offered in this program are:

Interpretation Shedding Old and New Testament, Ecclesiastical Literature, Church History, Church Services, Introduction to Sociology of Christianity, Religion, Dogmatic and Symbolic Theology Hymnology, Bioethics, IT, etc.

### **Program of Ecclesiastical Musical Studies (P.E.M.S.)**

which is for candidates of both sexes.



Indicative courses offered in this program are: Byzantine Music, European Music, Traditional Music (Municipal Delivery) Hymnology, Phonics, Voice, Music Systems History Ichologia Eastern Music, Pandourida, Standard, Interpretation Shedding Old and New Testament, Ecclesiastical Literature, Acoustics and Music Spelling , etc.

## CAREER FIELD

Graduates of P.U.E.A.C. have a university degree equivalent and comparable diplomas of Higher Education Institutions. This means that graduates have the right to participate in public and private recruitment competitions (except for educational ASEP).

Moreover, the Program of Clerical Studies graduates can either be highly educated priests and classified in the A' category or work as administrative personnel of the Archdiocese and the Metropolises.



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