

GREECE

Isthmia Greece Program
OSU Sponsored Study Abroad Program



Program Highlights

Dates

Spring Quarter 2010: TBD

Location

Ancient Korinth and Isthmia

Program Costs

- OSU Tuition
- Program fee- TBD
- Passport, personal expenses
- International airfare

Application Deadline

February 1, 2010

Eligibility

- Sophomore standing at time of application
- At least two courses in ancient history, ancient history of art, Greek or Latin
- 3.2 minimum GPA
- Personal interview
- Preference to Honors students beginning a senior thesis

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Program

This program offers students an opportunity to learn the practical techniques and methods of classical archaeology by participating in the Ohio State University Excavations at Isthmia in Greece. Participants will be introduced to all the basic aspects of classical archaeology, from excavation and survey to recording and analysis. They will have an opportunity to learn about and use various instruments and tools and take part in the important tasks of maintenance, conservation, and storage of archaeological objects. In addition, participants will be introduced to the geography and topography of the Korinthia, one of the most important historical regions of Greece, as well as the life of people living in this important part of the ancient world. This project has provided Ohio State students with an introduction to classical archaeology since 1983.

Location

Most of the project is centered on the site of the Sanctuary of Poseidon at Isthmia, located on the Isthmus of Korinth, between northern and southern Greece, and about 50 miles southwest of Athens, the capital of Greece. Participants stay at a wonderful, family-owned hotel that provides fantastic food and loving care for everyone. We live in the small village of Ancient Korinth, where American archaeologists have lived and worked since 1896! One of the most important aspects of the program is the opportunity for OSU students to interact with people living in the area and to form what often become lifelong friendships with them. The area of the Korinthia is beautiful and varied, not far from Athens, but basically an agricultural area, bounded on two sides by the waters of the Saronic and the Korinthian Gulfs, and with majestic mountains in the south.

Courses and Credit

15 hours of History 697, unless otherwise approved by appropriate departmental transfer credit coordinator.

Accommodations

Participants should expect to reside in moderately furnished, clean, modern double-occupancy rooms in Ancient Korinth, with private bathrooms and hot water will be available 24-hours per day. Internet access and library facilities will be provided. There is an Internet café in Ancient Korinth and banking facilities, including ATM machines, are available in Korinth, 10 minutes away from Ancient Korinth. Many beautiful beaches are nearby, and transportation to them is easy to arrange.

Program Costs

The program fee is TBD and includes accommodation, most meals, and supplemental international health insurance. Students are also responsible for international round trip air-fare to Athens, transportation from Athens to Ancient Corinth (ca. \$20 each way), lunches on Saturday and Sunday, and dinner on Saturday. Students should also budget \$300 (est.) for meals, \$200 for optional side-trips, and additional funds for personal expenses.

Pre-Departure Orientation

All students will be required to participate in on-campus pre-departure orientations organized by the Office of International Affairs. These sessions will offer important information on travel, health, academic expectations, history and culture. The dates and locations of orientation meetings will be announced. In addition, the OSU Excavations at Isthmia provides an online orientation that must be completed during the first four weeks of the quarter, before departure for Greece. This program provides important information about what we will be doing in Greece. There are quizzes and other graded elements that will form part of the graded material for the courses.

Application Information

Applicants must submit the Office of International Affairs Study Abroad Application online via buckeyelink.osu.edu. Please note that upon application, a \$150 application fee will be assessed to your Statement of Fees and Accounts. The application fee will be refunded only if you are not accepted or submit a written request to withdraw your application prior to the application deadline.

A supplemental application and personal interview with the Resident Director may be required.

If you withdraw any time after the date of your notification of acceptance to a study abroad program, you will be responsible for any non-recoverable costs that have been incurred on your behalf plus a \$200 cancellation fee.

Passports

Passports are required for every Ohio State study abroad program. For many study abroad destinations, passport information is required to apply for an entry visa (as early as 6 months prior to departure). For information about applying for a passport, go to travel.state.gov.

Web Sites

Ohio State Funding Opportunities	oia.osu.edu
Center for Student Leadership	ohiounion.osu.edu/csIs/Default.aspx
Service Learning Initiative	service-learning.osu.edu
British Council	britishcouncil.org
U.S. Department of State	travel.state.gov (travel warnings/country specific information)
Centers for Disease Control	cdc.gov/travel (geographic health recommendations)

Contact Us

The Office of International Affairs is located in Oxley Hall, 1712 Neil Avenue. Please see oia.osu.edu for information about Getting Started information sessions, Program Exploration walk-in hours, and Study Abroad Coordinator office hours.

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