CGIS: Liberal Arts in Greece
or
CGIS: Summer Study Abroad in Greece
(Administered by College Year in Athens)

Student Handbook Supplement

Summer 2018
Fall 2018
Winter 2019
Congratulations on your admission to a CYA program in Athens, Greece! A very exciting and rewarding experience awaits you--one that surely will be among the most formative and memorable of your life. This handbook supplement is intended to complement the materials provided to you by College Year Athens (CYA), and provide you with U-M-specific information about the program.

ACADEMIC ARRANGEMENTS

COURSE REGISTRATION

As a U-M student participating in the CYA program, you will remain registered at U-M, and at the same time be enrolled in classes through CYA.

You will need to register for the STDABRD course on Wolverine Access.

SUMMER TERM: Register for 4-8 credits of STDABRD 341
FALL/WINTER TERM: Register for 15 credits of STDABRD 340

This is the only course you will be registered for while you are away, and it serves as a “placeholder,” maintaining your status as a fully-enrolled student at U-M. If you do not register for the appropriate terms by your normal U-M registration deadlines, you will be charged late registration fees by U-M.

NOTE FOR SUMMER STUDENTS: your term of registration will vary based on your enrollment (see table below):

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COURSE CREDITS

Summer students must register for 1-2 courses, and will be given 4 U-M credits per course.

Semester students take 4 classes per semester, and may take a 5th class if the workload is not too much (and if you don’t go over 18 U-M credits). 4 U-M credits are given for CYA’s Modern Greek Language course; other courses count as 3 U-M credits.

LSA students will receive in-residence credit for your work abroad and courses, credits, and grades will all appear on your U-M transcript at the end of the program, and grades will factor into your overall U-M GPA.

Non-LSA students should contact their home schools to learn what type of credit (in-residence versus transfer credit) you will receive for your work on the program. Courses, credits, and grades will all appear on your U-M transcript at the end of the program; please contact your home school to determine if the grades will factor into your overall U-M GPA.

While in Greece, you will be subject to the same academic requirements as all other participants. U-M requires all CGIS students be enrolled for a full load of classes.

Before leaving U-M, it is important you meet with a U-M concentration and/or general advisor to discuss how the classes will count towards your concentration or for general LSA requirements. For information about the scheduled course offerings and academic trips, please see the CYA website:

Semester Course Listing
Summer Course Listing
PASS/FAIL

CGIS students may elect to take courses on the program on a pass/fail basis. E-mail the Pass/Fail form to your CGIS Advisor by the deadline (Fall and Winter = 3 weeks from the start of classes; Summer = 2 weeks from the start of classes). You can find the form in the “Documents” section of your MCompass application.

CREDIT FOR GREEK LANGUAGE

Students who want to receive credit for Greek language, or who plan to continue their study of language at Michigan, will be required to take a language placement test once they return to campus.

IMPORTANT DATES

For detailed information about program dates, please see the CYA website and the CYA Pre-departure Information packet issued upon admittance into the program.

The calendar is set by CYA, and they will provide you with information about mandatory arrival dates and beginning/end dates of program. CYA requires students arrive on or before the start date of the program and remain until after their last scheduled exam. Late arrivals, early exams, or early departures are not permitted. As a U-M student participating in the program, you will be subject to these same requirements.

HOUSING

CYA will arrange housing for students in the program. Be sure you fill out the Online Housing Form upon acceptance into the program. For detailed information, visit the CYA website.

For summer students, housing between sessions is not guaranteed.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Neither CGIS nor CYA makes travel arrangements, and all students are responsible for making their own flight arrangements. Read the CYA instructions/recommendations on their website for accepted students.

Summer students are responsible for making their own travel arrangements from the airport to the CYA Center. Information can be found in the CYA Pre-departure information packet.

Fall and Winter students who arrive at the designated time on Arrival Day will be met at the airport by a CYA representative.

See CYA website for information on hotels/hostels if you plan to arrive early or plan to stay after the program ends. CYA cannot extend the housing period for single semester students.

CELL PHONES

Although students are free to obtain their Greek mobile telephones from any provider, CYA has contracted with PicCell Wireless to provide students with mobile telephones whereby the normal processing fee and phone rental charges are paid by CYA and students pay only for outgoing calls and text messages. In addition, incoming calls are free of charge from anywhere in the world while the student and telephone are (physically) in Greece. Detailed information can be found on the PicCell Wireless website - www.piccellwireless.com/CYA.
MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN STUDENTS: INSURANCE

All University of Michigan students will be automatically enrolled in the mandatory GeoBlue health insurance through U-M. For details of your coverage, please refer to the UHS website: http://www.uhs.umich.edu/tai/, and the GeoBlue website: https://www.geobluestudents.com/

VISA

NON-U.S. CITIZENS

Please contact the Greek embassy in your home country to ascertain whether a student visa is required for your citizenship.

U.S. CITIZENS

CYA will coordinate the visa application process for Fall and Winter students. A student visa will be required and should be obtained from the appropriate Greek Consulate. Students should carefully read the information provided by CYA on their website for accepted students and follow all directions/instructions accordingly.

Summer students who are U.S. citizens will not need a student visa. Summer program students from non-Schengen-Treaty countries (i.e. U.S. citizens) should enter Greece on a tourist visa (normally valid for 3 months).

**SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT TRAVEL**

Greece is one of 25 European countries included in the Schengen agreement*

When you enter one of the Schengen countries, the customs authorities will stamp your passport with date of your arrival. From that date you are only permitted to stay in the Schengen region for 90 days: this includes travel time before or after the program dates. Failure to comply with this limitation could result in detention, fines, deportation and repatriation, and prohibitions against re-entry, so be sure that you will not stay in the region for more than 90 days total if you plan to travel before or after the program dates.

NOTE: the 90 day limit applies within a 180-day period, i.e., you cannot simply leave the Schengen region for a day and then re-enter to “restart the 90-day clock” over again – U.S. citizens who stay in the Schengen region for the full 90 days must leave the region and wait 90 days before they are allowed to re-enter and begin another 90-day stay.

FEES AND BILLING

CYA will bill students directly for program fees. The only cost billed to students’ U-M account is the $900 administrative fee ($300-450 for Summer term, depending on number of sessions), which will be billed according to regular U-M billing dates: http://www.finance.umich.edu/finops/student/billing

WHO TAKES CARE OF WHAT

CYA is responsible for acceptance decisions, all academic arrangements, on-site orientation, and housing. CGIS assists students in preparing to go abroad, provides support services while they are abroad, and processes the academic results from CYA coursework for the students’ U-M records. Each student is
responsible for obtaining a passport, applying for a visa (with CYA help), for making the travel reservations, and for paying program fees to CGIS and CYA. The CYA online materials, which you should have already accessed, contain useful information about how to handle money while in Greece, what to pack (and what to leave at home) and what you can expect while studying through CYA in Athens. Log in to the accepted students section to print off this Pre-Departure Booklet.

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EMERGENCIES

Contact your local program/on-site staff immediately if you are the victim of crime or need emergency assistance: dial (617) 556-7820; your call will be forwarded to a CYA staff member. Please also contact the University of Michigan to let us know of the situation as soon as you are able. The University of Michigan Department of Public Safety has a 24 hour number which is (734) 763-1131. They will then contact the necessary on-campus offices, including CGIS, to respond to your situation. You may provide this same 24 hour number to your parents should they experience an emergency and need to get a hold of you while you are
abroad and are unable to contact you directly. To contact GeoBlue in the event of an emergency, call 1-800-257-4823 or globalhealth@geo-blue.com.