The Department

The Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport was founded in 1998 in accordance with the original mission statement of the University of the Aegean, the needs and the economic characteristics of the Aegean region and the strong maritime tradition of the Chios and Oinousses islands.

The curriculum of the Department combines subject areas such as business management and administration with shipping, transport and international trade; these are not only interconnected but also deeply embedded in the Greek tradition with additional contemporary local, national and international dimensions. The transport industry is vital as it serves the trade demands of the global market.

The Department of Shipping, Trade and Transport offers an undergraduate and a postgraduate program of studies as well as the possibility to obtain a doctoral degree.

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