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**Special Regulation for the  
Implementation of E-Learning in the  
Postgraduate Programme  
"Earth Sciences and Environment"**

The present special regulation for distance education has been formulated in alignment with the Internal Regulation of Operation of the Postgraduate Program “Earth Sciences and Environment,” which was approved by the 9th Meeting of the General Assembly of the Department of Geology and Geoenvironment of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA) on January 22, 2025.

The Postgraduate Program “Earth Sciences and Environment” is offered exclusively through face-to-face (in-person) teaching.

The implementation of distance learning methods in the Postgraduate Program “Earth Sciences and Environment” is carried out in accordance with the applicable legislation and the guidelines of NKUA and HQA (Hellenic Authority for Higher Education), and is governed by the following terms and conditions:

### **Article 1 – Synchronous Distance Learning**

The educational process of the Postgraduate Program may be implemented using methods of synchronous distance learning (live transmission) only in the following cases:

1. Force majeure or extraordinary circumstances (e.g., natural disasters, pandemics, inability to access or operate facilities), where in-person teaching is not feasible.
2. Organization of supplementary courses for in-depth study or tutorial exercises, offered in addition to the compulsory hours of each course.

Synchronous distance teaching is applied only to courses that do not include practical or laboratory exercises.

In all cases, students participate via certified digital platforms of NKUA, such as Webex or the official eClass platform, which meet security, accessibility, and personal data protection standards.

The total duration of synchronous distance learning may not exceed 30% of the total workload (in hours or ECTS credits) per course.

The Digital Governance Unit of NKUA is responsible for the technical support of the process and for ensuring compliance with the personal data protection policy.

### **Article 2 – Asynchronous Distance Learning**

Asynchronous distance learning (e.g., educational material uploaded to digital platforms without the simultaneous presence of instructors and students) may be applied to all courses of the Postgraduate Program under the following conditions:

1. Its application shall not exceed 25% of the total ECTS credits of the Postgraduate Program.
2. It shall be provided through an accessible digital platform of NKUA, which also meets the needs of persons with disabilities (e.g., eClass).

The uploaded material may include:

- Course notes
- Presentations (slides)

- Exercises and sample solutions
- Recorded lectures (in accordance with the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulation – GDPR)

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