



Greece

Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program • Winter Intersession • Dec. 27, 2012 - Jan. 11, 2013

Program Name:

Greece: History, Environment & People

Course Number & Name:

GRY 397: Selected Topics in Geography II

Credit hours: **3**

Course Overview & Highlights

This field-based course offers an in-depth examination of Greece in terms of its civilization, environment, and culture.

Our home base will be The Drury Center <<http://www.drury.edu/section/section.cfm?sid=211>> on the island of Aigina, a one-hour ferry ride from the Port of Piraeus near Athens. The study tour will include daily field trips to cultural, historical and geological sites on Aigina and neighboring islands, as well as to various parts of the Athens metropolitan area and the archaeological site at Delphi.

Students will explore topics including Greek history and civilization, urbanization and urban structure through the ages, planning issues, physical geography, and the significance of tourism — especially for island communities. The challenge of living in a semi-arid environment where water resources are limited will also be examined.

Much of the discussion will be framed within the principle of sustainable development, which seeks to balance a region's economic growth objectives with the need to preserve physical and built environmental resources, while also promoting social equity.

\$1,900 Program Fee Includes:

In-country transportation and lodging; admission fees to museums and other sites; welcome and farewell meals; Study Away student fee and basic medical insurance. Separated costs not available.

Program Fee Excludes:

- Passport fee; most meals; misc. personal expenses
- **\$1,000 est. round-trip airfare** to Athens (students will book their own flights and should do so as soon as they are accepted into the program)
- **\$601.44 MSU tuition** for 3 hours of undergraduate credit (both Missouri residents and non-residents will pay the Mo. Resident per-credit-hour tuition rate)

Application due by Fri., Aug. 31, 2012.

A non-refundable deposit of \$285 will be billed to your student account. Please see **Application & Payment Procedures** for MSU and Visiting Students on reverse.

Financial Aid Options

- **Study Away \$500 voucher** for students who entered MSU as freshmen in 2009 or 2010
- **Study Away Scholarship:** Application deadline is **Oct. 15, 2012** for Winter Intersession courses; contact the Study Away office at **836-6368**
- **Departmental scholarships** • Other forms of **financial aid** for which you may be eligible; contact the Financial Aid office at **836-5262**

Pre-travel Class Meetings:

Friday, November 9, 2012

Friday, December 7, 2012
(times & locations TBA)

Depart for Athens, Greece:

Thursday, December 27, 2012

Depart Athens for Springfield:

Friday, January 11, 2013

Post-travel Class Meeting:

Friday, January 18, 2013
(time & location TBA)

Interested in going?

Contact one of the Program Directors:

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Photo: Lykavittos Hill (elevation 908 feet) overlooking the densely populated city of Athens

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Course Objectives & Activities

This study tour will allow MSU students to experience the “cradle of western civilization” and to get a glimpse of southern Europe, its culture, people, politics, and cuisine.

Importantly, the course provides an example of the University’s firm commitment to teaching the concepts of sustainable development and adaptive reuse. As such, it will introduce students to the challenges in countries like Greece of generating economic growth while seeking to maintain precious environmental and cultural-historical resources.

Two case study areas will be examined: Athens and the island of Aigina.

First, an in-depth examination of Athens, a primate city housing almost half of the country’s population, will demonstrate the extreme levels of uneven development that exist within the country. At first glance, this is a city that evolved extremely rapidly in the latter half of the 20th Century in a most unsustainable manner. A key question to ponder is what can be done in the future to improve the quality of life of Athenians.

Second, spending time on the island of Aigina will provide insights into the way of life of hundreds of thousands of Greeks who are islanders. In this case, many issues arise: why do people choose to live on the islands; what are some of the major advantages and challenges of living in these environments; how important is tourism for the islands and what other economic activities are realistic; and what does the future hold for the islands?

Students will have the opportunity to observe and experience many issues facing contemporary Greece, from its well-known economic woes to immigration, environmental concerns, and the country’s position within the EU and the global geopolitical arena.

In addition to writing a daily field log about their travel experiences, students will undertake various exercises utilizing a variety of field techniques for gathering information about the study region and its people.

It is important to note that one of the Program Directors, Dr. Ioannides, is a native speaker of Greek who has lived in this part of the world and is familiar with its people and customs.

Note: This program satisfies the field course requirement for Geology, Geography and Planning students to complete their BA/BS degrees. Detailed objectives are outlined in the course syllabus, available from the Program Directors.



Above: The Temple of Aphaea, built circa 500 BCE, on the island of Aigina

Tentative Course Schedule/Itinerary

Pre-travel Class Meetings: Fri., Nov. 9 & Dec. 7, 2012 (times & locations TBA) -

Orientation to Greece; travel logistics

Thurs. Dec. 27, 2012: Depart for Athens.

Fri. Dec. 28: Arrive in Athens; check in hotel; see Athens by night from the **Lykavittos Hill**.

Sat., Dec. 29: Walking tour of downtown Athens; visit various archaeological sites.

Sun., Dec. 30: Depart for Aigina by ferry; check in accommodations.

Mon., Dec. 31: Lecture introducing Aigina; walking tour of Aigina Port

Tues., Jan. 1, 2013: New Year’s Day (Greek Holiday) — free time to explore on your own

Wed., Jan. 2: Visit the archaeological museum and the Temple of Aphaea.

Thurs., Jan. 3: Van tour of sites on Aigina

Fri., Jan. 4: Visit the island of Hydra (overnight stay).

Sat., Jan. 5: Explore Hydra; return to Aigina.

Sun., Jan. 6: Epiphany (Greek Holiday) — Student field work

Mon., Jan. 7: Return to Athens.

Tues., Jan. 8: Visit the Acropolis and Acropolis Museum.

Wed., Jan. 9: Day trip to Delphi

Thurs., Jan. 10: Visit Cape Sounion.

Fri., Jan. 11: Depart Athens for Springfield.

Post-travel Class Meeting:

Fri., Jan. 18, 2013 (time & location TBA)

Course Assessment

- Students must maintain a **daily log of activities and reflections**, due at the end of the course. (15%)
- **Daily short exercises** relating to the physical and human (cultural, economic, political, urban) geography of each area visited (25%)
- **Small group project** on a selected theme, utilizing various research methods and based on the student’s area of specialization (physical vs. human geography) (60%)

Application & Payment Procedures

MSU students and others who are approved by a Program Director may apply. Instructions are included on the program application.

MSU Students: A non-refundable deposit of \$285 will be billed to your University account upon application (due **Aug. 31, 2012**). You will receive a second billing on **Sept. 28** and a final billing on **Nov. 2, 2012**, for the **balance of the program fee (\$1,615)**. MSU **course tuition (\$601.44)** will be billed to your University account and is due according to the University’s payment plan.

Visiting Students: A non-refundable deposit of \$285 (check or money order) must accompany your application (due **Aug. 31, 2012**). A check or money order for the **balance of the program fee (\$1,615)** will be due on **Oct. 1, 2012**. MSU **course tuition (\$601.44)** will be billed by the University.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION IN THIS STUDY AWAY PROGRAM, THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE PROGRAM FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY DEC. 3, 2012. PAYMENT CAN BE MADE ONLINE OR AT THE BURSAR’S OFFICE. Estimated program fees are based on rates in effect on the publication date of this flyer and may be subject to change. **Program participants agree to a potential increase of up to 10% if rates increase before or during travel.**

Cancellation & Refund Policies

- Students who withdraw prior to **Nov. 16, 2012**, will receive a refund of fees paid, less the deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student is forced to withdraw after **Nov. 16, 2012**, for a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the deposit and expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after **Nov. 16, 2012**, or withdrawing due to medical reasons not protected under the fees refund policy, receive no refund.
- Once the program has started, no refunds will be issued under any circumstances.
- All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing to the Program Director(s) and to Elizabeth Strong at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. **Non-payment of fees does not guarantee automatic withdrawal.**
- Any plans by a participant not to stay with the group must also be submitted in writing to the Program Director(s) and the Study Away Office.
- The program may be cancelled if enrollment is fewer than 11 participants. In this event, students will receive a full refund.