

## **JMU Philosophy in Ancient Greece Study Abroad FAQ 2024**

### **ACADEMICS**

#### **(1) What courses are involved?**

Every participant will be taking two 3-credit courses, for a total of 6 credit hours. They are PHIL 240 (Greek Philosophy in Context), and PHIL 101 (Introduction to Philosophy).

#### **(2) Are there any pre-requisites for the program or course?**

No. Both of the courses are suitable for students with no background in philosophy, mathematics, ancient history, or Greek literature. Having some interest or experience in these areas is naturally a good thing, but it's neither expected nor required.

#### **(3) Can I receive Gen Ed credit for these courses?**

Yes.

PHIL 240 can count for Cluster Two (Human Questions and Contexts) credit. If you want PHIL 240 to count in this way, you'll need to fill out some paperwork for Gen Ed to allow it to count as HUM 250 (Foundations of Western Culture).

PHIL 101 can count for Cluster Two as well.

#### **(4) I've already taken PHIL 101. What can I do?**

Don't worry! Just let us know, and we will get you signed up for PHIL 390 instead. You'll be in exactly the same class, doing exactly the same work as everyone else. The only difference will be your course number.

#### **(5) Will either course count for BA or BS credit?**

Yes. For those of you pursuing a B.A., either class will fulfill your philosophy B.A. credit requirement.

#### **(6) I'm an IDLS major. Would these courses count towards any IDLS requirements?**

Yes, but only if you're a humanities/social sciences concentrator. In this case, the courses can count as concentration courses. Please contact the IDLS director for details about this.

## **(7) How will the courses work?**

They'll be much like normal courses: you'll have readings to do, quizzes and exams, classes to attend, etc. But a significant part of the courses will involve visiting many ancient sites that play a role in the course materials. Sometimes we'll meet in a classroom, but other times we'll discuss the material as we're travelling or when we're on site.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

### **(1) Does it matter what my major is?**

No. We have had students participate from a number of different majors.

### **(2) Does it matter whether I'm a freshman, junior, etc.?**

No.

### **(3) Do I need to know Greek?**

No. It's good to know a few phrases, of course, but fluency is neither required nor expected. All course activities will be conducted in English, either by us, or by English-speaking tour guides. We'll teach you the Greek alphabet and a few common Greek phrases before heading overseas, and you'll pick up some things there as well!

### **(4) How many students will be participating?**

We're aiming for a program with 10-15 students total.

### **(5) How much will the program cost?**

There are three main costs. First, as with any of JMU's short-term programs, you will need to pay for airfare to and from the program location, and you'll need to book these flights on your own. (We'll be starting on the island of Rhodes, and ending in Athens).

You'll also need to pay tuition at the same rate you would for summer courses taken here on campus. Everyone will be enrolled in 6 credit hours (3 for each course).

Finally, you'll need to pay what they call the "Supplemental Program Fee", which covers costs for lodging, food, all travel during the course itself, course texts, site visits, etc. while we're overseas. We don't have a firm number here yet because

it depends upon the number of participants, the currency exchange rates, etc., but our very rough estimate is that this fee will be \$6000 for each of you. We'll update you once we know this cost more precisely. This fee has been as low as \$2850 (2015) and as high as \$5200 (2022). Inflation has been driving prices up over the past few years, so we expect it to come in a bit higher than our previous average.

So the total cost will be:

flights (estimated at \$1,800; though cheaper flights are often available)

6 hours of summer tuition (estimated at \$2,610 in-state; \$6,072 out-of-state)

supplemental program fee (estimated at \$6000)

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST: In-state \$10,410; Out-of-state \$13,872

## **TRAVEL**

### **(1) When will the program take place?**

Tentative dates: June 3 – June 28, 2024. We'll have some meetings on campus during the spring semester and possibly an online class or two before we head overseas. We'll begin the overseas portion on the island of Rhodes on June 3. The program will end on June 28 in Athens.

### **(2) Where will we be staying?**

We'll be staying in five different hotels, with 2 or 3 of you to a room. The first will be on the island of Rhodes, the second and third will be in two different cities on the island of Crete, the fourth will be on the island of Santorini, and the fifth will be in Athens. We are tentatively slated to stay in the following hotels. We'll update this sheet with the latest information if there are any changes.

Rhodes: Hotel Athena: <http://athenahotel.gr>

Crete: (Chania): Hotel Kriti: <https://www.kriti-hotel.gr>

(Heraklion): Hotel Lato: <https://www.lato.gr>

Santorini: Hotel Melina: <https://www.melinasantorini.com>

Athens: Hotel Acropolis Hill: <https://www.acropolishill.gr>

### **(3) Are meals included?**

While overseas, all breakfasts will be included, occasional group meals will be included, and you'll be given food allowance money periodically for the remaining meals, which you'll buy on your own.

**(4) How will we be travelling in Greece?**

Primarily by bus or ferry, and of course by foot. We'll also fly from Rhodes to Crete. All costs for in-country travel are included in your program fee.

**(5) Will we have any free time during the trip?**

Yes. You will naturally need to devote a reasonable portion of it to working on the courses (readings, assignments, etc.), but we've left open many afternoons and evenings. There will be a few free days worked in as well.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**(1) When will I know if I've been accepted into the program?**

Please see the OIP website for this information; you will be contacted by the date specified there.