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**FINAL REPORT OF THE CYPRUS AGENCY OF QUALITY ASSURANCE AND ACCREDITATION IN
HIGHER EDUCATION**

**EVALUATION - ACCREDITATION
OF THE PROGRAMME OF STUDY**

IN GREEK:

Επιστήμη του Αθλητισμού και της Άσκησης (4 ακαδημαϊκά έτη, 240 ECTS, Πτυχίο(BSc))

IN ENGLISH:

Sport and Exercise Science (4 academic years, 240 ECTS, Bachelor (BSc))

OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION

University of Central Lancashire Cyprus (UCLan Cyprus)

This Final Report was prepared on the basis of Article (20)(2)(f)(i) of the “Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws” of 2015 to 2021 [L. 136 (I)/2015 - L. 132(I)/2021].

THE PROCEDURE:

On 29 May 2025, the legal representative of the Higher Education Institution Uclan University Cyprus submitted an application (Doc. 200.1), based on Article (17) of the “Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws” of 2015 to 2021, for the evaluation-accreditation of the programme of study:

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Επιστήμη του Αθλητισμού και της Άσκησης (4 ακαδημαϊκά έτη, 240 ECTS, Πτυχίο(BSc))

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This application is registered with the reference number: 07.14.341.006

In the framework of competences conferred on it by the relevant legislation, the Council of the Agency has constituted an External Evaluation Committee (EEC), which after initially examining the institution's application for programme evaluation and accreditation, performed an on-site visit at the institution on **3 November 2025**.

The EEC met with the head of the institution, the head of the relevant department, the programme's coordinator, members of the academic staff, members of the administrative staff, students and/or their representatives and the Internal Quality Assurance Committee.

Additionally, the EEC examined the institution's facilities (library, computer labs, labs, teaching classes, research infrastructures, etc.), various documents presented and/or requested by the EEC, the School's/Faculty's structure and the programme's position in it, the CVs of the teaching staff and their relationship to the institution as teachers in regard to any other duties and teaching.

The EEC has documented its findings and recommendations and drew up the External Evaluation Report in the Doc. 300.1.1.

CYQAA Council's Decision

The Council of the Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and Accreditation of Higher Education, during its 129th Summit on 15 December 2025, according to the Article (20)(2)(f)(i) of the "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education and the Establishment and Operation of an Agency on Related Matters Laws" of 2015 to 2021 [L. 136 (I)/2015 - L. 132(I)/2021], and on the basis of the suggestions of the External Evaluation Committee, the comments of the institution on the External Evaluation Committee report and the Feedback report from the EEC, **decided that the programme is accredited to be delivered in English.**

The Agency informs the institution that, within six (6) months and no later than the beginning of the Fall Semester 2026-2027, it is required to submit to the Agency updated and duly documentation demonstrating compliance with the recommendations of the External Evaluation Committee, particularly in relation to the following areas:

Academic Staff:

The institution is required to proceed with the recruitment and appointment of permanent academic staff members, appropriately qualified in the relevant scientific fields of the programme, in order to ensure the sustainability, academic continuity, and quality assurance of the programme. Evidence should demonstrate that the composition of the academic staff adequately supports the delivery of the curriculum, the achievement of the intended learning outcomes, and the long-term operation of the programme.

International Collaborations:

The institution is required to strengthen and formalize its international collaborations with recognized higher education institutions and/or relevant international organizations. Such collaborations should be documented through formal agreements and should demonstrably

Contribute to the academic character of the programme, including, where applicable, academic exchanges, joint academic activities, guest lectures, or other forms of international academic engagement.

Admission Criteria:

The institution is required to review and upgrade the admission criteria of the programme to ensure that they are transparent, clearly defined, and aligned with the academic level and scientific requirements of the programme. The revised admission criteria should ensure that admitted students possess the necessary academic background and competencies to successfully engage with the programme and meet its intended learning outcomes.

The submitted documentation shall provide clear evidence of the implementation of the above measures and their alignment with the relevant legislative and quality assurance requirements.

The current accreditation begins in the Spring semester of the academic year **2025 –2026** and ceases to be in effect at the end of the Fall semester of the academic year **2030 –2031**.

On the basis of Article (4) of the relevant Legislation, it is noted that “the above accreditation is valid for the period provided by the provisions of the Law and is repeated every five (5) years and that the procedure starts at the request of the institution, which must, and shall be submitted at least sixteen (16) months before the expiry of the previous accreditation”.

Additionally, on the basis of Article (17)(3)(g) during the period of validity of the Accreditation, the Agency acting of its own motion, may examine whether the criteria continue to be met and if they are not met, then the Agency shall revoke the Accreditation, and immediately inform the institution concerned.



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Cyprus Agency of Quality Assurance and
Accreditation in Higher Education

17 December 2025