



**INTERINSTITUTIONAL PROGRAMME OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES
"M.B.A. in Air Transport Management" (MATBA)**

**Call for Applications for the Selection of Postgraduate Students –
Academic Year 2026–2027**

Involved University Departments:

**Department of Tourism Economics and Management
University of the Aegean, Greece (Coordinating Department)**



**UNIVERSITY OF THE
AEGEAN**

**DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM ECONOMICS
AND MANAGEMENT**

**Department of Civil Engineering
Democritus University of Thrace, Greece
(Collaborating Department)**



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The Department of Tourism Economics and Management of the University of the Aegean, in collaboration with the Department of Civil Engineering at Democritus University of Thrace in Greece and with the support of Athens International Airport and Montreal-based Hermes – Air Transport Organisation, following the successful launch of the Programme's first cohort in February 2026, announces the call for applications to select its second cohort of postgraduate students, with studies commencing in February 2027, for the English-language M.B.A. in Air Transport Management (MATBA) programme (Government Gazette 5489/15.10.2025 B), which awards a Master's Degree of ninety (90) ECTS credits in the following streams:

- **Airports**
- **Airlines**
- **Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSP)**

The MATBA programme provides postgraduate education in Air Transport Management, covering a broad range of fields, including airline and airport management, as well as support for air navigation service providers.

To earn the MBA degree, candidates must successfully complete all courses and prepare and defend the MBA thesis.

The MATBA programme is offered full-time and lasts three (3) academic semesters for the award of the MBA degree. However, under certain conditions, part-time study is also available, and it may not exceed twice the standard duration of the programme.

The minimum formal requirements for admission to the MATBA programme are a first-cycle degree or diploma and adequate knowledge of English, as outlined below.

The MATBA admits students who hold a first degree from universities and universities of applied sciences in Greece, or from recognised institutions in other countries. Under Article 304 of Greek Law 4957/2022, Greek universities are bound by the National Registry of Recognised Higher Education Institutions Abroad and the National Registry of Types of Degrees from Recognised Institutions Abroad of the Greek National Academic Recognition Information Centre (Greek NARIC) when determining whether a non-Greek institution or a type of degree from a non-Greek institution is recognised for the acceptance of applications and enrolment for admission to a postgraduate programme or for pursuing a doctoral dissertation. If the place of study, or part of it, is certified as being in Greek territory, the degree is not recognised unless the part of the studies undertaken in Greece is at a public university.

Additionally, final-year university students may be admitted, provided that by the time of enrolment they have completed all degree requirements and submitted the relevant certification.

Attendance at MATBA requires payment of €10,000 in tuition fees, payable in instalments on specified dates communicated in advance. If a student withdraws from or is deregistered from the programme, the university will not refund fees already paid.

Selection Criteria

The selection of admitted candidates is based on the following criteria:

- University degree/diploma average score, weighted at 30%
- Grades in undergraduate courses related to the MATBA subject matter (if applicable), weighted at 5%
- Performance in the thesis/dissertation, where applicable in the first cycle of studies, weighted at 5%
- Certified knowledge of English at a minimum level of C1 (e.g. CAE, ALCE, or an equivalent state language certificate) is required. Certified proficiency at C2 level (e.g. CPE, MCCE, or an equivalent state language certificate) is weighted at 10% in the selection process. An exemption from the requirement to provide such a certificate is granted if English is the candidate's native language and/or their undergraduate, postgraduate and/or doctoral studies have been conducted in English, and/or the candidate has relevant professional experience in an environment where the predominant working language is English.
- Knowledge of other languages
- Research or professional activity related to the MATBA subject matter, weighted at 10%
- Publications and writing activity, weighted at 5%

- Letters of recommendation, weighted at 5%
- Oral interview, weighted at 30%

The following documents will be required as proof of English language proficiency:

- State Certificate under Greek Law 2740/1999, as replaced by paragraph 19 of article 13 of Greek Law 3149/2003,
- Degree in English Language and Literature or in Translation and Interpretation from a Greek or equivalent non-Greek institution,
- Degree (undergraduate or postgraduate) or doctoral diploma from any accredited higher education institution outside Greece where the programme of study was conducted in English,
- Other language certificates of proficiency at C2 or C1 level in English, as stated in the current Annex of Proof of Language Proficiency by the Supreme Council of Civil Personnel Selection in Greece.
- A school-leaving certificate equivalent to that issued by Greek secondary-education institutions, if obtained in English after at least six years of regular attendance outside Greece.

The foreign language teaching proficiency licence does not prove knowledge of the foreign language (Greek Presidential Decree 347/2003). Candidates holding such a licence must present a certified copy and an accurate translation of the degree for which the language proficiency licence was issued.

Candidates who meet the formal requirements will be invited to an interview at a time that will be communicated to them and posted on the programme's website (<https://matba.aero>).

Applicants must submit their application online via the application platform at admissions.aegean.gr/ by Sunday 6 December 2026, 23:59, after carefully following the instructions in the user manual: <https://ype.aegean.gr/>

Candidates' applications must include the required documentation specified in the announcement. Applications and electronic copies of the documentation must be submitted online. Essential documents include:

1. Application for candidacy
2. Detailed curriculum vitae
3. Copy of a diploma or certificate of completion of the first cycle of studies
4. Transcript of undergraduate courses, showing the degree or diploma grade
5. Publications in peer-reviewed journals, if any
6. Evidence of professional or research experience, if any
7. Photocopy of both sides of the ID card, or a copy of the passport
8. Two letters of recommendation from individuals who can provide insight into the candidate's academic or professional standing
9. Certificate of English language proficiency at level C2 or C1. An exemption from the requirement to provide such a certificate is granted if English is the candidate's native language and/or their undergraduate, postgraduate and/or doctoral studies have been conducted in English, and/or the candidate has relevant professional experience in an environment where the predominant working language is English.

The selection results for the applicants will be posted on the MATBA programme's website.

Prospective candidates are advised to consult the MATBA programme website (<https://matba.aero>) for information on the programme's structure, operating rules, and all matters related to the selection procedures and requirements.



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