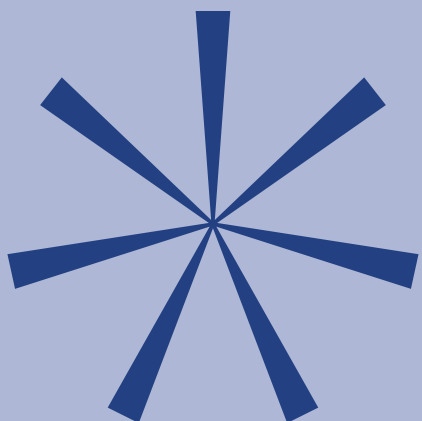
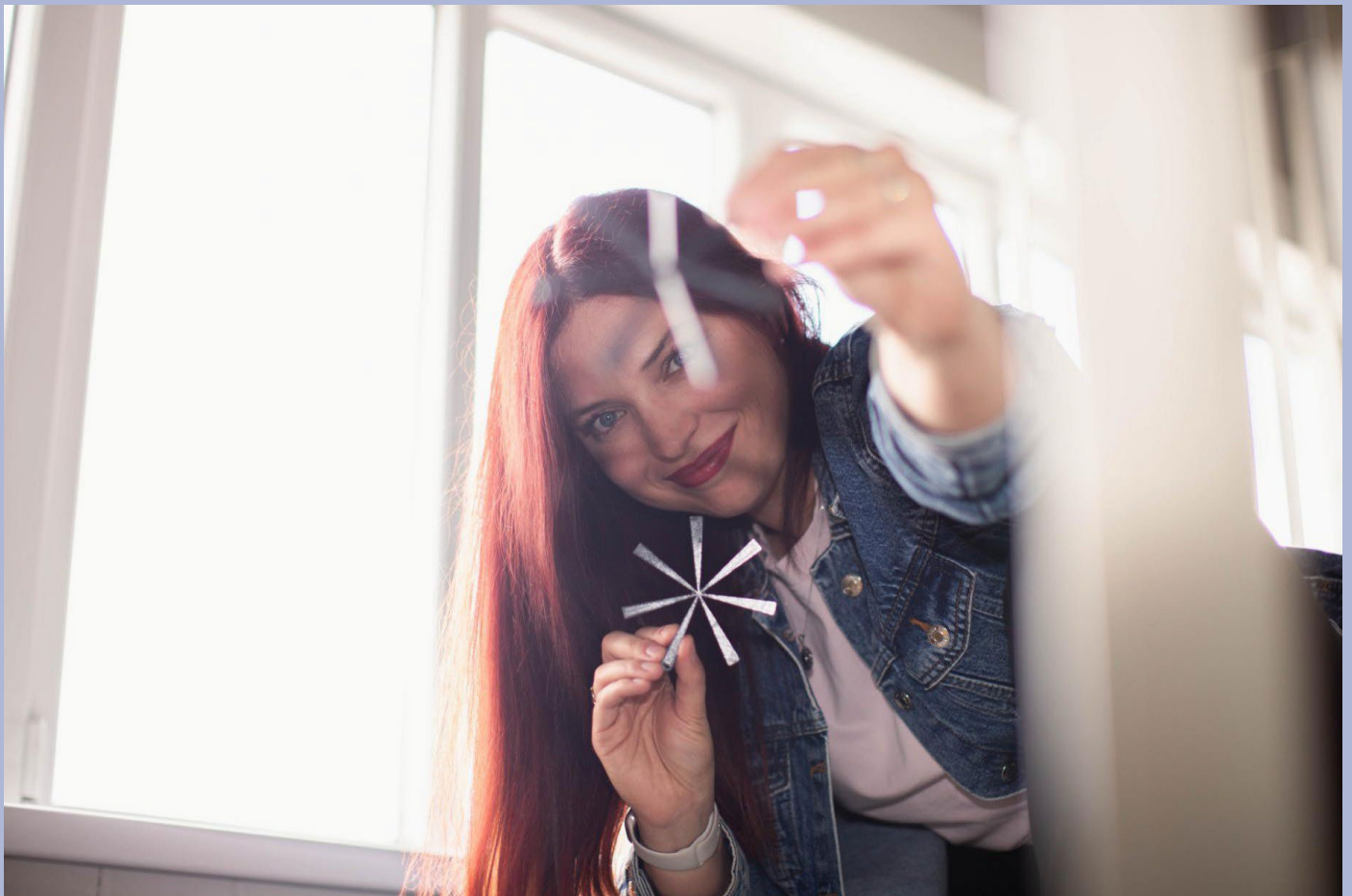


ATHENA + European University

Network - Structure - Opportunities



ATHENA
EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY

What is ATHENA?

ATHENA is a European university alliance of ten medium-sized universities. The aim is to promote inclusive, innovative and high-quality education and practice-oriented research. Since 2020, the University of Siegen has been part of this forward-looking cooperation. A particular focus on physical and virtual mobility and a wide range of courses tailored to individual interests allow for flexible study options in a truly European environment.

Our Offer

ATHENA offers an attractive, flexible and practice-oriented programme for students, doctoral candidates, researchers and university staff. The strong involvement of regional industry partners supports the transfer of research results directly into society.

For Students

- Studying in an international environment
- Individual and flexible courses
- Mobility among ATHENA partner universities
- Short term mobility through Blended Intensive Programmes (BIPs)
- Development of soft and foreign language skills
- Opportunity to get involved – for example, in the student board!

For Researchers and Teachers

- Participating in international Doctoral Schools
- Applied research and teaching in an innovative environment
- Collaborating in international research projects
- Intercultural exchange and training opportunities
- Matchmaking – initiating common projects
- Collaboration in Clusters

For Technical and Administrative Staff

- Training opportunities – Job shadowing
- Development of soft **and** foreign language skills
- Close cooperation in a European context
- International staff weeks



VISION AND GOALS

Our Vision

ATHENA European University aims to define a common European approach to scientific, societal and technological development that helps foster a better future. At ATHENA European University, students and professors co-create value with our industrial and socio-economic partners by focusing on the societal and environmental challenges of our day. The arts, social sciences and the humanities interplay with the natural and engineering sciences to advance technological developments, and applied research is as likely to feed fundamental advances as vice versa. Together, we are deeply embedded in our regions and communities and globally connected to the world.

Our Goals

Cooperation in research and teaching - strategically organised in “clusters”.

To improve the coordination of cooperation projects in research and teaching, the ATHENA partner universities have agreed to form thematic clusters. The first four clusters, in which joint activities are now being planned, cover the following areas:

- **Digitalisation for all**
- **Sustainable Production**
- **Health and Wellbeing**
- **Creative Industries**

CLUSTERS

SANDBOX

Partner Profiles

Capacities

Joint Efforts

> Research & Innovation

> Joint and double degrees

> Capacity Building & Education

Pool of ideas / Matchmaking

Search



Funding opportunities available at
[ATHENA Grant Office](#)



Digitalisation for All



Health and Wellbeing



Sandbox



Sustainable Production



Creative Industries

How to cooperate with international Partners?

A unique tool, dedicated to researchers and academics, has been launched in order to support the process of joint collaboration between ATHENA+ Partners:

SHARED RESOURCES DIRECTORY

is our register and communication tool for collaboration between ATHENA+ partners. It summarises our capacities and research priorities and serves as a tool for collaboration in education and research. Any ATHENA researcher/lecturer can log in with their university email address and search for partners, submit ideas or find out more about our clusters.

Become a speaker on:

ATHENA TALKS

and present your research topic and share your practices with a foreign community. “ATHENA Talks” is a powerful platform where top-level scientists from all around the world share their insights and discoveries on various topics – from physics, semiconductors, biomaterials to policy making and internationalization. Here you can network with like-minded individuals, form meaningful connections, and explore opportunities for collaboration.



ATHENA + Partners:

[Hellenic Mediterranean University \(Greece\)](#)

[Marie Curie-Skłodowska University \(Poland\)](#)

[Polytechnic Institute of Porto \(Portugal\)](#)

[University of Maribor \(Slovenia\)](#)

[University of Orléans \(France\)](#)

[University of Salento \(Italy\)](#)

[University of Vigo \(Spain\)](#)

[Vilnius Tech \(Lithuania\)](#)

[Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute \(Ukraine\)](#)

[University of Siegen \(Germany\)](#)

ATHENA + Partners:

Hellenic Mediterranean University (Greece)

Founded in 1983, the Hellenic Mediterranean University (HMU) is a public institution in Greece that offers Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes with a focus on technology, research and innovation. Students benefit from personalised counselling and a wide range of cultural and social activities. HMU fosters an inclusive academic environment with strong student services and international engagement.

The academic year is divided into two semesters:

- Winter Semester – October to February
- Summer Semester – February to July (September)

Study Programmes in English

Postgraduate MSc programmes:

MSc Program EMINENT - [click here](#)

MSc degree in 'Informatics Engineering' - [click here](#)

MSc in Plasma Physics and Lasers - [click here](#)

Faculties

School of Agricultural Sciences

School of Engineering

School of Health Sciences

School of Management and Economics Sciences

School of Music and Optoacoustic Technologies



ATHENA + Partners:

Marie Curie-Skłodowska University (Poland)

The Marie Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin is the largest public university in Poland on the eastern side of the Vistula River. Founded in 1944, it is an institution deeply rooted in the region, serving as a cultural and opinion-forming force and contributing significantly to the development of a knowledge-based economy.

The academic year is divided into two semesters:

- Winter Semester – October to mid-February
- Summer Semester – February to June

Study Programmes in English

Undergraduate programmes - [click here](#)

Master programmes - [click here](#)

Faculties

Arts

Biology and Biotechnology

Chemistry

Economics

Languages

Literatures and Cultures

Philosophy and Sociology

History and Archaeology

Mathematics

Physics and Computer Science

Earth Sciences and Spatial

Management

Education and Psychology

Political Science and Journalism

Law and Administration

UMCS Branch Campus

in Pulawy



ATHENA + Partners:

Polytechnic of Porto (Portugal)

The Polytechnic of Porto in Portugal was founded in 1985 and offers a wide range of bachelor's, master's and postgraduate degree programmes. The university pursues an innovative educational model that combines teaching and research, close collaboration with the labour market and the development of social and entrepreneurial skills. P.PORTO is recognised as one of the most prestigious higher education institutions in Portugal.

The academic year is divided into two semesters:

- Winter Semester - September to February
- Summer Semester – mid-February to July

Study Programmes in English

Undergraduate degrees - [click here](#)

Master Degrees - [click here](#)

Postgraduate programmes - [click here](#)

Faculties

School of Accounting and Business

School of Education

School of Engineering

School of Health

School of Hospitality and Tourism

School of Management and Industrial Studies

School of Management and Technology

School of Media Arts and Design School

of Music and Performing Arts



ATHENA + Partners:

University of Maribor (Slovenia)

Founded in 1975, the University of Maribor is the second largest university in Slovenia and ranks among the top 4% of universities worldwide. It offers a dynamic academic environment supported by a strong commitment to social responsibility, academic integrity and sustainable development.

The academic year is divided into two semesters:

- Winter semester - October to February
- Summer semester - February to July

Study Programmes in English

MA Economics and Business

University in Maribor adapts existing programmes in Slovenian to the needs of our international students and offer preparatory courses in the first year of study to learn Slovenian.

Faculties

Agriculture and Life Sciences

Arts

Chemistry and Chemical Engineering

Civil Engineering, Transportation Engineering and Architecture

Criminal Justice and Security

Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences

Economics and Business

Education

Energy Technology

Law

Mechanical Engineering

Medicine

Health Sciences

Organisational Sciences

Logistics

Natural Sciences and

Mathematics

Tourism



ATHENA + Partners:

University of Orléans (France)

Founded in 1306, the University of Orléans is one of the oldest universities in France and is home to students from almost 90 countries. It offers a vibrant campus experience with cultural events, sports, student associations and excellent student services, including a Welcome Centre for international students. The university is known for its strong focus on research and innovation, with 25 research units and close links with regional and international industry.

The academic year is divided into two semesters:

- Winter Semester - mid-September to mid-January
- Summer Semester - mid-January to mid-June

Study Programmes in English

International Economics

Languages, Business and International Management

Automotive Engineering for Sustainable Mobility

Fundamental and Applied Physics Programme in Space Sciences and Applications

Sport Performance Training and Optimisation – Sport Psychology

International Students Teacher Education Program

Faculties

College of Law, Economics and Management;

College of Humanities and Social Sciences;

College of Science and Technology;

University Institutes of Technology in

Bourges, Chartres, Indre and Orléans;

Observatory of the Sciences of the

Universe in the Centre-Val de

Loire region; National Higher

Schools for Professors

and Educators; Engi-

neering School;

University School

of Physiotherapy;

Medical School



ATHENA + Partners:

University of Salento (Italy)

Founded in 1955, the University of Salento is an institution dedicated to the promotion of knowledge, merit and professional skills. It offers a wide range of degree programmes in areas such as law, science, engineering, humanities and media studies, as well as specialised postgraduate courses. With eight departments and thirty-three research centres, the university plays a key role in the cultural and social life of the Salento region.

The academic year is divided into two semesters:

- Winter Semester - September/October to February
- Summer Semester - February to July

Study Programmes in English

Aerospace Engineering

Coastal and Marine Biology and Ecology

Communication Engineering and Electronic Technologies

Engineering for Safety of Critical Industrial and Civil

Infrastructures

Management Engineering

Materials Engineering and Nanotechnology

Digital Heritage Technical

Translation and Interpreting

Faculties

Department of Biological and Environmental
Sciences and Technologies

Department of Cultural Heritage

Department of Engineering for
Innovation

Department of Humanities

Department of Human and
Social Sciences

Department of Law
Studies

Department of
Mathematics
and Physics



ATHENA + Partners:

University of Vigo (Spain)

Founded in 1990, the University of Vigo is an institution with three specialised campuses. It offers a wide range of academic programmes, including bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees, as well as international degrees. Students enjoy a rich campus life with cultural events, sports and workshops that promote both personal and social development. The university is strongly committed to values such as transparency, inclusion and sustainability and conducts research for the benefit of society.

The academic year is divided into two semesters:

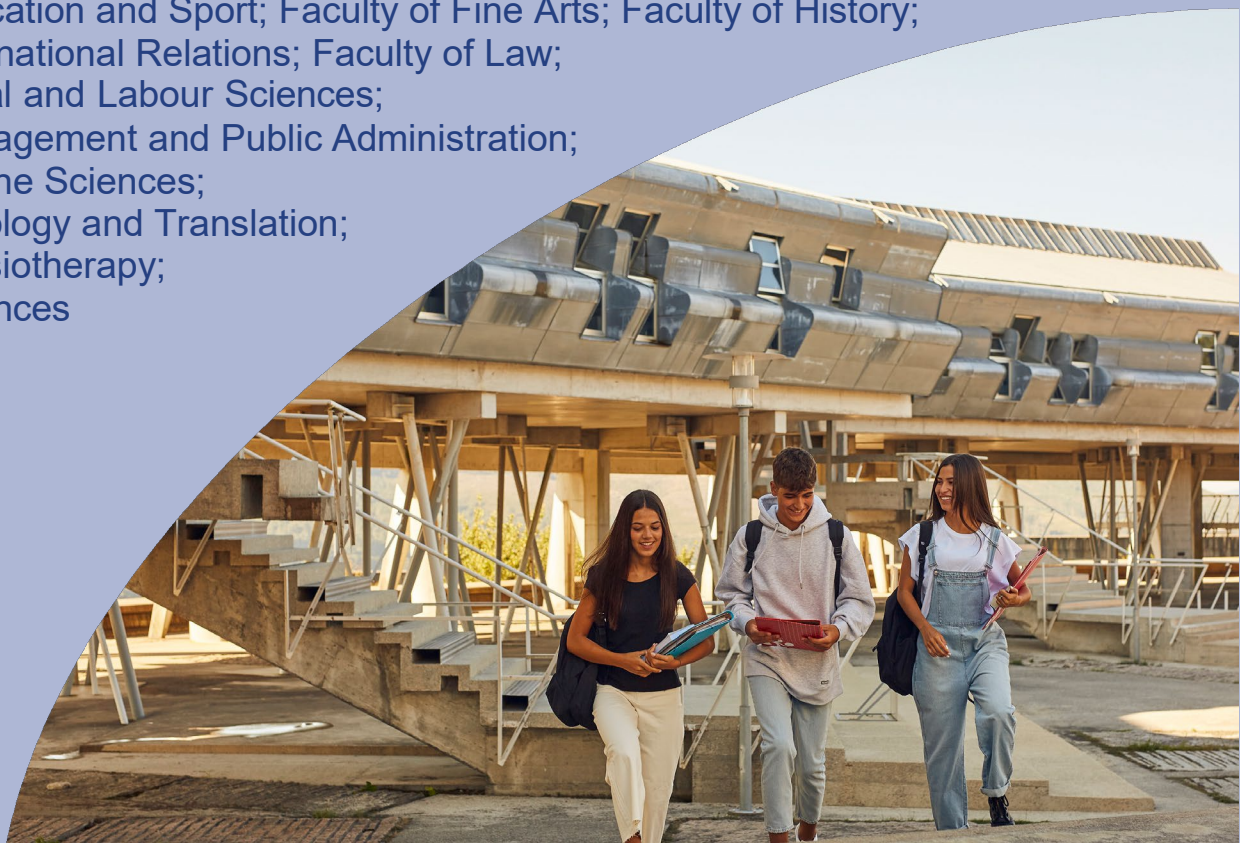
- Winter Semester - September to January
- Summer Semester - January/February to June

Study Programmes in English

The full offer can be found [here](#).

Faculties

Faculty of Biology; Faculty of Business and Tourism; Faculty of Chemistry;
Faculty of Commerce; Faculty of Communication; Faculty of Design;
Faculty of Economics and Business; Faculty of Education and Social Work;
Faculty of Education and Sport; Faculty of Fine Arts; Faculty of History;
Faculty of International Relations; Faculty of Law;
Faculty of Legal and Labour Sciences;
Faculty of Management and Public Administration;
Faculty of Marine Sciences;
Faculty of Philology and Translation;
Faculty of Physiotherapy;
Faculty of Sciences



ATHENA + Partners:

VILNIUS TECH (Lithuania)

Founded in 1956, Vilnius Gediminas technical university (VILNIUS TECH) is a leading Lithuanian university known for its innovation and focus on technical sciences. Located in Vilnius, it offers a vibrant student life with over 70 sports and student clubs as well as a supportive mentoring programme for exchange students. The campus in the Saulėtekis district offers modern facilities, including an international student hall of residence, which make for a pleasant student life.

The academic year is divided into two semesters:

- Winter Semester - September to February
- Summer Semester - February to July

Study Programmes in English

VILNIUS TECH offers a wide range of study programmes in the fields of engineering, computer science, social sciences, economics, administration and art (architecture). You can find an overview of the programmes [here](#).

Faculties

Antanas Gustaitis' Aviation Institute
Faculty of Architecture
Faculty of Fundamental Sciences
Faculty of Mechanics
Faculty of Transport Engineering
Faculty of Environmental Engineering
Faculty of Electronics
Faculty of Creative Industries
Faculty of Civil Engineering
Faculty of Business Management



ATHENA + Partners:

Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute (Ukraine)

Founded in 1898, Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute is one of Ukraine's leading technical universities with a strong tradition of academic excellence and innovation. The university offers a wide range of degree programmes in fields such as IT, engineering and radio electronics, with courses taught in English and the opportunity to learn Ukrainian. KPI is recognised for its contributions to science and technology and holds a prestigious place in the national and international academic community.

The academic year is divided into two semesters:

- Winter Semester – September to January
- Summer Semester – February to June

Study Programmes in English

The list of educational programmes can be found [here](#).

Faculties

Faculty of Applied Mathematics

Faculty of Biomedical Engineering

Faculty of Biotechnology and Biotechnics

Faculty of Chemical Engineering

Faculty of Chemical Technology

Faculty of Electric Power Engineering and Automatics

Faculty of Electronics

Faculty of Informatics and Computer Science

Faculty of Instrumentation Engineering

Faculty of Linguistics

Faculty of Management and

Marketing

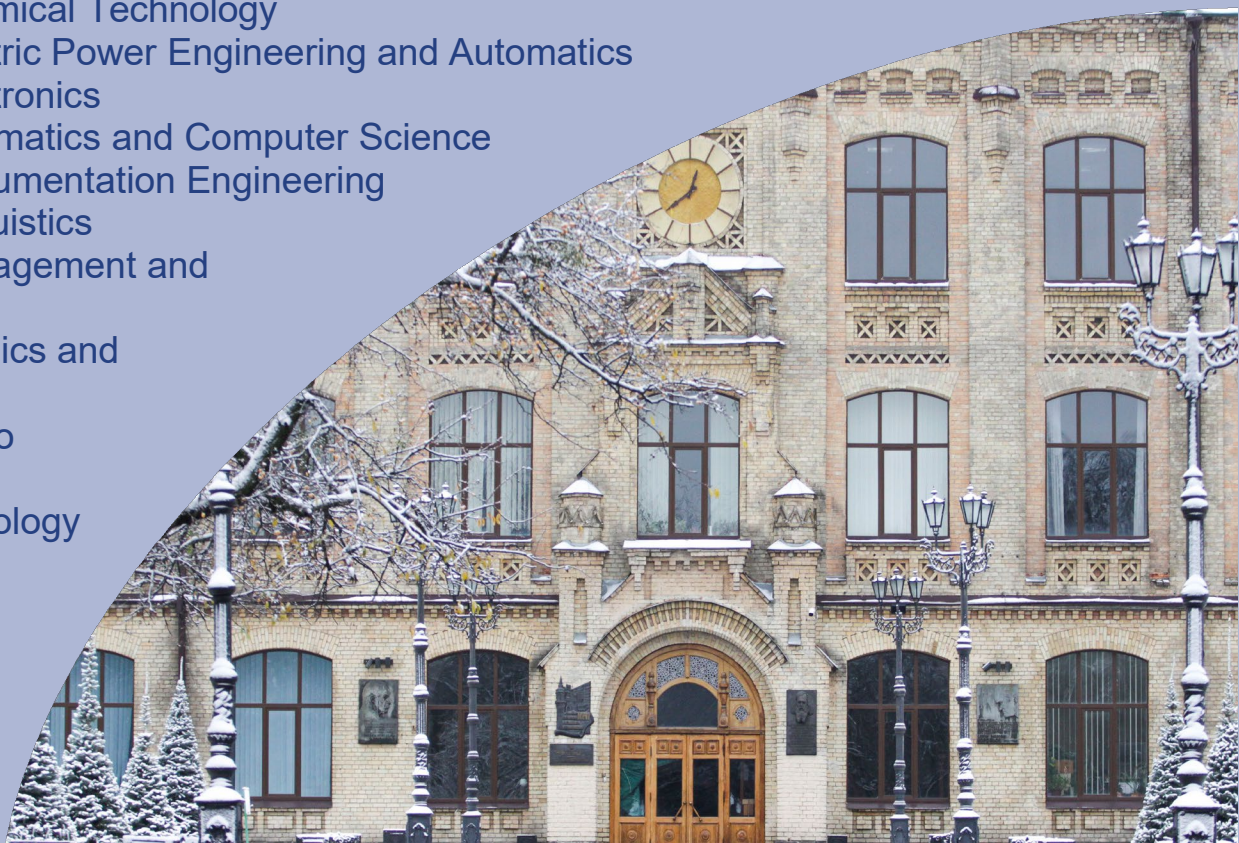
Faculty of Physics and

Mathematics

Faculty of Radio

Engineering

Faculty of Sociology
and Law



ATHENA + Partners:

University of Siegen (Germany)

The University of Siegen is a young and modern university located in western Germany. As an open-minded university, it aims to contribute to a humane future and takes responsibility for people and society, which is reflected by its claim “Shaping a humane future”.

The academic year is divided into two semesters:

- Winter Semester – October to March
- Summer Semester – April to September

Study Programmes in English

Chemistry

Computer Science

Economic Policy

Electrical Engineering; Embedded Intelligence Nanosystems Engineering – EMINENT

Engineering of Hydro-Environmental Extremes

Human Computer Interaction

Mathematics

Mechatronics

Nanoscience and Nanotechnology

Physics

Quantum Science

Roads to Democracies

Faculties

Faculty I: Faculty of Arts and Humanities

Faculty II: School of Education,
Architecture and the Arts

Faculty III: School of
Economic Disciplines

Faculty IV: School of
Science and
Technology

Further facilities:

Center for Teacher Education



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