

Regulated Professions Representative Form

Section 1: Regulated Profession Details

Regulated Profession: Psychologist

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Section 2: Observations Regarding Legislation

Please provide specific observations related to the legislation governing this profession:

With reference to all the points below that are included in PART A, that govern the legislation of the profession of Psychologist in Cyprus, i provide the following observations:

The BSc in Psychology programme, offered by European University, can be characterised as a well-developed programme that is fully aligned with Cypriot legislation. The programme includes a substantial number of compulsory and elective courses covering the main domains of psychology and psychological research methods, as well as a mandatory undergraduate thesis. It provides students with both the theoretical foundations and the practical applications across all major branches of psychology.

The Bachelor's degree in Psychology at the European University Cyprus places strong emphasis on research and on students' active participation in research activities. Specifically, it provides students with opportunities to engage in all stages of the research process — from study design, methodology, and data collection to statistical analysis and the preparation of scientific papers. Students are encouraged to participate in multiple research projects aligned with their own interests and those of the faculty.

Although the programme benefits from certain research facilities and initiatives that promote

student involvement in research, further development is needed in terms of infrastructure, research laboratories, and equipment (e.g. portable psychophysiological measurement tools such as wearable devices like headbands for electroencephalography (EEG), chest straps or wristbands for electrocardiography (ECG), smart garments for cardiorespiratory function, and eye-tracking glasses for electrooculography (EOG) etc.).

The programme currently relies on a relatively small academic staff cohort. Implementing sustainable workload planning and enhancing internationalisation initiatives would further strengthen the Department's provision and long-term stability.

The programme includes a 180 hour practicum, although Cypriot legislation does not require practicum hours for registration as a psychologist. It is therefore suggested that the practicum be offered as an optional component, allowing students to choose the duration of their training within a range of 20 to 180 hours. During this experience students will have the chance to have a volunteer work experience and observe applied psychology in practice.

Since the practicum may not be feasible or necessary for all students, the possibility of offering a choice between practicum (with clearly defined minimum and maximum hours) and elective coursework could be considered. Where a practicum is implemented, careful attention should be given to matters of placement, supervision, legal safeguards, and student safety.

PART A

“Μητρώο Πτυχιούχων Ψυχολόγων” σημαίνει το μητρώο το οποίο τηρείται δυνάμει των διατάξεων του παρόντος Νόμου και στο οποίο αναγράφονται πρόσωπα που κατέχουν πτυχίο ψυχολογίας:

“πλαίσιο καθηκόντων εγγεγραμμένων ψυχολόγων” σημαίνει τα αποκλειστικά καθήκοντα που καθορίζονται για κάθε εγκεκριμένη ειδικότητα εφαρμοσμένης ψυχολογίας:

“πλαίσιο καθηκόντων πτυχιούχων ψυχολόγων” σημαίνει καθήκοντα σε τομείς που έχει λάβει εκπαίδευση πτυχιούχος ψυχολόγος στα πλαίσια απόκτησης του πτυχίου του και τα οποία περιορίζονται στα εξής: διδασκαλία θεμάτων ψυχολογίας, έρευνα σε τομείς ψυχολογίας, συνέντευξη με αποκλειστικό σκοπό την παραπομπή σε εγγεγραμμένο ψυχολόγο και πιθανή άσκηση άλλων καθηκόντων που δεν εμπίπτουν στο πλαίσιο καθηκόντων που αποδίδονται σε εγγεγραμμένο ψυχολόγο:

Νοείται ότι τα πιο πάνω καθήκοντα δεν μπορούν να ασκηθούν στα πλαίσια αυτόνομης και ανεξάρτητης εργοδότησης:

“πτυχιούχος ψυχολόγος” σημαίνει ψυχολόγο εγγεγραμμένο στο Μητρώο Πτυχιούχων Ψυχολόγων, οποίος ασκεί καθήκοντα που προκύπτουν από το πλαίσιο καθηκόντων πτυχιούχων ψυχολόγων:

Section 3: Additional Comments

The overall impression is that the Psychology Department of the European University Cyprus demonstrates strong practices and full compliance with quality indicators. Its work is supported by robust governance structures, student-centred learning approaches, and comprehensive academic and support services.

The Department delivers professionally relevant, student-centred programmes underpinned by strong quality assurance processes, transparent admissions procedures, and assessment methods aligned with European standards.

It is recommended that Cypriot legislation and the local professional code of ethics be explicitly addressed within relevant modules, ensuring that students understand the national legal and ethical framework governing the profession.

The inclusion of elements addressing digital literacy, ethical online communication, and data protection would further strengthen the relevance of the programme to contemporary psychological research and practice contexts.

The practicum experience should focus on observation and academic learning rather than independent service delivery, ensuring that all activities remain within the ethical and legal boundaries of undergraduate psychology education.

Teaching is student-centred and employs a variety of pedagogical methods and modern learning resources, supported by transparent, fair, and developmentally oriented assessment practices. Students expressed high levels of satisfaction with their learning experience and outcomes, confirming the overall strength and competitiveness of the programme.

It is recommended that the programme continues to encourage interaction and collaboration among students through small group work, research projects, and peer learning activities, fostering a sense of academic community and teamwork essential to the discipline of psychology.

Recommendations to further enhance sustainability and distinctiveness include expanding staff capacity, reviewing module titles and structures, improving research facilities and opportunities, and considering the introduction of more advanced courses that would strengthen the Department's academic profile.

Any further comments:

The BSc Psychology programme of the European University of Cyprus has reached a high level of maturity through years of systematic development and refinement. It has established well-defined and well-documented processes that ensure consistency across all areas. Graduates of this Psychology programme acquire a strong, comprehensive, and well-structured foundation of knowledge and skills within the science of psychology. The specific programme aims to adequately

prepare its graduates so that, upon completion, they are able to teach psychology-related subjects and conduct research across various fields of psychology.

The programme includes a 180-hour practicum, which is not required by Cypriot legislation for psychologist registration. It is suggested that the practicum be offered as an optional component, allowing flexibility in duration (20–180 hours) and providing opportunities for voluntary work and observation of applied psychology. Alternatively, students could choose elective coursework instead of the practicum. Where implemented, attention should be given to placement quality, supervision, legal safeguards, and student safety.

The overall design of the programme contributes to students' education and professional development within the broader context of psychological science.

More emphasis should be given to opportunities for growth through participation in funded projects, travel grants, workshops, and seminars delivered by visiting international scholars.

One area for further improvement is the inclusion of training in conducting psychological interviews for the exclusive purpose of referring cases to a registered psychologist. Such training could be incorporated into relevant course content to strengthen students' applied skills and understanding of professional practice boundaries.

The programme relies on a small staff cohort. Sustainable workload planning and expanded internationalisation would further strengthen the Department's provision.

Representative's Signature:



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