



# STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

## FALL, SPRING & SUMMER

### 2013 - 14

Perrotis College's Study Abroad Programs are geared toward undergraduate students who want to spend an unforgettable semester or summer **exploring Greek history and culture** on our international campus in Thessaloniki, Greece. Students can earn credit toward their degree while **taking classes** and engaging in **community service** activities on the College's educational farm or with local and international organizations. On weekends and breaks, they are encouraged to explore the many faces of Greece—by living with Greek families on **homestays**, participating in the program's organized trips and excursions, or venturing out on their own to nearby places of interest. Highlights of the study abroad experience are the challenging **climb up Mt. Olympus** as well as the optional **four-day sailing trips**, one to the islands of Alonissos, Skopelos and Skiathos, and the other a Greek-cuisine oriented journey through the towns and ports of Chalkidiki.

### ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The carefully chosen curriculum is **taught in English** by experienced and dedicated faculty, many of whom are also highly successful professionals in their fields. Courses are designed to match the needs and interests of students pursuing degrees in a variety of fields including the **humanities, business, agriculture and sustainable development, food studies, and international relations**. Below is a list of required and elective courses for each program.

#### Course Offerings —Fall 2013 & Spring 2014

**Required courses:** The Greek Cultural Experience, Service Learning.

#### Plus two electives from the following:

- The Greek Palate (Greek Cuisine)
- From Zeus to Byzantium (Greek Mythology & the Early Christian Legacy)
- Introduction to the European Union
- Marketing Management
- Principles of Precision Agriculture & Environmental Sustainability
- Agrotourism Principles & Practices
- Principles of Food Science
- Agro-Environmental Business Management
- Introduction to Livestock Science

Semester study abroad participants may also take classes from the College's regular BSc program as long as they meet the prerequisites. (Perrotis College's *2013-2014 Student Handbook* contains complete course listings). For further information, contact us by email at [studyabroad@afs.edu.gr](mailto:studyabroad@afs.edu.gr) or by telephone at +30-2310-492-800.

### **Course Offerings — Summer 2014**

**Required course:** The Greek Cultural Experience.

**Plus one elective from the following:**

- Service Learning
- The Greek Palate (Greek Cuisine)
- From Zeus to Byzantium (Greek Mythology & the Early Christian Legacy)
- Introduction to the European Union
- Marketing Management
- Principles of Precision Agriculture & Environmental Sustainability
- Agrotourism Principles & Practices
- Principles of Food Science
- Agro-Environmental Business Management
- Introduction to Livestock Science

**Note (applicable to all sessions):** Students can register for additional courses at an extra cost of \$690/course.

#### **Required Courses:**

The required courses—Greek Cultural Experience and Service Learning—help students make the most of their study abroad experience by familiarizing them with the culture of their host country as well as enabling them to create lasting bonds with local residents.

#### **The Greek Cultural Experience (Required for semester & summer students):**

This course introduces students to various aspects of modern Greek life and culture, including basic elements of the Greek language, history, society and traditional dances. Through lectures and organized trips and tours, students are introduced to the basic concepts and experiences that will enable them to understand and respond to cultural differences. In addition, the class provides a forum through which they can reflect on and discuss their experiences.

#### **Service Learning (required for semester students only):**

The Service Learning course enables students to engage in volunteer work and service activities on the Perrotis College campus, in the Thessaloniki area and in rural Greece. Students enrolled in this class perform 10 -15 hours per week of volunteer service by choosing from a variety of activities, which

can be done on an individual or group basis. These activities include doing volunteer work in one of the departments of the school's educational farm (e.g., assisting the veterinarian or helping in the greenhouses, winery, dairy or poultry units), tutoring high school students in English, serving in the Landscaping Department or other areas of the school's operation; or doing volunteer service for charities, NGOs or ecologically-oriented organizations in the larger Thessaloniki area.

## **HOMESTAYS**

Study abroad students have the opportunity to stay in the homes of Greek AFS and Perrotis College graduates and their families. For a small additional fee, participants in the semester and summer programs can choose to spend one or more weekends in a homestay setting. Students doing a semester abroad can also opt for a longer homestay over the Easter or Christmas holidays (an additional fee applies). For further information, contact us by email at [studyabroad@afs.edu.gr](mailto:studyabroad@afs.edu.gr) or by telephone at +30-2310-492-800.

## **TRIPS, EXCURSIONS & ACTIVITIES**

We consider travel to be an essential element of the study abroad experience. Through their explorations of Greece, students gain a unique awareness of the country, its culture and its resources, and are more fully able to apply their classroom learning to the Greek reality. The following trips are planned for the fall and spring semester study abroad programs:

- Mt. Olympus (two days, one night)
- Athens (four days, three nights)

Participants in the six-week Summer Program go on the two-day Mt. Olympus trek, as well as on two two-day excursions determined by participant interest.

### **Optional Sailing Trips:**

For an additional fee, students can take an unforgettable journey to three Aegean islands—Alonissos, Skopelos and Skiatho—or along the coast of Chalkidiki sampling local cuisine. Both sailing trips are four days and three nights.

In addition to the above trips, students taking the Greek Cultural Experience and other classes go on short excursions and field trips that are related to class content, including visits to museums and markets, organic farms and vineyards, and nearby exhibitions and fairs. We encourage all study abroad participants—especially those in a semester program—to take part in all aspects of Perrotis College's active student life. The Student Life Department and the Student Council organize many social, cultural and athletic activities for the entire student

body, including barbecue parties and day trips to nearby hot springs, beaches and ski resorts.

To help students make the most of their time in Greece and Southeastern Europe, we also help interested students organize their own weekend trips or excursions to various Greek islands and mainland destinations.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

### Dates:

- **Fall 2013:** September 28 – December 20
- **Spring 2014:** March 1 – May 29
- **Summer 2014:** June 15 - July 26

### Sailing Trip (optional):

- **Fall 2013:** September 18 – 21
- **Spring 2014** May 1 - 4
- **Summer 2014:** June 12 - 15

Students participating in the sailing trip option must arrive on campus one day before the trip begins.

## PROGRAM FEES<sup>1</sup>

	Semester Program	Summer Program
<b>Program Fees</b>		
Room and Board	\$4500	\$1970
Tuition <sup>2</sup>	\$2760	\$1380
Administration Fee	\$250	\$250
Orientation	\$200	\$200
Trips <sup>3</sup>	\$800	\$600
Health Insurance	\$150	\$50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8660</b>	<b>\$4450</b>

Optional Activities & Costs	Semester Program	Summer Program
Additional Course(s)	\$690	\$690
Sailing Trip	\$900	\$900

Place/Dorm Deposit: \$200 Refundable

<sup>1</sup>Costs and fees are in US dollars. Also please note that there is a surcharge of 10% for any cancellation of an optional activity, a room & board reservation, and/or a course once fees have been paid.

<sup>2</sup>Tuition for the Semester Program covers four semester-credit courses.

<sup>3</sup>Trips for the Semester Program include a four-day Athens excursion and a two-day trek up Mt. Olympus. Trips for the Summer Program include a two-day trek up Mt. Olympus, as well as two two-day excursions (to be arranged).

**Program fees and optional costs do not include:**

- Transportation expenses to and from Thessaloniki, Greece
- Individual trips and excursions that are not part of the program
- Meals and personal expenses during trips and excursions
- Pocket money
- Visa and residence permit fees (these are paid directly to the Greek authorities).

**SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS**

Applications and instructions are available by contacting the Perrotis College Study Abroad Office [studyabroad@afs.edu.gr](mailto:studyabroad@afs.edu.gr). Applicants are asked to submit the completed application and supporting documents electronically to the same email address. If it is not possible to apply electronically, applicants should complete the application by hand and submit it by fax or regular mail, using the following contact information:

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P.O. Box 23, 551 02 Thessaloniki, Greece  
Tel: +30-2310-492-800, Fax: +30-2310-492-815

**APPLICATION DEADLINES**

- **Fall 2013:** September 1, 2013
- **Spring 2014:** January 10, 2014
- **Summer 2014:** April 1, 2014

**QUESTIONS OR CLARIFICATIONS?**

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have. Send an e-mail to [studyabroad@afs.edu.gr](mailto:studyabroad@afs.edu.gr) or call us at +30-2310-492-800.