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with the Odyssey Program

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Join us for a 4-week Odyssey in Greece! This is an LMU faculty-led program that begins in Athens where students visit the magnificent Acropolis and various museums and art spaces around the city. A walking tour of the city and its street art provides students with a feel for Athens as a modern European metropolis. The group continues its exploration with a week-long trip around Greece for visits to significant sites: Olympia, Delphi, Nafplio, Sparta, Mystras, and Meteora are some of the places we visit. For the remaining three weeks of the academic program we reside on the scenic island of Spetses, famous for its history, distinctive architecture, stately mansions, and beautiful beaches. Students will have an opportunity to immerse themselves in Greek life and culture while exploring Spetses and the nearby island of Hydra.

COURSES OFFERED

MDGK 3342 SA1: ANCIENT LANDSCAPES | MODERN VOICES : MODEN GREEK SOCIETY & CULTURE (4 units) – Dr. Christina Bogdanou Core attribute: Interdisciplinary Connections | Engaged Learning

From the ancient paths of Delphi and Olympia to the modern metropolis of Athens, the mythical landscapes that visitors call in on their trip to Greece will come to life and reveal to us their eternal stories in the texts we will discuss. Students will discover a world still inhabiting the same landscape of Greek myths, yet a world in search of a modern global identity.

PHIL 3100 SA1: ETHICS: GREEK MORAL PHILOSOPHY (4 UNITS)

Core attribute: Ethics & Justice - Dr. Timothy Shanahan

For ancient Greek moral philosophers, philosophy was a vital inquiry into how to live well, a rational basis for understanding the good life for human beings, and a practical guide to living wisely. Students will encounter key elements of ancient Greek moral philosophy and apply the insights gained to forming their own reflective views of the good life.

Both courses can be applied towards core or elective credit.

"The Odyssey experience is unmatched; especially for those who seek adventure, friendship, and beautiful sights. Greece is beautiful, unique, and authentic in so many ways; the only way to truly know about Greece is to experience it first-hand. I would highly recommend any undergrad to consider this program for its thoughtful structure, caring advisors, and beautiful location." Julia Rowe '25

"I made the most amazing lifelong friends and got to immerse myself in the island of Spetses as well as Athens. What truly made this trip amazing was the balance between structured activities and free time. This study abroad experience was absolutely perfect and more than I ever could have asked for." Mia Gresh '26

"Make no mistake, the LMU Odyssey Program is challenging, rigorous, and intensive; but if you put in the work, it will reward your efforts thousandfold. The sights are breathtaking, the class content is insightful, and there's a good chance the students you meet along the way will become some of your closest friends in college. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to immerse yourself in a completely different culture." Severin Wessel '25

"The Odyssey Program in Greece is a fantastic! You will absolutely love your time there. Visiting ancient Greek sites throughout the program's first week was unbelievable. The community at Spetses' school was warm and hospitable. I took two insightful courses and still had plenty of time to explore the town, relax at the beach, enjoy authentic Greek food, and meet friendly and inspiring locals. I highly recommend applying to the LMU Odyssey Program!" Eleanna Defterios '26