

Communication Studies 356: Communication and Culture in Greece

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Course Description

Greece is known as the birthplace of Democracy and its legendary past is still with us today through the Olympics, the marathon, and even films like “300.” But contemporary Greece is also a vibrant country, one perched at the border between Europe and the Middle East. This study tour gives a close-up look at Greece’s historical past and its engaging present through visits to sites such as Athens’ Acropolis and Plaka, Ancient Olympia and the city of Thessaloniki, while at the same time we will emphasize the importance of rhetoric, memory, and democracy to Greek culture and Western Civilization.

Readings

There will be different readings on Blackboard that I would like you to read ahead of time before we head to Greece. These readings will give you a little bit of background of some of the things we will be seeing as we travel throughout the country.

Assignments

All assignments will be graded, as will the content and quality of student participation in course events. At the end of the course, each student will earn a letter grade based on this breakdown:

- Greece Paper and Presentation: 25% of course grade
- Attendance and Oral Participation: 25% of course grade
- Academic Journal/Presentation/Reflective Essay 50% of course grade

Greece Paper and Presentation

Each student is responsible for producing a short report (2-3 double-spaced pages) about a topic related to a topic in Greece. It’s a chance to dig a bit deeper into our itinerary and share your knowledge with the class. What do you and your fellow students need to know about this topic to enrich your experience? This paper should draw upon at least 3 good sources, selected in consultation with your professors. You will have 3 minutes (we’ll be timing and stopping you at 3 minutes) to present your work. Don’t just read dry facts and quotes. Tell a story. What’s interesting or peculiar about your topic? Make a presentation you’d want to sit and listen to. Think about how your topic interacts with the overall purpose of this course.

Travel Journal/Presentation/Reflective Essay

You are required to keep a daily academic journal that will be submitted in electronic form for a grade at the end of the course. You will use this journal to record and describe your observations, experiences, ideas, reactions, and insights. Be prepared to devote at least 15 minutes each day to writing your journal. Date each entry and note the location in which it was made, but avoid filling it out with a clutter of unrelated facts: focus on how your experiences are helping you to understand the central questions that brought you to Greece, and jot down new questions as they

arise. How does each day connect to communication and culture in Greece? Each entry should be at least 250 words (just under 1 double-spaced page). An academic journal is not meant to be a solitary endeavor as much as a personal and reflective one. And it's more than just a record of events—it's your thoughtful synthesis of your ideas and experiences, a place where you can answer the question, "What did I really learn on this trip?" You should expect to be called on periodically to share your journal thoughts.

If you would like you may also make video logs in place of journal entries.

A final aspect of this assignment is that you will write a reflective essay on your experience on Greece. You will write a 1000-word reflection on your Greece experience. What did you find interesting, salient, and/or transformative? A reflective essay is more than just sharing your ideas - it's making an argument. And there is a structure.

How do you go about writing a reflective essay? - <http://www.wikihow.com/Write-a-Reflection-Paper>

While the entire webpage is important, perhaps the most important is Part 1, Slide 4.

You will present some aspects of your travel journal and reflective essay at our final meeting on June 7th.

May 2020 Study Tour

Itinerary around Greece from May 21 to June 6, 2020

April 22: Pre-Study Tour Meeting #1—Discussion of logistics, safety items, and first assignment (3:00-5:00pm)

May 5th: Pre-Study Tour Meeting #2—Greece Paper/Presentation Due (10am-12:00pm); final logistics of the tour

Greece Itinerary

Day 1: Thursday, May 21 Overnight flight to Thessaloniki, Greece

Day 2: Friday, May 22

Thessaloniki. Check in at Amalia Hotel, dinner, sleep.

- a. Hotel Amalia, 33 Ermou St; Tel. 011-30-2310-268321; www.hotelamalia.gr

Day 3: Saturday, May 23

- a. Walking tour.
- b. Tour Modern/Ancient Agora, Agora Museum and Odeum.
- c. Visit Cathedral of Saint Demetrios.
- d. Free time for lunch
- e. Visit statue of Alexander the Great and White Tower.
- f. Dinner, sleep
- g. Hotel Amalia, 33 Ermou St; Tel. 011-30-2310-268321; www.hotelamalia.gr

Day 4: Sunday, May 24

- a. Walking tour, visit Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki
- b. Free time, lunch
- c. Visit Byzantine Museum of Thessaloniki
- d. Visit Agia Sophia Church of Thessaloniki.
- e. Thessaloniki. Dinner/sleep
- f. Hotel Amalia, 33 Ermou St; Tel. 011-30-2310-268321; www.hotelamalia.gr

Day 14: Monday, May 25

- a. Pella. Visit Museum, Art Center, Agora. Birth place of Alexander The Great
- b. Visit Veroia, Saint Paul's Step.
- c. Vergina: visit Museum, Tomb of King Philip II
- d. Aiani. Visit Museum.
- e. Kozani. Hotel Aliakmon; www.aliakmonhotel.gr; Tel.(030)24610-36015.
- f. Dinner/sleep.

Day 14: Tuesday, May 26

- a. Visit Metsovo one of the most beautiful villages of Greece.
- b. Dodona, Archaeological site, Greek Theater, The oldest Oracle in Greece
- c. Ioannina. Walking tour of the city.
- d. Free time, lunch.
- e. Meteora. Visit Monasteries
- f. Kalambaka Dinner/sleep Hotel Kaikis; Tel. 011-30-24320-75280-1;

Day 7: Wednesday, May 27

- a. Meteora. Visit medieval Byzantine Monasteries.
- b. Thermopylae. Monument of 300 Spartans, Museum, Greek & Persian wars.
- c. Delphi. Museum, Archaeological site, Apollo Oracle of Delphi, Tholos.
- d. Nafpaktos, Medieval Port, diner sleep
Aktis Hotel, Free time, dinner/sleep; Tel 26340-28464; www.akti.gr

Day 8: Thursday, May 28

- a. Ancient Olympia. Visit Museums, Archaeological site with the Ancient Olympic Stadium.
- b. Lagadia. Visit a beautiful village with impressive architecture.
- c. Nemea. Visit archaeological site and Museum. Visit Nemean wineries.
- d. Argos, Hotel Morfeas
- e. Dinner, sleep

Day 9: Friday, May 29

- f. Epidauros. Visit Museum, Asklepion archaeological site, magnificent Ancient Greek Theater of Epidauros.
- g. Mycenae. Visit Museum, Lions Gate with Ancient Acropolis, Mycenaean Tombs of Klytaimnystra.
- h. Isthmus of Corinth
- i. Athens, Check in at Arethusa Hotel

- j. Athens, Hotel Arethusa, Metropoleos St @ Syntagma, Tel. 011-30- 2103229431-4, www.arethusahotel.gr
- k. Free time, dinner, sleep.

Day 10: Saturday, May 30

- a. Walking tour Monastiraki, Agora, Acropolis of Athens, Ancient Theater of Dionysus,
- b. Free time, lunch
- c. Temple of Zeus, Modern International Olympic Games First Stadium
- d. Depart for Athens airport
- e. Karpathos.
- f. Pigadia. Check in at Panorama Hotel
- g. Dinner, sleep.

Day 11: Sunday, May 31

- a. Walking tour of Pigadia
- b. Visit Eparheio, Museum.
- c. Free time, lunch
- d. Beach
- e. Dinner, sleep
- f. Panorama Hotel

Day 12: Monday, June 1

- a. Day trip with a private bus around the island of Karpathos
- b. Visit beautiful villages of Diafani and Olympus with unique Architecture.
- c. Pigadia.
- d. Free time, dinner, sleep
- e. Pigadia, Panorama Hotel

Day 13: Tuesday, June 2

- a. Departure for the Island of Rhodes by ferry.
- b. Rhodes Check in at Semiramis Hotel
- c. Tour the Old City of Rhodes, a UNESCO World Heritage Old City
- d. City of Rhodes, dinner, sleep.
- e. Semiramis Hotel.

Day 14: Wednesday, June 3

- a. Visit Honey Bee Museum
- b. Visit Ancient Kameiros and Castle of Kritinia,
- c. Lindos, visit Acropolis and the Village.
- d. Free time in Lindos, beach, lunch
- e. City of Rhodes, dinner, sleep.
- f. Semiramis Hotel

Day 15: Thursday, June 4

- a. Walking tour.
- b. Visit Ancient Stadium, Theater, Acropolis of Rhodes.
- c. Visit Paideia Building in Old Town
- d. Free time for lunch
- e. Free time for beach,
- f. Sleep

Day 16: Friday, June 5

- a. Day trip to the island of Symi at 8:30 AM by ferry.
- b. 10:30 AM tour Symi, Visit Museum
- c. Free time, lunch, beach
- d. Depart to Rhodes by ferry at 6:00 PM
- e. Dinner, sleep.

Day 17: Saturday, June 6

Departure to Rhodes airport for Athens
Return to US.

Tuesday, June 15th—Final Meeting—Greece study course wrap up; presentation and reflective essay due (10am-12pm)

See: www.greecevirtual.gr,

www.gogreece.about.com/cs/grksightseeing/a/olympiaolympus.htm,

www.magicaljourneys.com/Macedonia/macedonia_discover_olympus.html

[www.macedonianheritage.gr/Museums/Archaeological byzantine/Arx Diou.html](http://www.macedonianheritage.gr/Museums/Archaeological_byzantine/Arx_Diou.html),

[www.macedonianheritage.gr/Museums/Archaeological and Byzantine/Arx Bas Tafoi Be rginas.html](http://www.macedonianheritage.gr/Museums/Archaeological_and_Byzantine/Arx_Bas_Tafoi_Be_rginas.html)

www.ancient-greece.org/archaeology/delphi-archaeology.html

www.perseus.tufts.edu/olympics

www.livius.org/he-hg/herodotus7_22.html

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zsaz1L18Vjg&feature=related>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K7qvE_rFEZY&feature=related

<http://il.youtube.com/watch?v=QTnARJB5jjM>

<http://il.youtube.com/watch?v=aEQJefai8ic&feature=related>

http://il.youtube.com/watch?v=iwsTh_710gI&feature=related

<http://il.youtube.com/watch?v=K6eaHYrml8E&feature=related>

<http://il.youtube.com/watch?v=ZyjgoOMW1I8>

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