

University of Nebraska–Lincoln World Campus



Greece

Greek Odyssey: A Classical Journey
Summer Study Abroad
May 8-27, 2016



Program Highlights

- Explore beautiful Greece and learn about her ancient civilizations.
- Learn about Athenian art and the ancient city of Athens, and Minoans, a great Bronze Age civilization.
- See Knossos, the palace of the mythological King Minos and visit the Dikteon Cave, the birthplace of Zeus.
- Explore the Sanctuary of Zeus and home of the ancient Olympic Games at Olympia as well as the Sanctuary of Apollo at Delphi.
- Enjoy the warm hospitality offered by the Greeks!

Course of Study

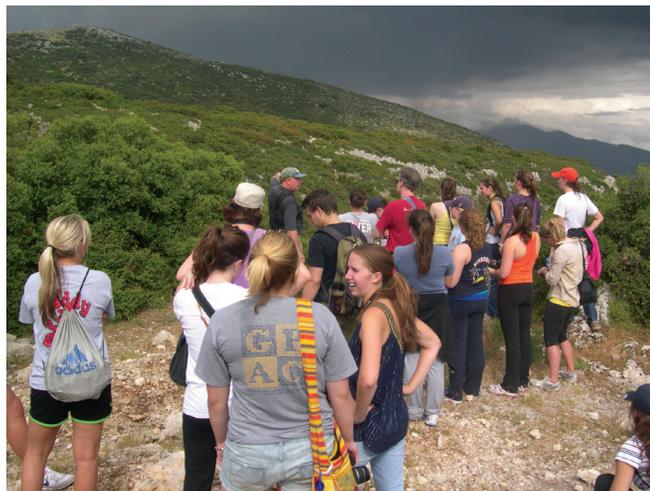
The Greek Odyssey education abroad trip is led by scholars specializing in Greek Archaeology and Classics, and promises to be an in-depth introduction to the monuments and culture of Greece from the Bronze Age through the Roman Empire. You'll visit several of the most important sites of the Byzantine period in Greece to gain an awareness of their religious heritage. Students will participate in orientation meetings and field trips to archaeological sites and museums. Students will prepare short reports, assigned by the instructor, to be given on site. The course will include a short final exam covering sites visited and material culture. Students enrolled for graduate credit need to write a short research paper on a topic related to the course, after our return to the U.S.

Course Credit

AHIS 311 or 492/892



The Erechtheion on the Athenian Acropolis



Study group on Mt. Parnassos overlooking the Sanctuary of Apollo at Delphi

Accommodations and Other Arrangements

- Participants will reserve and purchase their own airline tickets with the guidance of the Education Abroad Office and program leader. They will be encouraged to fly on the same schedule as the leader and each other.
- An experienced Greece-based travel agent will coordinate all on-site logistics, in collaboration with Dr. Hoff.
- Lodging will be in double and triple-occupancy hotel rooms with fellow UNL students. One night, the group will sleep on a ferry in double and quadruple-occupancy cabins.
- Within Greece, the group will travel by private bus, ferry, and plane.
- This program involves walking and climbing and may be somewhat strenuous.
- Late spring is a favorable time of the year to visit the Mediterranean. The days are pleasant and the cool evenings make for enjoyable walks in villages, towns, and on sandy beaches.
- Those who enjoy swimming in clear, blue water will find ample opportunities for this activity during the tour, and those whose tastes are oriented more towards shopping will discover many fine boutiques and stores that cater to almost every wish.

Locations

Athens, Crete, Agios Nikolaos, Chania, Corinth, Nafplion, Nemea, Tiryns, Olympia, Delphi, Attica, Mycenae, Aegina...and more

Cost

Financial aid and scholarships are available. Visit the UNL Education Abroad office for details.

	Undergraduate	Graduate
Tuition	659.25	870.00
Fees	**54.05	**54.05
Program Cost	**2401.84	**2401.84
Ed. Abroad Fee	**150.00	**150.00
Insurance	**44.00	44.00
*Total:	**3309.14	**3519.89

***2014 price shown; subject to change in 2016, Airfare is not included in this estimate.*



Professor Michael Hoff

Faculty Leader

Dr. Michael Hoff teaches Classical Art and Archaeology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he is Professor of Art History. Professor Hoff has spent considerable time in Greece over the last 30 years participating in archaeological research and has excavated in Athens, Corinth, Nemea, and on Crete. Hoff currently excavates in Turkey at the Roman city of Antiochia ad Cragum.

Co-leader Dr. Molly Richardson is a noted expert on the study of Greek inscriptions. Dr. Richardson has resided in Greece for over 25 years and is associated with the American School of Classical Studies at Athens.

Eligibility

This program is open to undergraduate and graduate UNL students in good academic standing. Enrollment is by permission of the instructor. While applications from non-UNL students may be considered, preference will be given to UNL students. Non-UNL participants must first be admitted to UNL as a visiting student.

Itinerary

May 8

Depart Lincoln or Omaha

May 9

Arrive Athens, Transit from airport to Hotel Parthenon for check-in; welcome dinner at a traditional tavern in Plaka, the historical district in Athens.

May 10

AM: We will make the first of two visits to the ancient Athenian Agora, the heart of the ancient city. We will visit the best preserved ancient Greek temple,

the Hephaisteion, and also visit the offices and storerooms of the American excavations of the Agora in the reconstructed Stoa of Attalos PM: We transit to the harbor city of Piraeus where we will board a luxury ferry for an evening departure to Crete

May 11

AM: After arriving at the Cretan port of Heraklion, we will enjoy



A Greek beach

a typical Cretan breakfast at Morosini Plateia. We will then board a bus for a quick journey across the island to the Bronze Age Minoan complex of Phaistos. Afterwards, we board the bus back to Heraklion to arrive at the famous Minoan palace of Knossos. In late morning, we make a quick visit to the temporary galleries of the Heraklion Museum to see the artifacts associated with the ancient Minoans. PM: After lunch, drive to the seaside town of Agios Nikolaos

May 12

AM drive to Lasithi Plateau to visit the Dicteion Cave, where, according to mythology, Zeus was born. Late Morning: Bus to Pachi Ammos to visit INSTAP, the American archaeological institute for east Cretan studies Lunch and swimming at Kalo Chorio PM bus to Chania

May 13

Morning in Chania, a picturesque Cretan town and old Venetian port. You are free to explore and enjoy the amenities of this charming town. PM: Before arriving at the airport for the flight back to Athens, we will stop at the Suda Bay British War Cemetery. Evening flight to Athens

May 14

AM: We first visit the Kerameikos, the cemetery of ancient Athens, followed by the second visit to the Agora to view the museum. PM: In the afternoon, we will visit the great Temple of Olympieion Zeus and the Panathenaic Stadium, where the first modern Olympics were held in 1896.

May 15

AM: We depart early in the morning for a week long trip to the Peloponnese. The first stop is Eleusis, the Sanctuary of Demeter and the sacred mysteries, followed by stops at the famous ancient city of Corinth with its massive fortress, Acrocorinth, and then the sanctuary of Asklepios at Epidauros, where we visit the healing facilities of the ancient sanctuary and also its famous Theatre. We will spend the night in the first capital of modern Greece, Nauplio, a beautiful port city at the head of the gulf of Argos.

May 16

We visit three important sites: The two Bronze Age citadels of Tiryns and Mycenae, and the Panhellenic Sanctuary of Zeus at Nemea. PM: Evening in Nauplio.

May 17

AM: we bus to Lerna to visit the Early Bronze Age structure known as the House of the Tiles. We then cross the Peloponnese to visit the Byzantine monastic community of Mistra, and complete our trip at the port town of Pylos .

May 18

AM: Weather permitting, we will board small boats to the beach at Voidokilia for swimming. PM: Picnic lunch and visit at the Bronze Age citadel, "Nestor's Palace;" After the site visit we travel to ancient Olympia.

May 19

AM: We visit the site of the ancient Sanctuary of Zeus at Olympia site and museum. PM: After lunch we travel to Delphi.



The Hephaisteion in the Athenian Agora

May 20

AM: The morning is given over to visiting the site of the oracular Sanctuary of Apollo at Delphi and museum. PM: In late afternoon, there is an optional afternoon hike up Mt. Parnassos, to a point overlooking the sanctuary. In the evening, we take an optional excursion to Arachova for sightseeing and dinner in the alpine-like village.

May 21

AM: During the leisurely drive back to Athens, we stop at Osios Leukas Monastery to visit one of the best preserved Byzantine churches with its mosaics; there is also a quick stop at the Diostimo Memorial. PM: After lunch, we travel to Thorikos, to view its ancient theatre and the remnants of the silver mining operation; finally, our last stop of the day prior to returning to Athens is Sounion, with its impressive sanctuary and temple to Poseidon.

May 22

AM: we visit the archaeological treasures in the National Museum, followed by the collections of the Benaki Museum. PM: The rest of the day is free.

May 23

AM: The morning is spent at the Akropolis (Parthenon, Propylaea, Erechtheion, and the Athena Nike Temple) and afterwards the monuments of the South Slope: Theatre of Dionysos and the Lysikrates Monument. PM: The rest of the day is free.

May 24

Today we depart for the Byzantine monastery at Daphni to visit its mosaics; later we travel across Attica to Marathon, the site of the ancient battle against the Persians in 490 BC. After the visit to the Tomb of the Athenians we go to the museum, followed by lunch and swimming at Skinias Beach.

May 25

Optional tour: We take public transportation to Piraeus to catch a ferry for a short cruise to the nearby island of Aigina. Following a bus ride to the ancient Temple of Aphaia and the visit to the site, we walk down the path to Agia Marina for lunch and swimming.

May 26

AM: final exam (mystery venue); afternoon is free. PM: Plaka farewell dinner.

May 27

Depart Athens.



Temple of Poseidon at Sounion

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