

## SUMMER 2022 PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Join us for an Odyssey and spend four weeks traveling in Greece studying the vibrant culture of the cornerstone of Western civilization! The Odyssey program 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, Mycenae, Nafplio, Sparta, Mystras, and Meteora are some of the places we visit. For the remaining three weeks 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 AND CULTURE** Interdisciplinary Connections / Engaged Learning (4 units) 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.

**GREECE and VISUAL COMMUNICATION** (4 units) The course introduces students to topics in critical media production, visual storytelling, visual ethics, and decolonial ideologies and practices of visual media making. Students will learn to craft visual stories using photography, video, and text to convey accurate, authentic, engaging, and ethical stories on and with the people, communities, and environments of Spetses, Greece.