The birthplace of democracy, theatre, Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle, Greece is also a fantastic place to study abroad. The sun and sea attract visitors from all over the globe during the summer, but Greece is a lot more than just gorgeous beaches. It's been a center of learning for millennia. Follow in the footsteps of ancient medical students who flocked to Kos to learn from the father of medicine, Hippocrates. For those interested in politics, what better place to study abroad than the birthplace of democracy?

For drama students, why not study in the place where Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides wrote their ancient masterpieces and where Thespis the first principal actor in theatre history? For mathematics and science, too, think of Pythagoras with his Pythagorean Theorem, Democritus and his atomic theory of the universe, and Archimedes, the greatest mathematician of his time and one of the greatest of all time for his remarkable achievements, including his method for determining the volume of irregular shapes through displacement of water. For practically every subject there is an ancient root in Greece. With such a rich history, going back thousands of years, Greece is the place to be for those studying archaeology, classics, and of course the history, literature, and language of Greece. Byzantine enthusiasts can marvel at the treasure trove of information and artifacts that can be found nowhere else in the world. Marine biologists can study aquatic life in the crystal, clear waters of the Aegean. Art students will be dazzled by the light in Greece which has inspired countless artists since the dawn of time.

The liberal arts education is also based in the well-rounded educational system of Greece. The enkyklios paideia or ‘education in a circle’ was well-known in classical antiquity, through the Hellenistic Age, and then spread across the Roman Empire. This system of education prepared the student for the future, for active participation in the civic life of the city-state and community. The study abroad experience is an increasingly important part of education. Like the Grand Tour that completed the education of European gentlemen from about 1660 to the 1840’s when railroads made the trip more accessible to the masses, study abroad teaches invaluable lessons that cannot be taught in a stateside classroom. Eventually, young ladies, too, finished their education with a trip abroad, accompanied by a chaperone, like Lucy Honeychurch in E.M. Forster’s 1908 novel A Room with a View. Greece is ideal for study abroad especially for those of Greek heritage since they can combine their studies with total immersion in the language and culture of their parents, grandparents, and ancestors. As descendents of the extraordinary and rich Hellenic tradition, students today should take advantage of the many study abroad programs available in Greece and not just based in Athens, either. There are programs in Thessaloniki, and on the islands of Crete, Paros, and Samos, just to name a few. Make sure to plan ahead, since many programs are highly sought-after, especially for summer study abroad programs. Imagine spending your summer in Greece and getting college credit for it. The legendary hospitality of the Greek people will also impress you if you haven’t experienced it in person already. Did we mention the food? You may never look at a Greek salad or souvlaki in the US the same way again. Or maybe culinary school in Greece is the study abroad program for you. For every subject and every student, study abroad in Greece will inspire, educate, and enlighten. There is no other place like it.

Eleni Sakellis
The Top 5 Reasons You Should Study Abroad in Greece

1. **Location, location, location.** The places may be about real estate, but when you step foot on Greek soil, you will feel the energy that comes from the ancient traditions and the present-day vibrancy of Greek life. The island of Crete is a paradise for foodies and non-foodies alike. The excellent local products made by artisans will give you a taste for the inspired cuisine and the wonders of other regions and cities of Greece that will improve your life.

2. **Art and culture.** From the ruins of ancient Athens to the modern-day metropolis of Thessaloniki, Greece is a treasure trove of art and culture. From the masterpieces of Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, and various cultural activities, there is something to see and do which will shape your work and life.

3. **The food is there.** A need to say goodbye will be felt when the fresh produce is in abundance. Enjoy the traditional meals and food of the Seven Sages of Greece, whose natural philosophy tried to define the basis of material objects. These meals are delicious and filled with the flavors of landscapes to explore you will have a hard time choosing what part of Greece you love best.

4. **Philosophy was born in Greece.** We mentioned the most well-known philosophers of mankind: Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle, but many are available to all! These philosophers are famous for their contributions. On multiple occasions, the first philosopher Thales of Miletus was one of the Seven Sages of Greece, whose natural philosophy tried to define the basic facts of material objects which he thought was nature. Life is also a philosophy and can be studied in mathematics, astronomy, and philosophy.

5. **You will make life-changing friends.** Having experienced a lifetime in and of itself, the beginning of the journey. If you choose to study abroad in Greece, here is a list to help you get your feet wet. If the list doesn’t convince you, always remember what Aristotle said: “You will never do anything in the world except by something you believe.”

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- **Five study tours per year around Greece.**
- **Dates:** Fall/Spring semesters with an optional late class in Rhodes, Dion, Alani, or any other region of Greece with a PAIDEIA partial scholarship.
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**By Aria Socratous**

Dr. Dikaia Loukia Agapis, DLSA: **A Philosopher Born and Raised in Greece**

— Dr. Dikaia Loukia Agapis, Alumna, Describes the Experience

**The program incorporates seminars, so students keep learning in and of themselves.** They may choose, upon recommendation, to study under a specific instructor, and various cultural activities are included. For the student determined to see as much as possible, we suggest to take advantage of our unique study tour that takes students to the places where the great presocratics and the Seven Sages of Greece lived. In such a way, the student is exposed to traditional customs and various destinations in class- room. Furthermore, students are proud to say that a part of our courses, we always make every effort to bring our students to the various regions of Greece, such as Attica, central Greece, and various cultural activities.

**What value do you bring to the program based on your own academic pursuits?**

DLSA: **Many study abroad programs are not enough to engage students in the study of a particular area or country. In the area of Greece, many students are exposed to regional studies, but they do not have the opportunity to engage in the study of Greek culture and its contributions.**

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Join us, a NEASC accredited US institution, with over 130 years of history, located in Thessaloniki, Greece’s lively university city where more than 1 out of every 10 residents is a student.

ACT’s comprehensive undergraduate curriculum offers Bachelor degrees in Business (with 4 concentrations), Computer Science, Business Computing, International Relations, English (with 2 concentrations) and combined bachelor degrees in Tourism and Hospitality in collaboration with renowned educational institutions in Switzerland and the U.S. Moreover, the college offers a Master of Science (MS) in Hospitality and Tourism Management and a Master in Business Administration (MBAA) with concentrations in Banking & Finance, Entrepreneurship, Management, and Marketing in the Digital Era.

While abroad, get to experience Greek hospitality, heritage and culture, and gain hands-on experience through service learning, internships and practicums. Explore ancient and modern Greece through organized trips, clubs and events; live the local customs and build lasting relationships.

From swimming in the crystal blue waters of the Aegean to reaching the top of Mt. Olympus, there are so many things to do in this vibrant place, you’ll never want to leave! So come for a semester, or stay with us for 4 years and complete your studies at ACT. It’s an experience that will stay with you for a lifetime.

Greek Heritage scholarships available!

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The second, noted “Classical Political Thought” and “Modern Political Thought” courses are critical to courses that focus on the political economy and political thought and the development of societies around the world, while visiting various sites throughout the world. The course is offered by the political science depart-

“Archipelagos Institute, founded in the Greek Archipelago in 1996, aims to strengthen our conservation efforts in cooperation with local communities, aiming to protect the unique biodiversity of the seas and islands. As a nonprofit, non-governmental organization, Archipelagos Institute offers students and scientists from different parts of the world the opportunity to participate in a wide range of fields, including conservation, research, and education. The institute is located in Samos, Greece, and offers programs in coastal biodiversity surveys, water-quality assessment, and marine research. The institute provides a unique opportunity for students and scientists from different backgrounds to work together towards environmental conservation and discovery. “Presbyterian College students, under the guidance of Dr. Justin Lance and Dr. Booker Ingram, traveled to Greece in May and had the chance to visit many historical Greek sites, including the Parthenon, the Temple of Apollo, and the site of the first Olympic Games.”

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**Presbyterian College Students in Greece: Classical Thought, Current Crisis**

By Erin Godfrey

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ACT: Thessaloniki’s American College
A Favorite Destination for US Students

TNH: Please describe your faculty body (from which countries, fields, etc.).

ACT: Our faculty is comprised primarily of American professors, but many business students are exposed to outside the classroom through close work with faculty members from the New England Small College Association (NESCAC) and the New England Association of Independent Colleges and Secondary Schools (NEASC), the New England Assosciation of Independent Colleges and Secondary Schools.

TNH: What do students need to think about when deciding to study abroad?

ACT: Students decide to study abroad after they need to consider what they want to get out of the experience. Students want to learn the language, meet locals, explore their cultural roots, connect with their heritage and experience life in the land where their family comes from. What ever a student knows, that is what will help guide their decision throughout the semester and ultimately help them shape their time abroad.

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ACT: Yes, we have local students (from other parts of Greece) who also take study abroad program reciprocal (as they travel outside of Greece as well).

TNH: Do you have a degree seeking student body that is comprised of Greeks and international students?

ACT: Yes, our degree seeking student body is comprised of Greeks and international students. Our degree seeking student body is comprised of Greeks and international students. Students in our degree seeking student body are American students.

TNH: Do you offer on-site major fields?

ACT: Yes, we offer four majors: Business, Humanities, the Arts, and Sciences. Students can choose from a variety of academic programs.

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The American College of Greece: Transformative American Education in an Inspiring Setting

By Sofia Andrikopoulou

The American College of Greece offers the best of both worlds to our students – the experience of the American system in the Greek setting, a perfect blend that prepares students for success at university and in the global marketplace.

First, the environment. The college is located on a 350-acre campus in northern Greece, in a sprawling campus that includes a pool, tennis, football, volleyball, and a plethora of extra-curricular activities. The campus is an oasis of calm, away from the hustle and bustle of the city, yet only a short distance away from the excitement of Athens.

Second, the faculty. The college has a small class size, which allows for personalized attention and individualized learning. The professors are dedicated to teaching and are passionate about their subjects. They are approachable and encourage students to ask questions and participate in class discussions.

Third, the curriculum. The college offers a wide range of courses, from the classics to contemporary issues, and provides students with the opportunity to explore their interests and develop their skills. The college has a strong emphasis on experiential learning, which includes study abroad programs in Greece and other countries, internships, and research opportunities.

The college is also committed to preparing students for success in the global marketplace. The college has a strong alumni network, which provides students with valuable connections and opportunities for mentorship and internships.

The American College of Greece is a truly international institution, with students from over 100 countries and a diverse faculty from around the world. The college is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and is a member of the American Council on Education (ACE).

The college is proud of its history and its contribution to the community. The college has a long tradition of excellence in education and has produced many successful graduates who have gone on to pursue successful careers in a variety of fields.

The American College of Greece is a truly unique institution, offering the best of both worlds for our students. We are committed to providing our students with a transformative American education in an inspiring setting.
ABROAD ON PAROS

HISA Immerses Students in the Culture and Beauty of the Cyclades

THE SPECIFICS
"HISA offers an open and cooperative study and living environment." Tagrin explained. "We provide students with teachers, and design and work on art projects outside of class time in the studio spaces. All of the students are treated as individuals, and are encouraged to exercise their sense of freedom and responsibility." Due to its nonprofit American college status, Tagrin said, HISA cannot accept local Greek students. Most of the students are from North America.

The classes, workshops and studio environment are set up to allow students to absorb ideas, create works and develop projects in a collaborative relationship with their teachers. The faculty are selected not only for their advanced degrees and range of university teaching experience, but also for their active involvement in creating their own work, whether it be writing, the various studio arts, or a continuing critical investigation into the area of their expertise. The excursions and course work in the field are designed to integrate syllabi objectives—readings, research, and writing, as well as studio work—with a personalized exploration of significant archaeological and historical sites. To accomplish this, HISA has developed a close working relationship with the local community, helping students to swiftly form new friends and gain a sense of belonging.

The HISA ideal recognizes the challenges inherent in settling into a different living and learning environment, and strives to instill in students the confidence and sense of companionship required for a successful adjustment. We understand, from the years spent teaching, that every student arrives as an individual, with a different set of experiences and a unique range of goals. For this reason, the nature of the program is one of cooperative effort and understanding, of fairness and sensitivity to each student’s emotional and developmental needs. A dynamic, creative atmosphere, within an unrestrictive yet goal-oriented environment is what HISA is about.

ACADEMIC FIELD TRIPS IN GREECE
HISA’s historical sites component comprises a material covered in class by exposing students to the breadth of island culture and art, introducing them to relevant archaeological sites on the Greek Islands. Civilization through the ages is revealed in archaeological and historical sites. To accomplish this, HISA has developed a close working relationship with the local community, helping students to swiftly form new friends and gain a sense of belonging. The excursions and course work in the field are designed to integrate syllabi objectives—readings, research, and writing, as well as studio work—with a personalized exploration of significant archaeological and historical sites. To accomplish this, HISA has developed a close working relationship with the local community, helping students to swiftly form new friends and gain a sense of belonging.

HISPIC INTERNATIONAL STUDIES IN THE ARTS
Paros Island

HISTORY & MISSION
The HISA program was founded on the concept of an experiential immersion into the cultural and artistic legacy of Greece and specifically the Cycladic Islands, for centuries famous for their individualistic and creative life style and social environment. We’ve worked to build a program where students can live as members of the community, secure in their own space, free to personalize their experience. The classes, workshops and studio environment are set up to allow students to absorb ideas, create works and develop projects in a collaborative relationship with their teachers. The faculty are selected not only for their advanced degrees and range of university teaching experience, but also for their active involvement in creating their own work, whether it be writing, the various studio arts, or a continuing critical investigation into the area of their expertise. The excursions and course work in the field are designed to integrate syllabi objectives—readings, research, and writing, as well as studio work—with a personalized exploration of significant archaeological and historical sites. To accomplish this, HISA has developed a close working relationship with the local community, helping students to swiftly form new friends and gain a sense of belonging. The HISA ideal recognizes the challenges inherent in settling into a different living and learning environment, and strives to instill in students the confidence and sense of companionship required for a successful adjustment. We understand, from the years spent teaching, that every student arrives as an individual, with a different set of experiences and a unique range of goals and aspirations. For this reason, the nature of the program is one of cooperative effort and understanding, of fairness and sensitivity to each student’s emotional and developmental needs. A dynamic, creative atmosphere, within an unrestrictive yet goal-oriented environment is what HISA is about.

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Creative Writing Workshop
Philosophy / Life Themes
Film Studies
Photography
Digital Imaging
Interrelated Media
Literature: Writers in Ancient Greece
Lit to Film
Literature: The Classical Greek World
Cycladic Art and Culture
Women Studies: Teddy
Modern Greek Language
Independent guided study

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The idea behind the Helenic International Studies in the Arts (HISA) “was to design a program that offered students a nontraditional learning environment,” Tagrin said. “We wanted to be a bimonthly school that allows students to work closely with art teachers and artists who wished to share their experience and knowledge.” said Barry Tagrin, HISA’s Founding Director. “We wanted to provide students with a broad range of opportunities. We wanted to make a program that offered students their most individualistic and creative life style and social environment.”

Due to its nonprofit American college status, Tagrin said, HISA cannot accept local Greek students. Most of the students are from North America. However, the majority are from the United States, holders of advanced degrees, and with significant college teaching experience. Guest lecturers come from an army of countries, including Greece, and range from artists and educators, to environmentalists.

HISA offers a “significant Social and Historical Immersion component designed to offer students the opportunity to discover and experience the real Greece,” Tagrin explained. “Built into the immersion program are visits to the classical sites of Delos, Mykonos, and Naxos, as well as overnight excursions to Santorini. In addition, scheduled activities include a trek along Byzantine trails, visits to archaeological sites and art galleries, and a tour of the Paros marble quarry.”
Top 6 reasons to study at ACG in Athens, Greece

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