UPDATED GREECE FAQs

Tentative Schedule for June 2-June 28, 2015:

- 12 nights in Athens
- 4 nights in the Peloponnesus (places include Olympia, Corinth, Epidaurus, Nauplion)
- 6 nights in Northern Greece (Delphi, Thessaloniki, Meteora)
- 3 nights on the island of Santorini (ancient Thera)

Projected Costs: $5500, which includes:

- tuition (2 courses)
- hotels (3 stars with air conditioning)
- all transportation within Greece
- all site and museum admissions
- breakfast and dinner each day
- metro passes in Athens

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FAQ Greece Study Abroad

What classes can I take?
Students in summer programs take two courses. The details for some courses in the Greece 2015 program are still being worked out, but students will be able to choose two of the following:

- Classics, a variety existing courses that Dr. Byrne offers: CLAS 205 Classical Lit. & Moral Imagination, which examines ancient texts for their messages on justice and virtue satisfies the 3rd E/RS core requirement in the old or new core; CLAS 241 Classical Mythology, a fine-arts core course in the old core that introduces students to Greek concepts of divinity and human interaction with the gods based on texts discussed within the context of ancient temples and artifacts; CLAS 242 Classical Mythology, a literature core course in the old or the new core that focuses on the same text but with a writing intensive approach; and CLAS 261, Greek Archaeology, a social science core course in the old core (possibly the new core as well) that examines the physical remains of ancient cities, towns, temples, and infrastructures.

- ECON 251: Dr. Sen in Economics is developing a course similar to ECON 300 but contextualized to Greece and focusing on such economic matters as the evolution of trade unions in the EU, the impacts of EU policy on Greece, and the reasons for the recent financial crisis that persists despite of (or perhaps because of) austerity measures that the EU has imposed.

- Theology, either THEO 260 or THEO 343; in both courses Dr. Dewey asks students to investigate how the three “Religions of the Book” (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) entered into and interacted with each other in Greece over a period of two millennia.

Do I have to be an Honors student?
No, but we can accommodate honors needs. Students in programs in all three colleges participate in the Greece program.

Do I have to know Greek?
No. You’ll learn some basic phrases and greetings, but you do not need to know Greek.
What is included for the price?
The estimated cost of $5500.00 covers everything but airfare to and from Greece; breakfast and dinner is included each day, the hotels we stay at in and out of Athens, all public and private transportation in Greece (metro passes, private bus from city to city), all museum and site admission fees, and the cost of the two classes at summer tuition rates (approx. $1300 each). The only other cost to you is the airfare.

How do I get to Greece?
Students usually fly round trip to and from Greece with one of the professors; if you make other arrangements, you need to be at the airport with the main group arrives to make use of the private transport included in the price.

How do I get more information about the program and courses?
There will be information sessions throughout the fall semester; look for announcements on XU calendars, www.xavier.edu/classics and the Study Abroad website. Also contact Dr. Byrne byrn@xavier.edu.

When do I need to deposit?
Deposits of $200 are being accepted now (check made out to Xavier University with “Greece 2015” in the memo) and will continue to be accepted until the program cap is reached; see Ms. Frickman, Schott 505.

Is my deposit refundable?
If you deposit $200 and request a refund by Dec. 5, you will get the full deposit back. After Dec. 5, the deposit is not refundable.

When do I need to pay in full?
Full payment for the land program ($2900 [$2700 with the earlier $200 deposit]) is due Feb. 20, 2015.

What about a refund if I change my mind or something comes up that causes me to change my plans for the summer?
If you change your mind or your plans change once the land portion of the program costs of $2900 has been paid ($2700 + $200 deposit) in February, you will be entitled to a 50% refund through May 20; after May 20 there are no refunds. (Note: the $2600 for tuition for the two summer courses is paid separately when payment for summer courses is due, which is I believe sometime in April or May.)

Why do I have to pay a $50 application fee to apply for study abroad?
The application fee is required to process the forms and ensure students studying abroad meet the criteria for the program they have chosen. The folks in Study Abroad work closely with faculty leading study abroad programs prepare students for the experience.

Do I need health insurance?
The Study Abroad office requires students to purchase very inexpensive insurance for the month of travel. Please contact Kim Diehl de Yanes (diehlk@xavier.edu) for more information.

Do I need travel insurance?
This is something you would purchase on your own, and it is entirely up to you whether or not to have it. Most travel agencies recommend travel insurance for any expensive travel plans. I have never purchased it myself and most students do not because they have no intention of not participating in the program; but some students do purchase insurance as a precaution against unforeseen events that might cause them to have to cancel. Kim Diehl de Yanes (diehlk@xavier.edu), Study Abroad Advisor, can provide more information on this.
I want to go to Greece: how do I sign up?

A deposit of $200 will hold your place; Ms. Darleen Frickman in Schott 505 will take your check (made out to Xavier University) and your name. To complete the paperwork and necessary forms, contact Kim Diehl de Yanes (diehlk@xavier.edu), Study Abroad Advisor.

Take core courses and experience Xavier’s commitment to learning, reflection, integrity, achievement, and solidarity while traveling throughout Greece