



In 1970 the [University of Ioannina](#) , an independent Higher Education Institution was founded in Ioannina, Greece, which grew rapidly in the coming years to encompass today the following academic Departments:

- The **Department of Physics** was founded in 1970 and together with the Department of Mathematics constituted the School of Mathematics and Physics.

- The **Department of Chemistry** was founded in 1976, the **School of Medicine** in 1977 and the

Departments of Primary
and

Pre-School Education

in 1982. The last two Departments comprised the

School

of

Education

in 1996.

- In 1983 the Department of Mathematics, the Department of Physics and the Department of Chemistry comprised the **School of Sciences**.

- In 1984 the **School of Philosophy** was split into three Departments, which are the **Department of Philology**

, the

Department of History and Archaeology

and the

Department of Philosophy, Education and Psychology.

- In 1990 the **Department of Computer Science** was founded as the fourth academic unit of the School of Sciences.

- In 1998 the **Department of Economics** was founded.

- In 1998 the **School of Natural Resources and Enterprises Management** (located in Agrinio) was founded with two Departments: the **Environmental and Natural Resources Management Department** and the

Department of Agricultural and Food Products Enterprise Management

, which in 2006 was renamed

Department of Business Administration of Food and Agricultural Products

.

- In 1999 three new Departments came into being: a) the **Department of Materials Science and Engineering**

the

Department of Biological Applications and Technologies

, and c) the

Department of Art Sciences

, which in 2003 was renamed

Department of Plastic Arts and Art Sciences

.

- In 2002 the **School of Sciences and Technologies** was founded and the Department of Materials Science and Engineering as well as the Department of Biological Applications and Technologies were integrated into the School.

- The **Department of Cultural Heritage Management and New Technologies** (located in Agrinio), started to operate in 2005 as an independent non-School Department.

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. The postgraduate student population is increasing yearly.

The University faculty numbers **549 Members of Academic Staff**, while teaching in all the Departments is further supplemented by

171 Teaching Fellows

and

132 Technical Laboratory Staff

. Finally, the

University Administrative Services

are staffed with

420

employees.

A significant step for the organization of the University was the approval and publication of the University Statutes in 2005.

Within a 42-year span the size of the University of Ioannina has almost doubled and its development prospects appear to be particularly promising. This is likely to have a continuing positive contribution to both the academic community and the region as a whole.

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