

The Department of Anthropology and Classical Studies at the University of Waterloo will be conducting a study course in Greece in May 1998. Qualified students can receive credit for a term course by participating in the preliminary sessions and travel in Greece.

Although final dates have not been set, the trip will begin with 4 or 5 days in Athens, followed by six days touring on the Greek mainland, and another two or three days in Athens. The group will then travel to the island of Crete for an additional four days. The course material will concentrate on the archaeology, history, and art of Bronze Age and Classical Greece, but will also include Byzantine art and modern Greek culture.

Students will be expected to participate in a number preliminary sessions before we depart. Arrangements will be made to accommodate Distance Learning students who plan to participate.

While in Greece there will be required sessions at archaeological sites and museums each morning. These will include brief lectures by

faculty, student presentations on prepared topics, and plenty of time to explore and ask questions. In the afternoons there will be additional trips, many of which will be optional. These will include everything from Byzantine churches to the main cemetery in Athens (the final resting place of many archaeologists and an amazing experience!).

Some of the sites we will visit include the Acropolis, Agora and National Museum in Athens, Eleusis (home of the Eleusinian Mysteries) Corinth, Mycenae (home of Helen "of Troy"), Epidaurus, Olympia (we'll re-enact the Olympics) and Delphi (site of the Oracle).

The group will usually stay in C-class hotels. These have private baths and provide breakfast for guests. In Athens we will be walking most of the time, but outside of Athens we will travel in a chartered bus. The accommodations are comfortable, but not luxurious. You will definitely have to carry your own luggage!

The preliminary cost estimate is \$3000-\$3200, based on current prices and exchange rates. This includes air fare from Toronto, all transportation in Greece, air fare to Crete, lodging, breakfast, entrance fees and tips. It does not include lunch, most dinners or spending money.

The trip will be led by Dr. Maria Liston, who joined the Anthropology and Classical Studies Department on July 1, 1997. She has led 5 student trips in the past, has lived in Athens, and has worked on an excavation in Crete for the past 10 years. You are welcome to contact her with for more information. She may currently be reached at mliston@watarts.uwaterloo.ca or at extension 2553.

The formal course description:

Classical Studies 390 - Classical Studies Abroad

This course features a combination of academic study and firsthand investigation of museums and ancient sites, normally in Greece and/or Italy. This is a concentrated study course normally offered in a Spring term.

Prerequisite: minimum of 3 term courses in CLAS, LAT or GRK or permission of the Department.

The proposed itinerary is as follows:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Activities</u>
1	Depart Toronto
2	a.m. arrive Athens p.m. orientation and afternoon walk
3	a.m. Acropolis and Acropolis museum p.m. optional: National Gardens
<u>Day</u>	<u>Activities</u>
4	a.m. National Archaeological Museum p.m. Temple of Zeus and Olympic Stadium optional: National Cemetery
5	a.m. Agora and Agora Museum p.m. Philopappus monument and Pnyx
6	a.m. bus trip to Sounion p.m. free afternoon optional: Lycabettos Hill for sunset
7	a.m. Depart Athens Eleusis p.m. arrive in Corinth, spend the night in the village of ancient Corinth (Group dinner)

<u>Day</u>	<u>Activities</u>
8	a.m. Corinth p.m. Tiryns
9	a.m. Epidaurus p.m. Mycenae spend the night in Nauplion
10	a.m. Nauplion museums p.m. optional: the Fortress at Nauplion another night in Nauplio
11	a.m. early departure for Olympia p.m. the site of Olympia spend the night in Olympia
12	a.m. Olympia museum p.m. depart for Delphi spend the night in Delphi
13	a.m. site of Delphi p.m. optional hike up the Shining Cliffs (not for the acrophobic) night in Delphi
14	a.m. Delphi museum p.m. depart for Athens, Monastery of Hosios Loukas spend the night in Athens
15	a.m. Free day in Athens p.m. optional: Lycabettos Hill
16	a.m. Early flight to Crete, p.m. Knossos optional: fortress and waterfront of Heracleon spend three nights in Heracleon
17	a.m. Gournia, Kavousi p.m. return to Heracleon

- 18 a.m. Phaistos, Aghia Triada
p.m. return to Heracleon,
- 19 a.m. Heracleon museum
p.m. flight to Athens
spend the night in Athens
- 20 a.m. Flight to Toronto

Requirements for the course will be as follows:

1. Preliminary readings and classes
2. Participation in all required activities while in Greece
3. A research project resulting in
 - a. an on-site presentation to the group while in Greece
 - b. a final paper based on research and personal observations in Greece
4. A final exam