



Greece

Short-term Faculty-led Study Away Program • Winter Intersession • December 27, 2014 - January 11, 2015

Course Name: **Heroes and Heritage of Ancient Greece: Athens, Aegina, and Mycenae**

Course Number: **MCL 550**

Credit Hours: **3** undergraduate

Course Overview

In this course, students will visit key sites that shaped Greek civilization to study the historical events and traditional figures associated with those landmarks. In the early 5th century BCE, the young democracy at Athens led an alliance of Greek states against the Persian invasion. Their victory at Salamis, just beyond the harbor at Peiraeus, changed the course of history. It is celebrated even today in popular fiction and film (as in the recent sequel to 300: Rise of an Empire). Just beyond Salamis lies the island of Aegina, the legendary birthplace of a clan that dominated much of the Trojan-War saga, including Achilles and Ajax. That epic heritage was immortalized on the exquisite temple of Aphaia, the 'Unseen' goddess. From Aegina we travel south to the Argolid, to Mycenae and Tiryns. These citadels were the hub of the Greek confederacy that conquered Troy twice in the late Bronze Age. At these sites we compare the recent popularizing treatment with the ancient landscape and historical record, with perspective on the foundations of democracy and drama.

Program Fee: \$3,565

Program Fee Includes: Round trip airfare, ground transportation in Greece, lodging, some meals, museum entrance fees, tour guides, Study Away student fee, basic medical insurance; separated costs not available.

Program Fee Excludes: Passport, some meals, incidentals/misc personal expenses, and souvenirs. \$612 MSU tuition for 3 hours of undergraduate credit. Both Missouri residents and non-residents pay the Mo. resident per-credit-hour tuition rate, per University policy.

Online applications are due by October 18, 2014. A nonrefundable deposit of \$535 will be billed to your student account. To apply, please:

- Go to the Study Away website
- Click Apply Now
- Click Search for a Program (under Apply for a Study Away Program)
- Click Simple Search
- Type in Greece under Program Name
- Click on Heroes and Heritage of Ancient Greece: Athens, Aegina, and Mycenae
- Click on Apply Now

Scholarship Eligibility & Financial Aid

Students may apply for the College of Arts and Letters Study Away scholarship. Applications are due to the Study Away office by November 14, 2014. Please see the scholarship page on the Study Away website. Additionally, students who receive financial aid may apply aid to this program. Contact the Office of Financial Aid at 836-5262 for more information.

Pre-Travel Meetings:
December 5, 2014

Application Due:
October 18, 2014

Depart for Greece:
December 27, 2014

Depart for Springfield:
January 11, 2015

Post-Travel Meeting:
TBA

Participants should be in good physical condition and ready for long hikes on rugged terrain.

MCL 550 fits all three "focus areas" of the Global Studies program, and can be counted for MCL degrees in all areas, with department head approval.

Interested in going?

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Course Outline & Schedule

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From Aigina we travel south to the Argolid, to study the Bronze-Age sites at Mycenae and Tiryns. These citadels were the hub of the Greek confederacy that conquered Troy twice in the 13th century BCE, and left behind impressive megalithic structures. This was the home of Agamemnon, the king of kings who quarreled with Achilles in the Iliad. The conqueror returned to be murdered by his wife (in Aeschylus' Agamemnon) and become a symbol of the mythic foundations of justice.

Specific Course Objectives

- To explore the developments in ancient culture represented in the archaeological remains, focusing on the way these communities developed meeting sites, rituals and iconic images that lay claim to the heroic heritage.
- To assess those cultural developments in the context of changes, political and economic, that shaped the Classical world (esp. the Persian Wars and the emergence of Athens, Aigina's ancient rival).

- To draw perspective on those ancient adaptations from the ongoing economic difficulties in Greece, in which these ancient tourist sites remain important commercial centers.

STUDY TOUR

Itinerary subject to change.

December 28-31, 2014: Visit Acropolis, Agora, and Kerameikos.

January 1-8, 2015: In Aigina and the Argolid, with visits to the temple of Aphaia, and other archaeological sites, and hiking to explore the landscape and evolving community.

January 9-10, 2015: In Athens, with visit to the National Archaeological Museum.

POST-TRAVEL

Focus group regarding program evaluation and recommendations, reflection on the experience.

Course Credit & Requirements

- Basic-training: exercises and quizzes (online open-book) on essential landscape and major monuments.
- Presentation or comparable Creative Project: Jan. 4-5. Students present an overview of the key sites (with illustrations), in the form of a 'mental map', short-story, or other format incorporating recent experience.
- E-journal of participation showing reflection on the day's events and cross-cultural challenges, due within a week after return.

Required Text: Readings and other materials to be provided online.

Recommended: R. Rhodes, *Architecture and Meaning on the Athenian Acropolis*, Cambridge, 1995.



Application & Payment Procedures

Missouri State University students and others who are approved by a Program Director may apply. Instructions are included on the program application.

MSU Students: A non-refundable deposit of \$535 will be billed to your University account upon application (deadline October 18, 2014). You will receive a second billing on November 7, 2014 and a final billing on December 5, 2014, for the balance of the program fee (\$3,030). MSU course tuition (\$612) will be billed to your University account separately and is due according to the university payment plan.

Visiting Students: A non-refundable deposit of \$535 must be paid through the Storefront on or before October 18, 2014. The balance of the program cost (\$3,030) and MSU course tuition is due by December 12, 2014, paid through the Storefront.

In order to ensure participation in this Study Away program, each student must pay the entire program fee by December 19, 2014. Alternatively, a student may show proof of the financial aid that will pay for the fee. If a student does not pay the program fee, or does not show proof of financial aid that is sufficient to cover the fee, the student will be withdrawn from the Study Away program, dropped from the course, and his/her airline reservation will be canceled. Visiting students must also fully pay the tuition amount by December 19, 2014 in order to stay enrolled in the program. Estimated program fees are based on rates in effect on the publication date of this flyer and may be subject to change. Program participants agree to a potential increase of up to 10% if rates increase before or during travel.

Cancellation & Refund Policies

- Students who withdraw prior to Nov. 21, 2014 will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$535 deposit and any non-refundable purchases made on his/her behalf.
- If a student must withdraw after Nov. 21, 2014 for a bona fide medical reason, s/he will receive a refund of fees paid, less the \$535 deposit and non-refundable expenses. A certificate of incapacitating illness or injury from a licensed physician is required.
- Students withdrawing voluntarily after Nov. 21, 2014 will receive no refund.
- When the program begins, no refunds will be issued under any circumstances.
- All notifications of withdrawal must be made in writing and sent to the Program Director and the Director of Study Away Programs at the Study Away Office, Jim D. Morris Center, Suite 403. Non-payment of fees does not guarantee withdrawal.