STUDY IN GREECE
SEMESTER / YEAR / SUMMER 2014-2015

Art and Archaeology
Environmental Studies
Ethnography
History
Languages
Literature
Philosophy
Political Science & International Relations
Religion

COURSES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH

College Year in Athens
The Application Form is available on the website.
A complete application consists of:
1. Biographical Data
2. Personal Statement
3. Official Transcript(s)
4. Statement of Study Abroad Approval / Credit Transfer
5. Tentative Academic Plan
6. Two Letters of Academic Reference
7. A non-refundable Application Fee of $50

Supplemental scholarships for academically qualified students who would otherwise not be able to attend are available in amounts ranging from $500 to $7,500 per semester. These scholarships are awarded as credit against CYA fees and should not be used to reduce the financial aid package received through the home institution.

For more details visit our website, www.cyathens.org
some facts

**Location:**
Athens, the capital of Greece

**Curriculum:**
Ancient Greek Studies, Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies, and European and East Mediterranean Area Studies. Instruction takes place in the classroom and on site.

**Study travel:**
Students visit sites relevant to ancient, medieval, and modern Greek history during faculty-led trips to the Peloponnese, Central Greece and either Crete or Northern Greece.

**Language of instruction:**
English

**Duration:**
One or two semesters

**Calendar:**
Fall semester: September to December
Spring semester: January to May

**Students:**
Approximately 100 per semester.
Since 1962, over 8,000 students from more than 400 North American colleges and universities have studied at College Year in Athens.

**Faculty:**
Over 70% of the faculty hold PhDs

**Average class size:**
Language classes 10; all other classes 18

**Housing:**
Furnished apartments in the Pangrati residential neighborhood of Athens

**Meals:**
Lunch Monday through Friday (except on study travels, holidays, and during recesses).

**Fees:**
Fees are quoted on our website,
[www.cyathens.org](http://www.cyathens.org)
Curriculum

CYA offers a substantial curriculum supplemented by study travel to important historical sites. The curriculum represents three academic areas; students may take courses from all three:

**Ancient Greek Studies**
Courses in classics, archaeology, art history, and ancient history.

**Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies**
Multi-disciplinary offerings in Ethnography, Environmental Studies, History and Politics, Language, Literature, and Religion.

**European and East Mediterranean Studies**
Courses in history, political science and international affairs focused on Europe, the East Mediterranean region, and the Middle East.

Course Levels
CYA courses are designed for upper-level undergraduates, and are organized into two levels. Those with three-hundred numbers are of general interest and wide in scope. Those with four-hundred numbers are more specialized and academically more demanding.

Credit
CYA issues its own transcripts. Most colleges and universities accept CYA courses for transfer credit; students whose home institutions do not grant credit on the basis of the CYA transcript may request a transcript from CYA’s School of Record.

Four courses per semester constitute full-time study; students may elect to take a fifth course at no extra cost.

Study Travel

Study travel is an integral part of the CYA curriculum and brings students into direct contact with the people, landscape, history, and civilization of Greece, ancient and modern. Students visit major sites relevant to ancient, medieval, and modern Greek history during substantial trips to the Peloponnese, Central Greece, and either Crete or Northern Greece. Itineraries vary between the fall and spring semesters and according to the academic focus of each group of students within the student body. Trips are conducted by faculty and other experts who have expert knowledge of the relevant sites and locales.

Engaging with Greece

Each semester, CYA offers two courses designed to help students engage more fully with the community in which they are temporarily living:

**A Service Learning course** in the area of Ethnography or Environmental Studies allows students to benefit from the positive aspects of volunteering (contributing to the society they are visiting, meeting new people, better integrating into the culture, and learning at an experiential level) while turning “volunteerism” itself into an object of study.

A course titled **Understanding the Crisis in Greece and Europe**, co-taught by a historian, a political economist and an anthropologist, uses a variety of analytical tools and interdisciplinary perspectives to examine the causes and present the reality of the Greek and European crises.
courses offered

Art and Archaeology
• Aegean and Ancient Greek Art and Archaeology
• The Monuments of Greece in Their Historic and Archaeological Significance: Ancient, Medieval and Modern
• Ancient Greek Vase Painting
• The Archaeology of Athens
• Ancient Greek Sculpture
• Byzantine Art and Architecture
• Ancient Greek Architecture from the Archaic to the Roman Times as Reflected in the Monuments of Athens
• Aegean Prehistory: The Rise and Fall of the Bronze Age Cultures
• Ancient Materials and Technologies in the Greek World
• Archaeological Drawing

Environmental Studies
• The Natural Environment of Greece: From Landscape Ecology to Conservation
• A European Perspective on Environmental Politics: A Service Learning Approach

Ethnography
• Citizen, State and Society: A Service Learning Approach
• The Culture of Modern Greece: The Ethnography of a Society in Transition
• Gender and Sexuality in Modern Greek Culture
• Modern Athens: History and Culture of the Greek Capital

History
• Sports, Games and Spectacles in the Graeco-Roman World
• Ancient Macedon to the Death of Alexander the Great
• From Contact to Conquest: Rediscovering Roman Greece
• A History of Byzantium: The Eastern Roman Empire and its Lasting Legacy
• Struggling with the Past: Greece and the Balkans from 1453 to the Present
• To the Strongest: The Ancient Near East from the Death of Alexander to the Coming of Rome
• The Development of Athenian Democracy

Languages
• Ancient Greek (Beginning Ancient Greek, Attic Prose, Homer, Thucydides, Attic Tragedy or Comedy)
• Latin (Intermediate and Advanced)
• Modern Greek (From Beginners I to Advanced II)
• Intermediate Standard Arabic

Literature
• Attic Tragedy (in translation)
• Struggling With the Ancients: The Search for Identity in Modern Greek Literature
Philosophy
- Greek Philosophy: The Nature of First Principles and of Ultimate Reality
- Greek Philosophy: The Good Life and the Common Good

Political Science / International Relations
- Contemporary Greek Politics and Society
- The Middle East in World Affairs
- Understanding the Crisis in Greece and Europe
- Democracy and Democratization in Europe
- Peace, Conflict and International Politics: Lessons from the Mediterranean Region
- Rethinking security in a Multipolar World: Implications for Southeastern Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean
- The European Union and European Integration
- Immigrants, Citizenship, and Nationalism in Europe

Religion
- Ancient Greek Mythology and Religion
- The Religions of the Middle East: A Comparative Approach
- The Orthodox Church
Optional study trips

Optional, faculty-led study trips combine academics, ancient and modern Greek history, personal exploration, and an opportunity to see parts of Greece that are not included in each semester’s study travel.

Students become acquainted with different aspects of Greek history and culture and gain an understanding of the landscape, culture and social structure of the places visited. The trips usually take place over a 3-day weekend.

Workshops & excavation

Workshops

Each semester CYA offers students the opportunity to join one or more workshops. Space is limited and students will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis:

The Conservation workshop takes place in the CYA premises. Working alongside a conservator of antiquities, students have the opportunity to gain an understanding of the conservator’s craft by reassembling ceramics and doing aesthetic repairs using plaster and colors.

The Marble workshop takes place at an atelier near the Academic Center. Students work on a design of their choice, guided and instructed by experienced marble carvers.

The Journal workshop takes place in a product designer’s studio and teaches students how to make a journal, as well as different styles of journal keeping.

An exhibition of student work takes place at the end of each semester.

Excavation

Spring semester students who have a serious interest in archaeology are invited to come to Athens two weeks before the start of the semester to participate in the excavation of a site in a coastal suburb of Athens. The excavation will appear on students’ transcripts as a short course recommended for one academic credit. This two-week program includes archaeological field work, lectures, and visits to related sites; housing is provided in CYA apartments.

A supplemental fee is charged for each of the above activities.
Recording the day’s progress at the summer excavation site at Despotiko, Paros (photo by Brooke Dexter, University of Michigan, CYA Summer 2013)
outside the classroom

CYA organizes a number of extracurricular activities for students, such as Greek dance and cooking lessons, debates, film presentations, and lectures. Students can also participate in athletic activities such as basketball, volleyball, horseback riding, fencing lessons, walking, hiking, and climbing trips, sailing, scuba diving, joining a local gym, weekend skiing on Mt. Parnassos (spring semester) or running the Athens Marathon (fall semester).

In addition to the two faculty-led optional trips planned for each semester, various other trips are organized by CYA throughout the academic year depending on opportunities and student interest. Some examples from past semesters are:

• A hiking trip to Mt. Olympus (every semester)
• A day trip to a farm in Halkida to harvest olives and grapes
• A visit to a winery
• Stays at Mt. Athos Monastery (males only)
• A trip to western Greece
• Weekend trips to Metsovo and Kalambaka

Most of these activities require supplemental fees.

CYA encourages students to strike out on their own to explore and find outlets for their individual interests. Athens’ rich cultural environment offers a wealth of things to do, from attending concerts in the Megaron Mousikis (Concert Hall) of Athens, to joining the Athens Singers or painting in an Athenian artist’s studio, to volunteering at a local soup kitchen.
community service, volunteering & internships

CYA makes every effort to locate volunteering and community service opportunities for interested students. Students can volunteer in law firms, marketing companies, kindergartens, and at various non-profit organizations during their free time, or enroll in service learning courses which include placements in such organizations.

In the past, CYA students have volunteered at the following organizations:

- The American School of Classical Studies
- The Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)
- Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research (IOBE)
- Repo(we)r Greece
- Doctors of the World and Doctors Without Borders
- Caritas Hellas
- Missionaries of Charity

- Amnesty International
- World Wildlife Fund
- Friends of the Cat Association
- The Medasset Organization
- Greenpeace

Internships at some of these organizations may be arranged as part of specific courses. Promising students may expect to be accepted for the summer excavation in the Athenian Agora. (See http://www.ascsa.edu.gr/index.php/excavationagora/summer for details.)

Students are strongly encouraged to take Modern Greek. Though language classes are not mandatory, the vast majority of CYA students do enroll in first semester Modern Greek. For students who have taken Modern Greek before coming to Athens, CYA offers a range of language classes from Beginners II (second semester of first year) to Advanced II (second semester of third year).

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Each semester begins with an orientation period during which students are introduced to CYA’s staff, facilities, services, academic policies, and safety procedures. Students also receive an orientation on the city of Athens and Greece in general. During this period, students meet individually with the Director of Student Affairs and may schedule a meeting with the Academic Director to discuss their program of studies.

CYA students live in self-contained, furnished apartments in residential buildings in the Pangrati neighborhood. The apartments all have WiFi access and include a common area, a kitchen (stocked with tableware and basic cooking equipment), bathroom, and balcony. Most house four or five students (in air-conditioned double and single bedrooms).

All apartments are within a two- to ten-minute walking distance from the Academic Center. The neighborhood is full of grocery stores, cafes and restaurants, bakeries, banks, and other amenities, including a lively, weekly outdoor farmer’s market.

Homestay arrangements may be possible for students who express interest; homestay accommodations depend on availability and on student profile.

Program fees include lunch Monday through Friday, except on study travels, holidays, and during recesses. CYA dining facilities are located on the ground floor of the Academic Center.
Student health and safety has always been a priority for CYA. The Program is in frequent contact with the U.S. Embassy in Athens and it monitors U.S. State Department guidelines and OSAC announcements and reports.

Contingency plans (in the event of catastrophic emergency) are reviewed regularly, and a member of the administration is available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, to help with emergencies.

At College Year in Athens, ensuring a successful and safe stay for each student means fostering an atmosphere of open communication between students and staff while encouraging independence and a positive approach to cultural differences.

Students should confirm that their family or home institution insurance policy will apply while they are in Greece. Program fees also include enrollment in a supplemental hospitalization insurance policy for the period of study at CYA, and an International Student Identity Card (ISIC), which provides some coverage for accidents and illness occurring outside of North America. CYA maintains a list of English-speaking doctors (also found in the Student Handbook) and can recommend specialists. There is also a twenty-four-hour medical service for house calls. For more serious cases, the Program has a special arrangement with a private hospital that allows immediate admission.

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Students interested in short-term, intensive study abroad opportunities are invited to take advantage of the CYA summer courses, which offer unique, experience-based opportunities for learning. The semester-equivalent courses are offered in two consecutive sessions that run from late May into July and have been arranged to provide a number of options for continuing or complementary study.

**Location:** Various, including Athens, Paros, Santorini

**Duration:** Each session lasts 4 weeks

**Calendar:** Late May through July

**Curriculum:** The following courses were offered in Summer 2013:
- Discover a Greek Polis: Ancient Athens on Site
- Excavating in the Aegean: The Case of Despotiko, Paros
- The Archaeology of Greece: From Polis to City-State
- Encountering Modern Greece: Service Learning and Anthropology on the Island of Paros
- Life, Art, and Society in Bronze Age and Classical Thera (Santorini)

Next summer’s offerings will be listed on the CYA website in October.

**Program fees include:**
- Tuition
- Housing
- Farewell lunch or dinner
- Study travel and co-curricular activities (where applicable)
- Pre-departure materials
- Use of course materials during the session
- Transcript sent to home institution and to student

**Application:**
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For five decades, College Year in Athens has offered unparalleled learning opportunities in Greece. Incorporated in 1963 as a non-profit under U.S. law, College Year in Athens was the first study-abroad program in Greece for English-speaking undergraduates. College Year in Athens is a member both of NAFSA and of The Forum on Education Abroad. All College Year in Athens activities in Greece are conducted by the International Center for Hellenic and Mediterranean Studies (DIKEMES), a Greek non-profit educational organization, and member of the Association of American Colleges in Greece (AACG).

The language of instruction is English, the faculty is European and American, and the majority of the students come from North America.

CYA would like to thank the numerous students who have kindly agreed to share photographs of their life at CYA with the readers of this brochure.