

## **Ancient Greece and the Greek Islands Study Abroad FAQ 2021**

### **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 MATH 103 (The Nature of Mathematics: The Mathematics of Euclid).

#### **(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).

MATH 103 can count for Cluster Three (Quantitative Reasoning).

#### **(4) I've already taken MATH 103. What can I do?**

Don't worry! Just let us know, and we will get you signed up for MATH 167 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., PHIL 240 will fulfill your philosophy B.A. credit requirement. If you are pursuing a B.S., MATH 103 can fulfill your B.S. quantitative requirement as long as you aren't also using it to fulfill your Gen Ed Cluster Three requirement. (You can use it for either Gen Ed or your B.S., but not both).

#### **(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, problems to work, 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 (e.g., at the Acropolis in Athens).

**REQUIREMENTS**<sup>SEP</sup>

**(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 wouldn't hurt to know a few phrases, of course, but it's 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 Samos, 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 \$4700 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 \$5000 (2013).

So the total cost will be:

flights (estimated at \$1500; though cheaper flights are often available)

6 hours of summer tuition (estimated at \$2,400 in-state; \$6000 out-of-state)

supplemental program fee (estimated at \$4,700)

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST: In-state \$8,600; Out-of-state \$12,200

## **TRAVEL**

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

Tentative dates: May 10 - May 14, 2020 on campus at JMU, and overseas from May 19-June 13, 2020. We'll begin the overseas portion on the island of Samos on May 19. The program will end on June 13 in Athens.

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

We'll be staying in four different hotels, with 2 or 3 of you to a room. The first will be on the island of Samos, the second will be on the island of Paros, the third will be on the island of Santorini, and the fourth will be in Athens. In the past, we stayed in the following hotels, so it will probably be something similar to them. We'll update this sheet with the latest information once we have it.

Samos: Hotel Samos Bay: <http://www.gagoubeach.com/>

Paros: Hotel Kontes: <http://www.hotelkontes.gr>

Santorini: Santorini Palace: <http://santorinipalace.gr>

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

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

While overseas, all breakfasts will be included, occasional group dinners 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 and Turkey?**

Primarily by bus or ferry, and of course by foot. All costs for in-country travel are included except your last-day transportation from our Athens hotel to the Athens airport. We may also end up having to take one in-country flight if the ferry schedules aren't working in our favor, but if so, this cost will be 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.