



Virtual Internship Program Perrotis College Study Abroad Spring & Summer 2021

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1. Introduction & Internship Overview

Perrotis College in Thessaloniki, Greece has partnered with local businesses to offer a meaningful work internship right from the comfort of your own home. This remote work internship enables students to gain valuable work experience and enhance their skills in research, communication and business processes all through synchronous meetings with the academic supervisor and the business manager. In addition to the work itself, the program will also include sessions about Greek culture & history as well as workshops on life skills like problem-solving and critical thinking. The program offers a holistic international experience by focusing on these three pillars 1. *Work internship project* 2. *Greek Culture & History* 3. *Life Skills*.

2. Learning Outcomes

*See also syllabus.

By the end of the module, students will be able to:

1. Describe, analyze and synthesize their learning experience in the form of a final paper
2. Develop technical competencies as they relate to their thematic focus area
3. Relate theory and practice between the modules students have taken and the work practice placement
4. Propose problem solving approaches during the placement.
5. Evaluate the operation's effectiveness.

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3. Program Expectations

This remote virtual program is geared towards dedicated students who are eager to learn and contribute to a real-life organization. Self-discipline and self-starters are some characteristics of the type of students we are seeking to complete this type of work. It is expected that students will:

- Show up prepared and be on time. Meetings and sessions will be synchronous, so it is vital that students show up on time and are available during these pre-determined times.
- Have assignments and research completed on time. The weekly schedules will be set and so it is of great importance that students complete all assignments by the end of the week so that there is a good flow as the internship progresses from week to week.
- Engage, participate and ask questions. To be successful, it is necessary that you ask questions to the academic supervisor and manager. If you have a concern or problem, it is suggested you bring it up as soon as possible in order to resolve any issues. You are part of the team, so diligence and responsibility are required.
- To adhere to the privacy of all participants, students are not allowed to record any sessions unless requested and approved by the academic supervisor and business owner.
- Report to work prepared, appropriately dressed and adhere to and respect organizational rules.
- Remember that cultural differences exist and part of the internship involves navigating these differences.

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4. Host Organizations & Work Projects – a sample of who you will work for and what you will do

- Winery – market research into consumer preferences for organic or conventional wine
- Greek specialty food company – locate new distribution channels for products overseas
- Hotel Group – Develop company’s LinkedIn presence
- Agritourism company – suggest potential new products
- Wine Cooperative – Improve social media presence
- Greek specialty food company – research on US consumer trends

5. Description of Virtual Work Schedule

In the first week you will have an introductory session with Study Abroad focusing on Greek culture. You will also be introduced to your academic supervisor and manager through virtual meetings. In the following weeks, you will meet your manager weekly to discuss your progress and at least once weekly with your supervisor to address questions, discuss readings and any other academic issue related to your project. Each week, there will also be a session with the other students in the program focusing on professional skills and cultural issues.

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6. Program Dates, Costs & Academic Credits

Duration: 6 to 8 weeks anytime within the for mentioned dates

Spring Term: Jan. 18 – April 18

Summer Term: May 28 - July 24

Language of Instruction: English

Contact hours of Academic Supervisor & Business Supervisor: ~24 hours/ 6 to 8 weeks

Guided Self-study: ~120 hours/ 6 to 8 weeks

Academic Credit: Students will receive 3-credits upon completion of the expected deliverable

Cost: \$1450

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7. How to Apply & What to Do Next

Students who are interested in applying must do the following:

Step #1:

- Submit our Online Application: <https://www.perrotiscollege.edu.gr/frmstudyabroad.php>
- Send us a **Statement of Interest** to Eleni Kantyltzoglou: ekanty@afs.edu.gr
 - The Statement of Interest should clearly state the reason why you are applying, your expectations and the work of your choice (approximately 2 paragraphs).

Step #2:

After reviewing your application, we will contact you to set up an online interview. We will also go over program details and answer any questions that you may have.

Step #3:

Following the interview, the Study Abroad Committee of Perrotis College will make a decision on your candidacy and send this decision to you.

Step #4:

If you are accepted to the program, we will send you additional information regarding billing processes and payment deadlines.

**We welcome and encourage students who have questions to email us or to request a Zoom meeting with us. We are happy to meet you and answer your questions! Please email: Eleni K. (elenikanty@afs.edu.gr) and Helen Y. (Hyaren@afs.edu.gr).*

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