

Europa VIII:
TKC Summer Study Program in Greece
5/13/23 - 6/03/23



GREECE

Schools of Athens

Study Ancient Philosophy on-site in Athens and Nafplio, Greece, with Professors Talcott and Blander. See the Acropolis, Plato's Academy, Aristotle's Lyceum, the National Archaeological Museum of Greece, and other historical and archeological sites. Building on the pre-req of Ancient Philosophy, this three-week course explores the four Schools of Athens: Platonism, Aristotelianism, Epicureanism, and Stoicism. We will also visit Delphi, a Greek island, and other sites.

The three-week TKC Summer Study Program in Athens, Greece allows students to experience one of the great cities of the world and earn three hours of academic credit.

THE BASICS

CLASSES

All students take the 3-credit course: PHL320 Topics in Ancient Philosophy, with the following description:

This course explores the four great Schools of Athens: Platonism, Aristotelianism, Epicureanism, and Stoicism, on-site in Greece. Students will grow in their knowledge of these schools, both in their origins and in late antiquity. Students will also learn the relevance of archaeology and geography for the study of the history of philosophy, visiting important historic sites along the way. The course will be taught through lecture, discussion, and visits to archaeological sites.

PHL 201 Ancient Philosophy is a pre-requisite for enrolling in this trip. Exceptions may be made only if there is extra space available.

Academic Credit: This course counts as a PHL elective for PPE, HUM, and PHL majors. For all other majors the course is an open elective.

Spring Semester Required Meetings: All students who are going to Greece are required to attend five 1-hour meetings during the Spring 2023 semester. These meetings will be devoted to preparing for our time in Greece and will include language instruction, cultural etiquette, safety issues, and more. Failure to attend these meetings will jeopardize your attendance on this trip.

COSTS

<u>Direct Expenses (paid to The King's College)</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Tuition (three hours)	\$2,385*
Housing:	\$1,100
Program Fees (administrative and academic)	\$1,150
Total Direct Expenses:	\$4,635

Indirect Expenses (for which the Student is responsible) Cost

Air Fare	\$1,200
Meals	\$630 (\$30 per day)
Personal/Miscellaneous:	\$400
Total Indirect Expenses:	\$2,230
Total Expenses	\$6,865

**Graduating Seniors who do not need academic credit will pay a flat audit fee of \$1,885 rather than \$2,385 for tuition for participation in the program. Although such students will not be required to submit academic work they are expected to participate fully in the classroom meetings and fieldtrips.*

Explanation of Costs:

Tuition: \$2,385 for three hours of academic credit.

Housing: The housing fee includes placement in an apartment in Athens and Nafplio with other TKC students. Apartments come fully furnished including kitchenware, towels and bedding, a washing machine (in building), a television, and Wi-Fi. Students will be able to shop for groceries and prepare their own meals thereby saving costs on meals. Each apartment will house 3-5 students and will be located in central Athens (weeks 1-2) and Nafplio (week 3). Two nights in a hotel on a Greek island in between weeks 2 and 3 are also included. Note: depending on specific apartment rentals, some students may need to share a bed (full size, of course).

Program Fees: This fee includes general program costs, including all in-Greece transportation, admission to museums and archeological sites, several shared meals, a day trip to Delphi, expert tour guides at select sites, and two days on a Greek island (including a flight to/from the island).

Note: All direct expenses, \$4,635 must be paid in advance before the beginning of the program. No exceptions. See below for payment due dates.

FAQS

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Is there a limit to the number of students that can go? Yes. There is a cap of eleven students.

Can non-TKC students, family or friends attend? No, not at this time.

Do I have to take the class to attend the program? Yes. This is an academic venture. While there will be much fun and happiness our focus will be on the study of philosophy. All students must enroll in PHL320 and the level of work required will be commensurate with a 300 level philosophy course. Graduating seniors who do not need additional credits are also eligible to attend -- they can pay a flat audit fee of \$1,885 to participate in the program. While academic work will not be required for these students, they will be expected to fully participate in all program activities. Note: there is a limit to the number of students who can audit the course in order for the program to be financially viable. Preference will be given to 2022-23 graduates, GPA, and collegiality.

Can I go to Greece if I've already taken PHL320? Yes, PHL320 can be retaken for credit since it is being offered with a new special topic of focus.

If I have a full-tuition scholarship during the regular academic year at King's does that mean I don't have to pay tuition for the summer program? No. Students who receive a full-tuition scholarship during the regular academic year will still have to pay the tuition cost for the summer program. This also applies to students in any exchange programs at King's who benefit from reduced tuition or who are in a tuition remission program because of a parent's employment at the college. Students in this situation will, however, be granted a \$500 reduction in tuition cost. Rather than paying \$2,385 such students will pay \$1,885. Note that no more than two students in this situation can apply this discount.

Can I find my own housing overseas and not pay the housing costs? No, that is not possible, as all students will be living together as a community while overseas. This is part of the dynamic created for the program. Living in different locations also creates logistical problems when meeting and moving about as a group.

Is there a GPA or class year requirement? The program will give preference to rising juniors and seniors with a cumulative GPA of 2.8. Rising sophomores will be considered for the program if there is room. Students who do not meet the GPA requirement may still apply but will need to explain on their application why they are academically prepared to participate in the program despite not having the requisite GPA.

When can I apply for the program and when are applications due? Applications will be available on Thursday, November 3, 2022. They are due at the end of the business day on Friday, December 9, 2022.

Is federal financial aid available? Yes, but it's a bit tricky. Make an appointment to talk about this with Anna Peters, the Director of Financial Aid at apeters@tkc.edu. She'll be able to guide you through your options. Note: institutional financial aid awarded during the 2022-23 school year does not apply to the summer study programs.

Can I fundraise like the students who participate in mission trips? No. This is not a missions or outreach type of trip. Any money you receive from friends and family for this trip is not tax deductible.

COURSE INFORMATION

Who is teaching the classes? Dr. Talcott and Dr. Blander are teaching the course. Dr. Talcott will teach approximately 2 weeks of the course and Dr. Blander will teach approximately 1 week.

Are classes taught in Greek? No, classes are taught in English. Students enrolled in the program will attend five pre-trip meetings during the spring semester to help prepare them for the culture exchange and to learn some basic tourist-level Greek. The meetings will be spaced throughout the semester on Mondays at 4:30-5:30pm.

Where are classes held? Classes will be held in the seminar space at the Hellenistic Education and Research Center in Athens, and in the Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies in Nafplio. Because the group of students is small, we may conduct some of our class meetings in the rented apartments.

When are classes scheduled? In general, Monday through Thursday, we will have a morning class session from 10am-12pm, a lunch break, and then a site visit from 1pm-4pm. Students will attend traditional class meetings on most mornings while afternoons will center on field trips that will complement the readings and discussions. Evenings will be free time to do homework and enjoy the city on your own. Week 1 will include a day trip to Delphi. Week 2 Friday will be transit to a Greek island. Between weeks 1 and 2 students will have free time. Between weeks 2 and 3 students will have a combination of free time on a Greek island and transit to our Week 3 location at Nafplio. All detailed schedules are subject to changes based upon the local circumstances and site availability.

Will I have homework? Yes. There will be daily reading assignments as well as standard writing assignments. The course will be no different than a regular TKC class—with the exception of it being taught in Greece.

What school supplies will I need? Students will need to bring a laptop computer or other electronic device for writing assignments and be able to access the internet (Wi-Fi will be available in all apartments). The program will provide students with all required textbooks and printed materials.

TRAVELING TO, FROM, AND IN GREECE

Who is responsible for purchasing flights to and from Greece? Students will be responsible. This will allow students and their families the opportunity to shop around for the best prices as well as use Frequent Flyer miles. This will also allow students to fly to and from Athens from anywhere. Students who plan to continue to travel after the program ends will have the freedom to book their flights at will.

All students will need to arrive at *Athens International Airport* in Athens, Greece on Saturday, May 13 preferably no later than 2pm. Students who arrive at other times or at other airports will need to make their own arrangements to get into Athens and to their assigned apartment.

Once I'm accepted into the program can I purchase my flights to and from Greece? No. Do not purchase any flights until the program director has given the ok to do so. The go ahead to purchase usually takes place in early February. This is the so-called "point of no return" meaning that enough funds have been collected to finance the program. Until that point is reached there's always a chance that if a certain number of students drop out the venture becomes financially unviable. We want everyone to feel secure that when purchasing flights the program is definitely happening. And, though it is less of an issue now, there is always the chance that the pandemic could worsen and jeopardize the program. See below for that scenario.

How will transportation in Greece work? In Athens, all locations will be walkable from our downtown apartments next to the acropolis. Transferring to a Greek island will be by taxi to Athens airport and then via a flight on Olympic/Aegean Airways. Transferring to Nafplio and week 3 site visits will be by mini vans driven by the instructors. All transportation within Greece is included in the program fee.

Will I need a passport and visa? You'll need a Passport but not a Visa if you are visiting Greece for fewer than three months. Students who are citizens of other countries besides the US and member states of the European Union are responsible for obtaining appropriate visas.

SAFETY

What kind of insurance is there if I get hurt or get sick? All program participants are required to have health insurance. The College provides everyone with secondary health insurance. In the case of illness, hospitalization, etc., the secondary health insurance will cover expenses not covered by a participant's primary health insurance.

What if there's a terror attack or some other kind of crisis while in Greece? All participants will be covered with evacuation insurance through Chartis. Chartis also offers CrisiSolution—a comprehensive package of vital services and insurance protection to respond to a number of crisis events that can occur while traveling or residing in various "hot spots" and major city centers worldwide. Coverage includes disappearance, hostage crisis, threat, kidnapping, extortion, wrongful detention, and hijacking.

How will Covid affect the trip? The Europa trip to Greece will follow the pandemic guidelines set up by the governments of the US and Greece. This may include COVID tests for entering the country and/or masking for certain sites. The college will be monitoring the situation both in Greece and here in NYC. A final decision about the program taking place will be made by February 14, 2023. If the program is cancelled because of the pandemic, a refund of any direct expenses paid to King's will be made to all participants. Indirect expenses, such as flights, are the responsibility of the student, not the college.

Am I required to be Vaccinated to go on the trip? Vaccination is not required. We expect that by May 2023 all historic sites will be opened to the unvaccinated. However, if Greece imposes a vaccine mandate to visit some sites, unvaccinated students will be given alternative assignments or sites to visit in order for them to participate as fully as possible. NOTE: For parts of 2022 Greece *did* have a vaccine requirement to visit some major sites – all unvaccinated students should be aware that they may not be able to visit such sites should that policy still be in effect. Further, some sites may require the use of face masks.

MUSEUMS AND OTHER CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS

What museums and locations will the program visit? The projected itinerary includes all of the following:

Acropolis of Athens	Plato's Academy
Acropolis Museum of Athens	Aristotle's Lyceum
National Archaeological Museum in Athens	Epicurus's Garden
Ancient Agora of Athens	Ancient Mycenae
Ancient Delphi	Ancient Sparta
Archeological Museum of Naxos/Santorini	Ancient Corinth
Hadrian's Arch	Syntagma Square, Athens
Aereopogus of Athens	Mars Hill
Venetian Fortress of Palamidi	National Gardens
First Greek Evangelical Church of Athens	Mount Tagytus
Holy Metropolitan Church of the Annunciation, Athens	

What kinds of daytrips are being planned? Daytrips will include Ancient Delphi and a two-night stay on a Greek Island.

IMPORTANT DATES and DEADLINES

Applications Due: Friday, December 9, 2022

Applications are available and are to be filled out online at https://thekingscollege.formstack.com/forms/study_abroad_application. They are due by **Friday, December 9, 2022**, by the end of the business day.

Note: For this program to run there must be eight (8) full-paying students participating.

Criteria for selection will include GPA, essay responses as well as academic and character references. Preference will be given to graduating and rising juniors and seniors. The goal is to put together a team of students who will get along well with one another and are interested in the cultural and academic aspects of the program.

All Applications require a refundable \$250 program deposit preferably through a check made out to The King's College. You will turn this in to Dr. Talcott once you're submitted your online application. Applications are not considered complete without the program deposit.

Students will be notified of their acceptance into the program sometime during the week of December 20th. Merry Christmas!

Non-refundable housing deposit: February 14, 2023

Because the securing of apartments is based on the number of students going, there will be a **non-refundable** housing deposit of \$750 due by February 14. Students who do not turn in the deposit by this date will lose their spot in the program. Students on a waiting list will be bumped up and given the option of enrolling.

Program Refunds

If a student withdraws from the program before February 14, 2023, the initial application deposit of \$250 is fully refundable. After that date, it is not.

Housing payments are non-refundable as the college is required to pay for student housing early in the spring semester.

Program and tuition fees are fully refundable up to April 4, 2023.

50% of program and tuition fees are refundable between April 5, and May 2, 2023.

No refunds for withdrawal from the program after May 2, 2023.

In sum:

Applications Available	November 3, 2022
Application and Deposit Deadline (\$250)	December 9, 2022
Non-refundable Housing Deposit (\$750)	February 14, 2023
Program Fees and Remainder of Housing Cost (\$1,250)	March 21, 2023
Tuition Fee Due (\$2,385)	April 25, 2023

Depart for Athens	May 12, 2023
Arrive in Athens	May 13, 2023
Depart Athens	June 03, 2023



If you have any questions contact Dr. Talcott at dtalcott@tkc.edu.

TKC Summer Study Program in Greece 2023 Application

Instructions: You must fill out the application online at https://thekingscollege.formstack.com/forms/study_abroad_application.

Make the deposit payment at <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/096WMZ5N>. The deadline is **Friday, December 9, 2022**, by the end of the business day. Select "Spring 2023" to pay. If you have questions or concerns, contact Dr. Talcott.

Below is what you will be asked on the application:

Basic Information:

Name:
Date of birth:
Primary email address:
Home Phone:
Cell phone:
Class standing:
Expected date of graduation:
Major:
Cumulative GPA:
Current mailing address:

Enrollment:

Please select one of the choices below in terms of your enrollment in the summer courses:

_____ Enrolling for Academic Credit (\$2,385)
_____ Enrolling as a Founder's scholar or because a parent works for King's (\$1,885). See Dr. Bleattler for clearance in this category.
_____ Attending as Auditor (\$1,885)

Short Answer Questions:

1. Do you have a passport?
2. Have you studied Greek in the past? If so, how fluent are you?
3. Do you have any health concerns that the college should be made aware?
4. Have you traveled abroad in the past? If so, where and when?
5. Do you have any concerns or fears about spending three weeks in a foreign country?
6. Do you anticipate any problems with alcohol or drugs that the college should be made aware?

Application Essays (Each response should be between 200-400 words).

1. Why do you want to study abroad with the TKC Greece Summer Study Program?
2. How will you prepare for the differences in culture? How do you think you will be challenged by these differences?
3. How do you think studying abroad will impact you personally, academically, and spiritually?
4. If you do not meet the GPA minimum, write an essay explaining why you believe you are prepared academically to participate in the program.

Academic References

Have two TKC faculty members vouch for your academic ability. List them below. They do not have to write anything for you but will be consulted by the selection committee as needed. (Any faculty or staff traveling to Greece with the program cannot be references).

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- 2.

Character Reference

Have one TKC staff member vouch for your character and conduct. List him or her below. They do not have to write anything for you but will be consulted by the selection committee as needed.

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