



PRESS RELEASE

The Program of Psychology, Faculty of Philosophy, Pedagogy, and Psychology, University of Athens, IS BEING CLOSED DOWN according to the 'Athena' reform plan of Greek higher education!!!

HOWEVER

**It does not meet any of the criteria for closing down Educational Programs,
as per the 'Athena' plan:**

1. It is the only undergraduate program of Psychology at the University of Athens, which has been granting accredited Psychology degrees leading to professional qualifications since 1993.
2. It currently has 19 full time faculty members – not zero (0), as erroneously stated in the 'Athena' plan.
3. It accepts 110 students per academic year – not 270, as erroneously indicated in the 'Athena' plan.
4. Its current enrollment is over 1,000 students. Graduation rates are among the highest in the University of Athens (85%).
5. Its students obtain the 3rd highest admission grades at the University of Athens (ranking it 3rd after the Medical and Law Schools).
6. It educates highly qualified professionals at the post-graduate and doctoral level, in School Psychology and in Clinical Psychology, who provide mental health services of the highest standards to the community.
7. It does not burden the university budget at all, since the two undergraduate curricula of the Faculty of Philosophy, Pedagogy, and Psychology share the same infrastructure and staff.

We ask that

PSYCHOLOGY IS NOT ABOLISHED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS

<http://www.change.org/petitions/psychology-should-not-be-abolished-at-the-university-of-athens>

The Chairman of the Department, the Program Director, and the Faculty