

The Time Schedule of the Review Process

Stage		Time
1	Codification of the submitted paper	One Week
2	Editors' Decision to proceed or not with the review: Desk Reject or Desk Accept. In this case no comments are provided to the authors.	2-3 Weeks
3	If desk accepted then (a) an anonymous version is uploaded here: https://www.athensjournals.gr/review and (b) the paper is sent out to at least two selected referees for blind review.	1-2 Weeks
4	The paper is under review for no more than four (4) months.	< 4 months
5	Decision is sent to authors after is checked by one of the Journal's editors.	1-2 Weeks
6	If revisions are needed, the authors are requested to revise their paper and submit a revised version along with a response letter addressed to referees.	Depends on Revisions and Authors Time
7	The revised paper is sent to reviewers and then a final decision is made. To accept or reject it	4-6 Weeks
8	If accepted, the paper is uploaded in the forthcoming list of the Journal. The forthcoming version is sent to the Journal's readers and it can be cited and circulated in the global academic community. The paper is considered as published.	One Week
	Total Time for the Review Process	six to twelve months
9	The paper appears in one of the forthcoming issues of the Journal.	It depends on Editors' Publication Plans

Please note that in many cases, the Managing Editor sends the paper to more than two reviewers. This may be when a manuscript examines a topic that is controversial or a response to a previous publication. Also, this decision is often made because ATINER believes that reviewers equally benefit from reading a paper that examines a topic in their own discipline besides benefitting an author/s with their feedback. It is quite possible that for some papers no reviewers can be found. In this case, the paper is returned to the author within six (6) months period. Finally, if a paper is desk rejected, we do not provide any comments to the author/s.