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INTERNAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Article 1

General Provisions

1.1 The Departments of: Philosophy and Social Studies, Medicine, Biology and Sociology of the University of Crete organise and operate from the academic year 2003-2004, **Joint Graduate Programme** (JGP) leading to the Master's degree (M.A.) and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in the field of Bioethics.

1.2 The Internal Rules and Regulations of the Graduate Programme, as analysed below, specify and supplement the legislative framework governing graduate studies and regulate in a unified way organisational matters of the Programme not regulated by current legislation but for which the latter either allows or requires the Special Interdepartmental Committee (S.I.C.) to be formally responsible.

1.3 As regards the present document, for each graduate, "respective department" is considered that to which the supervisor of his/her M.A. thesis or Ph.D. thesis belongs.

Article 2

Administrative Support

The administration of the Programme is undertaken by the Department of Philosophy and Social Studies of the University of Crete, as determined in article 1 of the Ministerial Decree of the JGP's approval.

Article 3

Governing Bodies of JGP

3.1. **Special Interdepartmental Committee.** The Special Interdepartmental Committee (S.I.C.) comprises the faculty members who participate in the Programme and belong to the collaborating departments, that is, the Department of Philosophy and Social Studies, the Department of Medicine, the Department of

Biology and the Department of Sociology of the University Crete, as specified in article 8 of the Ministerial Decree of JGP's Approval and the provisions of L. 2083/1992. The S.I.C. has all competences and responsibilities, accorded by L. 2083/1992, article 12, paragraph 1c, to the departmental General Assembly of Special Composition (G.A.S.C.), the governing body of Graduate Programmes organised by a single department only.

Specifically, the S.I.C. is formally responsible for:

- determining the details of application of the selection criteria for prospective graduate students, as these are provided in L. 2083/92, article 12, paragraph 2a
- conducting the admission and assessment procedure, thereby appointing Examiners' Committees, if considered necessary
- seeing that the relevant regulations are observed throughout the selection process
- ratifying the list of students admitted
- determining additional admission requirements that need to be met by applicants who hold undergraduate degrees from Technical Educational Institutions (T.E.I.)
- determining additional courses that holders of T.E.I. undergraduate degrees may be required to attend, in order to cover possible knowledge gaps
- specifying the programme of study
- assigning the teaching of courses
- appointing the supervisor and the Advisory Committee for the M.A. thesis
- appointing the members of Ph.D. thesis Advisory Committee as well as the members of the seven-member Examiners Committee for the assessment of the Ph.D. thesis
- receiving and acting on reports and recommendations by supervisors and Examiners' Committees
- ratifying the award of graduate degrees
- deciding on every matter that is not taken care of in current legislation and the present Internal Rules and Regulations of the JGP

3.2. Co-ordinating Committee. The Co-ordinating Committee (C.C.) consists of five (5) members, elected by the S.I.C., for a period of two years. The C.C., as stated in L. 2083/1992, article 12, paragraph 1d, is formally responsible for supervising and coordinating the activities of the Programme. Eligible to serve on the C.C. are faculty members of the four collaborating departments, who are full members of the JGP (see article 4.1, below). During the first meeting following their election, the members of the C.C. elect, from among its members, the Director of Studies as well as the Deputy Director of Studies. Should candidatures permit,

the Director of Studies and the Deputy Director of Studies should belong to different departments and, preferably, represent the participating departments of the two University campuses, in Rethymno and Heraklion.

3.3. Director of Studies. The Director of Studies (and in case of impediment, the Deputy Director) has the following competences and responsibilities: a) he/she calls the S.I.C. and the C.C. into session, sets the agenda and chairs their meetings, b) brings forward to the S.I.C. any matter that does not need to be introduced by any other body, c) sees that S.I.C. and C.C. decisions are implemented, d) appoints committees for the management of specific matters.

Article 4

Faculty Members

4.1. Full members of the JGP are faculty members of the Department of Philosophy and Social Studies, the Department of Medicine, the Department of Biology and the Department of Sociology of the University of Crete, as specified in the Ministerial Decree of the Programme's Approval (article 8). Full members have the right to elect and be elected in the governing bodies of the JGP. Also, they may undertake the teaching of courses, the supervision of students' work during their practicum, the supervision of M.A. theses and Ph.D. theses. Adjunct members of the JGP are faculty members of other departments of the University of Crete, faculty members of other Universities of this country, scholars and researchers as well as visiting professors of foreign Universities, who have relevant to the JGP specialisation, according to the Ministerial Decree of the Programme's Approval (article 8) and according to the provisions of L. 2083/92, article 12, paragraph 13a. Adjunct members of the JGP may undertake the teaching of courses, the supervision of M.A. theses, the training of graduates in specialised techniques as well as their supervision during practicum.

4.2. The participation of new members (full or adjunct) is formally approved, by simple majority, by the S.I.C., after the C.C.'s proposal. The criteria of eligibility for participation are the following:

- i) specialisation in one of the sub-fields of Bioethics
- ii) leadership or active participation in research projects / programmes in Bioethics
- iii) scientific work related to Bioethics
- iv) previous teaching experience in Bioethics

Article 5

Programme Description.

Degree Titles

The Graduate Programme is divided in two tracks.

Track A: Master's Degree

The first track (Cycle A) covers the “Graduate Programme of Specialisation” (M.A.). It consists of a minimum period of studies of four (4) semesters and cannot exceed six (6) semesters. It leads to the “Graduate Diploma of Specialisation” (M.A.) in Bioethics.

Track B: Doctor of Philosophy

The second track (Cycle B) leads to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.). The period of studies, including the writing up of the Ph.D. thesis, cannot be shorter than (5) semesters and longer than eight (8) semesters, in the event that it is a continuation of the Graduate Programme of Specialisation (M.A.) in Bioethics. In all other cases, the duration of the period of studies for the Ph.D. cannot be shorter than six (6) semesters and longer than ten (10) semesters.

A necessary requirement for admission to the second track (Ph.D.) is the possession of a Graduate Diploma of Specialisation (M.A.) from a Greek University, or an equivalent degree of a foreign academic institution, officially recognised by Greek State Authorities, in the area of the JGP.

Article 6

Call for applications.

Participation Requirements

6.1 Regarding the selection of students for the first track (M.A.), a call for applications is released to the press, indicating:

- a) participation requirements for the selection of candidates
- b) the maximum number of students to be admitted to the Programme
- c) required documents to be submitted
- d) the deadlines for the submission of application and the precise address to which these should be submitted
- e) the selection process as well as the selection criteria for entrance
- f) the date of examination procedures
- g) any other details the S.I.C. deems necessary for the facilitation of graduate

students' selection

The deadline for the submission of applications is in April. The selection process takes place during May of the same year.

6.2 Requirements necessary for admission to the JGP are the following:

- (i) JGP candidates should hold an undergraduate degree (B.A.) from a Greek University or an equivalent degree of a foreign institution, officially recognised by the Greek State.
- (ii) According to Law 2916/2001, article 5, paragraph 3 (*Government Gazette* 114, A'/4-6-2001), graduates of Technological Educational Institutions may apply to the JGP. Their degree has to be sufficiently relevant to the subject matter of the JGP, in order for T.E.I. candidates to be considered, in accordance with the provisions holding for graduates of Higher Education institutions. It is in the S.I.C.'s discretion to decide upon additional admission requirements for graduates of Technological Educational Institutions as well as additional courses to those required of University graduates, in order for T.E.I. graduates to cover possible knowledge gaps.
- (iii) Regarding foreign candidates who hold a University undergraduate degree (B.A) equivalent to those of Greek Universities, a necessary requirement is the sufficient command of the Greek language, as this is certified in ways defined by the S.I.C.
- (iv) All candidates must have a good command of the English language. This is proved by relevant official certificates or, in the event that such certificates are absent, through examination tests conducted by the S.I.C.

6.3. Required documents to be submitted:

1. Formal application to the JGP (available on the Programme's website: <http://bioethics.fks.uoc.gr>)
2. A copy of the undergraduate degree (or degrees) of a Greek University or a Technological Educational Institution (T.E.I.) of sufficient similarity to the subject matter of the JGP (and formal certificate of equivalence issued by an authorised body of the Greek State, regarding degrees obtained from foreign Universities).
3. An official transcript of candidate's undergraduate academic record including all undergraduate courses, in which the grade average of the undergraduate degree is also stated.
4. A curriculum vitae, detailing all studies, research and/or professional experience as well as scholarly and social activities of the candidate.
5. A statement of purpose (up to 1.000 words), stating the candidate's academic interests as well as his/her objectives in seeking admission to the Programme.
6. Certificate of competence in the English language.

7. Copies of publications in academic journals, copies of any authored work, etc., if available.
8. Any other detail or particular, which may assist the candidate in the selection process
9. Two letters of recommendation.
10. Photocopy of identification card.

Article 7

Admission Requirements for the Graduate Programme of Specialisation (M.A.)

7.1. In order to be considered for admission to the JGP, candidates must hold, or expect to shortly acquire, an undergraduate degree from a Greek University, or an equivalent degree from a foreign University in a related area of specialisation, or a T.E.I. undergraduate degree in a related area of specialisation, as defined in the Ministerial Decree of the Programme's Approval.

7.2. Candidates are evaluated on the basis of their performance during interview with the S.I.C., their first degree's grade average, their grade in individual courses relevant to the JGP, their competence in English, any previous experience, publications or other academic work and letters of recommendation.

7.3. The interview is held on topics of wide scientific interest aiming at: a) the evaluation of the candidate's overall competence and standing, as described in the letters of recommendation, b) the consideration of any other matters specific to each candidate's application, and c) the formation (based upon his/her previous studies) of a general understanding of the particular needs and characteristics of each candidate (eg. provision of additional undergraduate courses, etc.), in the event that the candidate is successful.

7.4. Candidates simultaneously enrolled in any other Graduate Programme cannot be considered for admission to the JGP.

Article 8

Selection Procedure for the M.A. Degree

Selection of candidates for admission to the Graduate Programme of Specialisation (M.A.) is decided by the S.I.C. in plenary session, following the procedures described below:

8.1. The Secretariat of the Department of Philosophy and Social Studies receives applications and supporting documentation submitted by graduate candidates, as specified in the press announcement. The Secretariat checks the validity of submitted supporting documentation and ensures that the application file of each candidate is complete, drafts a list of candidates and submits it to the S.I.C. All required supporting documentation should be included in each candidate's application file, submitted within the deadline specified in the call for applications. Applications submitted past the specified deadline are not accepted.

8.2. After receiving the candidates' list, the S.I.C. checks the submitted supporting documentation and draws up the final list of applicants. Then, the S.I.C., whose formal responsibility it is to supervise selection processes, proceeds with the selection of students for the Graduate Programme of Specialisation.

8.3. The selection is conducted in two stages: During the first stage, all candidates are assessed on the basis of the information material included in their application file (previous studies, academic and/or professional engagement). During the second stage, candidates are called for an interview with the S.I.C. The Committee's goal is to decide on those applicants who are capable of effectively meeting the Programme's requirements, based on the appreciation of the candidate's objectives and interests as well as his/her overall competence and scholarly abilities in relation to the subject matter of Bioethics. In the event that the required level of competence in English cannot be testified by the supporting formal documentation submitted, the candidate is called for an examination.

8.4. Should two applicants achieve the same grade average, the applicant holding the higher grade average in his/her undergraduate degree is to be given priority.

8.5. It is within the S.I.C.'s power to decide that all applicants who gather the same grade average as that of the last successful candidate should be admitted to the Programme, as well.

8.6. The list of successful candidates is ratified by the S.I.C. and posted up on the Announcement Board of the Department of Philosophy and Social Studies. Candidates admitted to the Programme are notified, in order to enrol during the period specified by the C.C. in cooperation with the Department's Secretariat. Successful candidates who fail to enrol within the specified period lose their right to enrol, unless they claim extenuating circumstances or serious illness. In this event, the S.I.C. considers the reasons claimed by the candidate and decides accordingly. The list of students admitted, ratified by the S.I.C., must be posted up on the Announcement Board of the Department of Philosophy and Social Studies the latest by the end of June of each academic year.

8.7. Appeals against the selection results can be raised within 10 days from the date that the list of successful candidates is announced. Appeals, which should be fully grounded and specific, are decided upon, at final decree, by the S.I.C., in plenary session.

8.8. In addition to the number of students accepted through the above mentioned selection procedure, there may be accepted, as over and above that number, candidates receiving a scholarship from the Institute of State Scholarships (I.S.S.), provided that their scholarship is relevant to the field of Bioethics. Such scholarship holders are to enrol in the first semester of study.

8.9. Instead of conducting selection in plenary, the S.I.C. may form a special Selection Committee, consisting of the Director of Studies, the Deputy Director of Studies and at least one faculty member of each of the co-operating departments who is a full member of S.I.C. This Selection Committee proceeds with the selection of candidates as defined above, while the selection results are ratified by the S.I.C. in plenary.

Article 9

Requirements and Selection Procedure for the Ph.D.

Candidates for the Ph.D. track, must hold, or be about to acquire, a Graduate Diploma of Specialisation (Master's degree), or an equivalent degree of a foreign University, in Bioethics, or a closely related area of expertise, and be competent in English. The selection procedure for candidates who are not graduates of the JGP Bioethics is analogous to the selection procedure described in articles 7.2 and 8 above. An announcement is released in the press and the selection is conducted by the S.I.C., or as specified in article 8.9 above.

Article 10

Commencement and Duration of Studies

10.1. Graduate studies commence, as a rule, in winter semester. The exact date is determined each year by the S.I.C. and is announced by the C.C. Should special circumstances arise, the S.I.C. may decide the commencement of studies during spring semester.

10.2. Studies leading to the "Graduate Diploma of Specialisation" (Master's degree) last a minimum of four (4) semesters and do not exceed six (6) semesters.

Studies leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), to the extent that they form a continuation of the JGP Bioethics, last five (5) semesters minimum and eight (8) semesters maximum, including the writing up of the thesis. In all other cases, studies leading to the Ph.D. cannot last less than six (6) semesters and more than ten (10) semesters. In the event that a student violates these time limits, he/she loses all rights and benefits associated with his/her status as a student.

Article 11

Intermission of Graduate Studies

11.1. Graduate students have the right to apply for permission to intermit their study or defer the submission date of their thesis. Such permission is granted by the S.I.C. only on serious and verified grounds, only once and only for a maximum of two (2) academic semesters and a minimum of one (1) academic semester. Permission to intermit studies for more than two academic semesters can be granted only to students serving their military service or in cases of prolonged illness verified by public hospital documentation. The period of intermission is not taken into account when estimating excess of duration of study, as provided in article 10.2 of the present document of Internal Rules and Regulations.

11.2. Students resuming their study must attend all lectures, seminars, practical exercises, etc., in which they were not successful before intermission. Students who are granted permission to intermit their study resume their study under all requirements in effect at the time of their initial enrolment.

Article 12

Graduate Diploma of Specialisation (M.A.): Structure of Programme and Graduation Requirements

12.1. The attendance of lectures, seminars, practical classes and prescribed field trips is mandatory. The content, duration and credit units of each educational component are decided, each year, by the S.I.C. The latter, being the governing body of the JGP formally responsible for monitoring and advising graduates for the whole period of their study, may decide to require that graduates attend additional, undergraduate or other courses, offered by the collaborating, or other, departments, as a prerequisite for their studies.

12.2. In order to fulfil the requirements for the Master's degree, graduates must

achieve a minimum of 30 credits. Studies include the successful participation in lectures or seminars (24 credits) and the successful support of an M.A. thesis (2 credits X 3= 6 credits). The M.A. thesis preparation cannot last less than a semester. The final grade average of the Graduate Diploma of Specialisation is calculated on the basis of grades earned in individual lecture courses or seminars of 2 credits each, or of 1 credit each (total: 24 credits) and the grade of the M.A. thesis multiplied by three (3) (total: 6 credits).

According to Ministerial Decree Number $\Phi 5/89656/B3/13-8-2007$ and the S.I.C.'s decision taken in plenary session 22/9-6-2008, the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System – ECTS is adopted. The allocation of ECTS credits to the components of the JGP is as follows: For the M.A. degree, graduates should gather a minimum of 120 credits-ECTS, of which 90 credits correspond to lectures or seminars of seven (7) or four (4) credits each, and the remaining thirty (30) credits correspond to the M.A. thesis.

12.3. Each course offered may be divided into subject units or further specialised areas, as determined by the S.I.C. The programme of study, as it is shaped by the S.I.C., specifies the curriculum, the distribution of required and elective courses, as well as the distribution of credits per subject or area.

12.4. The teaching of each course extends throughout the entire semester. If for any reason less than 4/5 of the required teaching hours, estimated on the basis of working days, are completed for a course, this course is annulled (L. 2083/1992, article 9, paragraph 9).

12.5. At least four (4) students should be enrolled in order for an elective course to be taught.

12.6. During each of the first three semesters of study, graduates attend lectures and seminars. Attendance is mandatory. Graduates successfully complete a lecture course by successfully taking oral or written examinations, depending on the respective course leader's requirements. Graduates successfully complete seminars by submitting seminar papers, and succeeding in oral or written examinations which may in addition be required by the respective course leader. All work required for courses or course units taught during winter semester should be submitted to the course leader the latest by the end of February, and all work required for courses or course units taught during spring semester should be submitted to the course leader the latest by 15th September each academic year.

12.7. Students who fail required courses have to enrol again for the same course in the following semester that the course will be taught. Students who fail an elective course can replace it with another such course. If a student fails twice the same course, or fails two courses during the same semester, his/her progress

is assessed by the C.C., at whose discretion it is to submit to the S.I.C. a recommendation as to whether the student should be expelled from the programme. In case the relevant required course is not going to be offered anew, it can be replaced by another course, as specified by a S.I.C. decision.

12.8. After having successfully completed ten (10) graduate courses, students are assigned an M.A. thesis topic. With the agreement of the student, one of the faculty members of the JGP undertakes the supervision of the thesis and declares it, in writing, to the S.I.C., which in turn, appoints the Advisory Committee. The Committee consists of the M.A. thesis supervisor and two more faculty members of the JGP, of whom at least one should belong to a department other than that of the supervisor. The Master's thesis is submitted at the end of the fourth semester. It is initially approved by the Advisory Committee and, then, it is supported by the candidate in a public oral examination. After the end of the examination, the Committee assesses the thesis and marks it on a 0-10 assessment scale. If the thesis is found to be unsatisfactory and receives a mark lower than 5 (pass), the Committee may ask the student to improve it, make changes in parts, or significantly restructure it. In the latter case, the Committee specifies the time scheme within which the thesis has to be resubmitted, after having assessed and accepted the revisions made according to its recommendations. If three (3) semesters after the assignment of the thesis' topic the supervisor has no adequate information as regards the progress of the thesis, the assignment is annulled.

12.9. The supervision of the M.A. thesis (20.000-25.000 words) can be assigned, according to L.2083/92, article 12, paragraph 3, to members of the Programme only.

12.10. Permission to exceed the required period of study can be granted only under exceptional circumstances and always with the concurring opinion of the C.C.

12.11. Graduates are considered to have successfully met all requirements and are eligible to receive the M.A. title (Graduate Diploma of Specialisation), when:

- a) they have completed the required semesters of study
- b) they have successfully completed lecture courses, seminars and possible practical classes [a grade of 5 and above, on a 0-10 assessment scale, is considered to be a passing grade].
- c) they have successfully completed a Master's thesis [pass is a minimum grade of 5 or above, on a 0-10 scale].

Graduates are required to submit three (3) copies of their M.A. thesis: to the Programme Secretariat, the respective department and the main University Library.

Article 13

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.): Structure of Programme and Admission Requirements

13.1. Any graduate student who has completed the JGP Bioethics and has a grade average of 7/10 and above, subject to what is specified in article 12.11 above, may apply for the Ph.D. track, provided that he/she is accepted by a prospective supervisor. The candidate selects his/her prospective supervisor and notifies, in writing, the C.C. It is required that the supervisor is a member of the JGP. The candidate submits a research proposal for his/her doctoral thesis, which is evaluated by the S.I.C., counting on the approval by the prospective supervisor. A change of supervisor may be permitted after the student's justified application to the C.C.

13.1.1 The assessment procedure for admission includes an interview of the Ph.D. candidate conducted by the S.I.C. or an Examiners' Committee appointed by the former, preferably including the prospective supervisor and the prospective Advisory Committee, so as to clarify and justify the proposed research topic (Decision taken by S.I.C., in plenary session 17/24-5-2007).

13.1.2 According to existing legislation and the relevant Ministerial Decree of Approval, the JGP consists of two separate and autonomous tracks, leading to the M.A. and the Ph.D. degrees, respectively. Thus, the Ph.D. thesis topic cannot be the same as the M.A. thesis topic (Decision taken by the S.I.C., in plenary session 17/24-5-2007).

13.2. Any research postgraduate who does not hold an M.A. degree from the JGP, as stated in paragraph 1 above, may be required to attend classes, as specified, on an individual basis, by the C.C. By a C.C. decision, it is possible for such a research postgraduate to be exempted of all or part of graduate course requirements, if he/she has successfully attended all relevant courses during his/her previous studies.

13.3. Any other issue not specified or provided for in the present document of Internal Rules and Regulations is regulated according to the JGP's C.C. decisions.

Article 14

Supervision of Postgraduates' Research Progress

14.1. Based on a C.C. proposal, each doctoral candidate is assigned to a supervisor and a three-member Advisory Committee (member of which, according to existing laws, is the student's supervisor), by a S.I.C. decision.

14.2. As supervisors of research postgraduates can serve faculty members participating in the Programme and holding any of the top three University ranks. Advisory Committees consist of faculty members participating in the Programme and holding any of the top three University ranks, and maximum one member from the following categories: lecturers of the Departments of Philosophy and Social Studies, Medicine, Biology and Sociology of the University of Crete who have held the position for a minimum of three years, faculty members of other Universities (including lecturers who have held the position for a minimum of three years), non-University reputed scientists or scholars with specialised knowledge and expertise relevant to the Ph.D. thesis' topic.

14.2.1 One of the three members of the Advisory Committee should be a philosopher, so as to guarantee the epistemological cohesion of the research components that comprise the topic of the Ph.D. thesis, within the interdisciplinary field of Bioethics (Decision of the S.I.C., in plenary session 17/24-5-2007).

14.3. During the period of his/her research, the doctoral candidate co-operates closely with his/her supervisor and the Advisory Committee. At the end of each academic year, the research postgraduate submits a report of progress to the Advisory Committee. In addition, the Ph.D. candidate presents his/her work in a research seminar, on a regular basis. The supervisor, with the assistance of the candidate, is responsible for organising this seminar. The Advisory Committee's review of the postgraduate's progress is submitted to the C.C. and is kept in the student's record. The postgraduate is considered to be making unsatisfactory progress if a progress review is not submitted by the Advisory Committee within 14 months from the postgraduate's initial acceptance to the Programme, or within 14 months from the last progress review filed. A postgraduate who receives two consecutive unsatisfactory progress reviews is automatically expelled from the Programme.

14.4. The thesis is written in Greek and includes an extended summary (1.000-3.000 words) in English. Students who are not Greek native speakers may, by a C.C. decision, write their thesis in English and include an extended summary in Greek.

Article 15

Assessment of Ph.D. Thesis

15.1. After its completion, the Ph.D. thesis is assessed by a seven-member Examiners' Committee, as specified by L. 2083/92. This Committee consists of

the supervisor (his/her participation is mandatory), the other two members of the Advisory Committee (if they are faculty members) and four (or five) additional faculty members of the same or relevant specialisation; the latter are appointed by the S.I.C., following suggestions by the Advisory Committee. Optimally, at least one member of the Examiners' Committee comes from another University. In the occasion that a member of the Advisory Committee is not a faculty member, he/she participates in the assessment of the thesis, without a right to vote, and co-signs the final report. The candidate's supervisor chairs the seven-member Examiners' Committee.

15.2. The Chairperson calls the Committee in order to publicly examine the candidate and assess the thesis, 20 days after the submission of the thesis to the members of the Examiners' Committee at the earliest. The candidate supports his/her thesis publicly and responds to the Committee's questions. The Committee assesses the thesis and may recommend changes and improvements. Finally, the Committee prepares a report regarding the originality of the thesis and its substantial contribution to scientific inquiry as well as the candidate's expertise as to the research area of the thesis. The report is submitted to the C.C. For the approval of the thesis, the concurring opinion of at least five members of the Examiners' Committee is required.

15.3. The research postgraduate is required to make all changes suggested by the Examiners' Committee and submit to the C.C. a relevant confirmation letter signed by the supervisor and at least one other member of the Committee. In the event that the postgraduate has authored or co-authored academic publications which include results related to the subject matter of his/her thesis, he/she is required to attach copies of these publications to the body of the thesis.

15.4 The date, time and place of the Ph.D. thesis' public examination (*viva voce*) are arranged, in co-ordination, by the supervisor and the candidate. The collaborating departments are notified for the arrangement. The notification of the schedule of the *viva voce* is announced at least ten (10) days in advance. The latter (*viva voce*) takes place in front of the supervisor, the members of the Examiners' Committee, the S.I.C. and an audience of students and other academics. After the completion of the candidate's presentation and his/her response to questions posed by members of the Examiners' Committee and possibly the audience, the seven-member Examiners' Committee announces publicly its assessment.

Article 16

Ph.D. Award

The doctoral degree (Ph.D.) is awarded by the relevant department, according to the graduation ceremonies in effect in each department.

Article 17

Degree Titles

17.1. **Postgraduate Diploma of Specialisation (Master's Degree).** The Graduate Diploma of Specialisation is a public document. After the completion of study, as specified in the present document of Internal Rules and Regulations, the title of Master's Degree is awarded to the graduate by the "relevant department" (see article 1 above). The title notes the University of Crete, the collaborating departments, the number of the Diploma, the name, surname, father's name and place of origin of the title's holder, the date of award and the field of specialisation "Bioethics". The title is signed by the Rector of the University of Crete, the Head and the Administrative Secretary of the relevant department.

17.2. **Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)** The Ph.D. is a public document. After the doctoral candidate successfully completes all requirements, as specified in the present document of Internal Rules and Regulations, the Ph.D. is awarded to the postgraduate by the relevant department. The title notes the University of Crete, the collaborating departments, the name, surname, father's name and place of origin of the title's holder, the period of his/her studies, the date of award and the field of specialisation 'Bioethics'. The title is signed by the Rector of the University of Crete, the Head and the Administrative Secretary of the relevant department.

Article 18

Graduate Students Benefits

18.1. Graduate students are eligible for all benefits received by undergraduate students, as specified in L. 1268/82, L. 2083/92 and L. 2413/96 (student card, reduced fees for transport and specific cultural and recreational activities, no-interest loans, financial aid towards special educational needs).

18.2. Within the JGP, from winter semester of the academic year 2003-2004 until the end of spring semester of the academic year 2007-2008, scholarships, supported by the relevant action of European Framework 6, are available to its students. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of graduates' admission grade average and the grades and overall performance in graduate courses.

18.3. Graduates may seek external funding from various Foundations (Institute of State Scholarships, Onasseio Foundation, etc.) and possibly research institutes (such as the Foundation of Research and Technology Hellas, Institute of Marine Biology, etc.).

18.4. Scholarships are granted to Cretan students by the Vardinoyannio Foundation. Relevant information is provided at: 12^A Hrodou Attikou st., 3rd floor, 15124 Maroussi, tel: 210-8093386.

18.5. Graduate students may also seek financial support through participation in research projects. The relevant details are specified by the S.I.C., based on proposals by the C.C.