

# Maria Christou

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## EDUCATION

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- University of Texas at Austin, McCombs School of Business**, Austin, TX, US 08/2024 - 05/2029
- PhD, Information, Risk and Operations Management
- National Technical University of Athens (NTUA)**, Athens, Greece 09/2016 - 06/2021
- BSc & MSc in Mechanical Engineering (5-year joint degree; 300 ECTS)
    - Grade: 8.85/10 (*ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in my graduating class of 167 students*)
    - Concentration: Industrial Engineering
    - Thesis: *"Optimization of Waste Collection Process through Smart Bins"* (Grade: 10/10)

## PROFESSIONAL, RESEARCH, AND VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE

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- Researcher and Business Integration Analyst**, NTUA and HelleniQ Energy, Greece 09/2023 – 06/2024
- Conducted analysis on Group's integration architecture and strategy.
  - Documented and modeled the existing application landscape and their interfaces.
  - Collaborated with over 15 partners worldwide and assisted in the implementation and integration of more than 20 business applications into other systems.
- Solution Advisor**, SAP Hellas, Cyprus & Malta, Athens, Greece 05/2022 - 08/2023
- Specialized in business applications for Supply Chain Optimization (Design, Planning, Production, Logistics, Maintenance).
  - Participated in sales deals amounting to over \$200 million in total revenue
  - Contributed to more than 30 key deals of \$5million average value
  - Developed business plans that articulated company's strategy.
- Seminar Instructor**, Center of Vocational Training & Lifelong Learning, NTUA, Athens, Greece 05/2022 - 04/2023
- Illustrated how the use of SAP S/4HANA ERP System can streamline business processes in Supply Chain.
  - Taught topics around Warehouse Management to a combined audience of business professionals, IT personnel and students.
  - Explained how new technologies such as Machine Learning, Data Analytics and Blockchain are integrated into modern business applications.
- Associate Solution Advisor**, SAP Academy for Customer Success, California, USA 05/2021 – 05/2022
- Collaborated with international colleagues to position business applications as accelerators to business excellence.
  - Specialized in Supply Chain business applications covering Logistics, Production and Operations Management.

## HONORS & AWARDS

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- McCombs School of Business, Dean's Fellowship for Doctoral Students, 2025
- Graduate School of University of Texas at Austin, Recruitment Fellowship, 2024
- NTUA, Thomaidion Award (highest & second highest grade among all students), 2021& 2020
- NTUA, Chartomatzidis Award (highest GPA among all graduates of the Industrial Engineering concentration), 2021
- NTUA, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Innovation Competition for my Diploma Thesis, 2021

## SKILLS

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- Software: Python, Matlab, AutoCAD 2D, Solidworks, Microsoft Azure, Postman
- Languages: English (fluent), French (intermediate), German (basic), Greek (native)