

Summer in Greece

May 26 - June 21, 2026

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STUDY ABROAD

International Academic Programs



Summer in Greece

Faculty-led Program



- The Summer Abroad program in Greece offers a unique opportunity to earn 6 academic credits and experience Greece with SBU faculty and classmates!
- Combines classroom study of the Greek language, history, literature, and culture and field trips to introduce students to many aspects of life in Greece.
- Special emphasis is placed on visiting and experiencing significant monuments and historical sites

Summer Abroad Courses

2 courses

GRK 121 Elementary Modern Greek I - students engage in learning and conversing in Modern Greek at a basic level (3 credits)

EUR 447 Selected Readings in European Studies - students explore and become familiar with Greek history and culture, from the ancient times to present day (3 credits)

Students earn **6 academic credits** that count toward their degree requirements at SBU

- Language Credit part 1 EXP
- Upper Division 3 Credits

These credits fulfill major or minor requirements

Program Description

- Some days will be devoted to the **Greek Language course (GRK121)** and/or the **Selected Readings Course (EUR447)**
- The students will be learning about the places that will be visited and their importance prior to the visits both through EUR447 or by local guides
- Other days will be devoted entirely to field trips and excursions.

**NOTE: all the course material (syllabus, general instructions, orientation ppt, daily schedule) will be post on Brightspace*



Costs

Included in program fee:

- Hotel Accommodations
- Welcome/Farewell dinners & selected meals
- Program-organized cultural and Social Activities
- Excursions and Day Trips with transportation
- Tickets to museum & historical sites
- Airport transfers in Athens

Not Included:

- SBU tuition & fees
- Cost of international flights to and from Athens
- Personal expenses & food/entertainment



Scholarships Summer Abroad



- [Cost Sheet](#)
- You may be able to apply **financial aid** toward your program. Please speak to the financial aid office
- **IAP Scholarship, due April 1st**
 - 3.0 or above GPA, personal statement
- **SBU Hellenic Studies Abroad Scholarship** (Tsantes scholarship)
- Follow IAP on **Instagram** (@sbustudyabroad) to enter to win \$500 toward your program fee

Application

Eligibility

- 300 word statement of purpose
- Official transcript (2.0 GPA min.)
- Student Conduct Form
- Scanned copy of passport
- 1 academic letter of reference

Applications now open!





Where is Greece?



- Located at the crossroads of Europe, Asia & Africa, it is an entrance gate to the European Union
- Greece is a Mediterranean Country, enjoys around 260 sunny days per year, lighting up its history ruins, beautiful beaches, and charming Islands, with rich culture make it captivating destination

Birthplace of Western civilization

Democracy, Olympic Games, Medicine
Philosophy, Drama, Political science
Literature, Mathematic and scientific principles



Cultural Experiences

Students will have the chance to:

- Visit ancient ruins and archaeological sites
- Participate in traditional Greek festivals and events
- Enjoy Greek cuisine
- Enjoy the Greek Dances
- Engage with local communities and make new friends

What to Eat in Greece

- With a focus on freshness and organic growth (Mediterranean Food), it is nearly impossible to get a bad meal in Greece.
- There is a huge variety of food and drink that caters to everyone, including vegetarians, vegans and people with food allergies.



Program Duration

May 26 - June 21

May 26 - June 4 :

GRK 121 & EUR 447 Online Synchronous Classes
(Dr. Maria Athanasopoulou and Dr. Stella Tsirka)

June 5 : Departure from NYC - (overnight flight)

June 6 - June 21:

GRK 121 In person class (Dr. Maria Athanasopoulou) (in Greece)

EUR 447 Online class (Dr. Stella Tsirka)

June 21 : Departure from Athens / Arrival to NYC



Exploring Athens

The program's included trips and excursions are designed to encourage students to discover and experience modern Greece. Activities include walking tours of Athens, visits to monuments and museums, evening outings, and a half-day trip to Attica's beautiful coastline as [Poseidon's temple at Cape Sounio.](#)



Excursions & Day Trips

*the dates of individual trips are still tentative

Students will visit major historical sites and museums in Athens, two different islands, Aegina and Spetses, as well as the town of Nafplio.

All of the above are part of the curriculum, and attendance is required. Students may travel to other parts of Greece on their own after the SBU program is finished.





Ancient
Olympia

Mycenae

Corinth Canal

Asclepius

Nafplio

Epidaurus

Spetses

Aegina

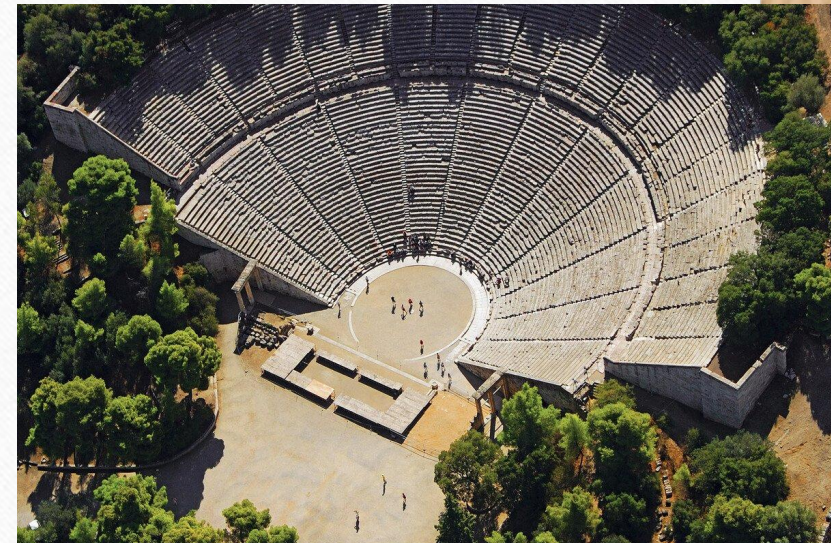
Athens

Sounio

Program Highlights

Athens

Visit to the [Parthenon](#) and the [Acropolis Museum](#). Visit and walk in the [Plaka](#) & [Monastiraki](#) area, explore some of the most important sites in Athens such as [Syntagma Square](#), [Evzones](#) and [Changing of the guard](#), [National Gardens](#) and [Zappeion](#), [Panathenaic Stadium](#)/[Kallimarmaro](#), [Benaki Museum](#) and the [National Gallery of Art](#) (lectures on site).



Program Highlights

Aegina

Visit the [Temple of Aphaia](#) (lecture on site)

Visit the seaside village of [Agia Marina](#),
and enjoy the sandy beach & Greek food



Nafplio

Tour of Nafplio's Old City / Visit to [Palamidi](#) and [Bourtzi](#)
(lecture on site)

Day trips

Day trips to [Ancient Olympia](#), the island of [Spetses](#), [Corinthos Bridge](#), [Epidaurus Ancient Theater](#) / [Sanctuary of Asklepios at Epidaurus](#) / [Mycenae](#) (lectures on the site)



Accommodations

- Hotels (include breakfast, WiFi)
- Prof. Athanasopoulou will be staying at the same hotels
- The specific hotels will be announced at orientation on May
- Students will stay in double rooms (or singles depending on group size)



Next Steps

- Apply for a passport, or make sure your passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond the start of the program.
- Apply by the application deadline: **March 1, 2026**
- Schedule an appointment with the program's Study Abroad Coordinator if you have any questions
- Research funding resources and apply for scholarships by deadlines



Summer in Greece 2025

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Questions.....

