



STUDY ABROAD in GREECE

with the Odyssey Program

SUMMER SESSION I

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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 their exploration with a week-long trip all around Greece for visits to significant sites: Olympia, Delphi, Nafplio, Sparta, Mystras, and Meteora are some of the places we visit. The remaining three weeks of the academic program resides in the scenic island of Spetses, famous for its history, distinctive architecture, stately mansions, and beautiful beaches. Students will have an opportunity to immerse themselves into Greek life and culture while exploring Spetses and the nearby island of Hydra.

COURSES OFFERED

ANCIENT LANDSCAPES | MODERN VOICES : MODERN GREEK SOCIETY & CULTURE (4 units) 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.

WORK AND LABOR IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY (4 units) Interdisciplinary Connections

Using Greece as our focus, this course will critically examine the organization of formal and informal work, its ties to globalization, and its social implications. We will learn about important contemporary trends in working life in Greece, the ways that social inequalities are being reinforced and challenged through work, and the effects for workers. We will explore topics such as service work, labor migration, unemployment, unions, and alternative ways of organizing work such as cooperatives.

The course fulfills the upper-division Sociology requirement and counts toward the International Relations major and the Global Economics minor. 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 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