COURSE DESCRIPTION

Course Title	Postgraduate Thesis II			
Course Code	DLADE209			
Type of course	Compulsory			
Level	Master			
Year / Semester of study	2nd year/ 3rd semester			
Teacher's name	ALL THE ACADEMIC STAFF			
ECTS	20	Weeks		
Course Objectives	The thesis course is compulsory and consists of two parts - " Postgraduate Thesis I" and " Postgraduate Thesis II" - and lasts for two semesters. The thesis is an important part of the education through which the student deepens the knowledge acquired in the postgraduate programme by conducting some form of research under the supervision of a member of the programme's teaching staff. The course that accompanies the thesis is designed to provide basic knowledge and practice in the various aspects of the scientific research and thesis writing process. During the seminars of the course, students are given the opportunity, under the coordination of the course supervisors, to organise their research in a systematic way and to practise critical analysis by commenting constructively on the texts of their fellow students. Participation in the seminars (during the DLADE208 prerequisite course) creates conditions for collective learning through critical interaction between students and with the course leaders, preparing them for the defence of the final project in DLADE209. The course and the preparation of the project focuses on a limited scientific problem in the field of adult education, which must be theoretically and empirically documented using established methods of research and analysis in the social sciences. The DLADE208 course emphasizes the identification and formulation of a relevant research problem, which is delineated and specified during the course and submitted for evaluation at the end. The content of the written assignment constitutes the research proposal in a developed form and the basis of a supervisor's choice of a supervisor for the final dissertation in DLADE209.			
Learning Outcomes	At the end of the course, the student is expected to: **At the level of knowledge** - have acquired knowledge that helps to understand the field of adult education as a scientific discipline,			

	- have knowledge of the different stages of the research process and the importance of choosing a theoretical and methodological approach to the scientific investigation of a problem. **In terms of skills** - be able to independently select and formulate a research problem that is examined and presented in the form of an academic thesis, - master appropriate methods for investigating the topic and the questions posed in the thesis, justifying the choice of any method against other methods used in adult education research, - specify and formulate research questions, select appropriate methods, plan and implement the postgraduate project within the specified timeframe, - draw conclusions based on data collected during the implementation of the research, - formulate proposals for further research in relation to the thesis. **At the attitudinal level** - adopt a critical and reflective attitude towards scientific, social and ethical aspects related to scientific research in general and the topic under investigation in particular, - be aware of the limitations of the thesis in question		
Prerequisites	DLADE206 DLADE208	Co-requests	/
Course Content	The content of the course includes the following: - Preparation of the final thesis under the guidance of the supervisor - Presentation and analysis of research results, conclusions and recommendations.		
Teaching Methodology	The course is taught entirely online through the Moodle platform. Regular online communication with the supervisor, collection and analysis of empirical data, writing of final project.		
Literature	See the detailed study guide of the course.		
Evaluation	The evaluation of the final thesis is carried out by a three-member Examination Committee, which includes: - The supervisor who supervised the preparation of the student's thesis. - Two members of the teaching staff of the postgraduate programme.		
Language	English / Greek		