

AHA International Greece Quick Facts

Academics

- *Admissions Requirements*
 - 2.5 minimum GPA
 - Sophomore status +
- *Program Academics*
 - Courses typically transfer for 4 AC credits
 - Courses taught in English, except Greek language courses.
 - Semester:
 - Academic focus: archaeology, classical studies, art history, history, literature, modern Greek language and theater
 - 1 Greek language course is mandatory
 - “Monuments of Greece” course is mandatory
 - One or more specialty course(s) taught by visiting US faculty
 - AHA’s Fall semester: Fulfills “S” course requirement
 - AHA’s Spring semester: Fulfills “S” course *spring term* requirement when program runs through May. Student must confirm this with Registrar once program dates are published
 - Summer:
 - Academic focus: art, Greek language, poetry
 - Enroll in one course
 - Fulfills “S” course requirement
 - Alma College allows pass/fail for a course provided it meets guidelines published in the Academic Catalog. Refer to the Pass/Fail Option form (provided with Step 4) for complete instructions. Pass/fail must be requested within nine weeks after the class begins.
 - Incomplete grades must be replaced by letter grades within six weeks from being recorded on the Alma transcript, or they convert to “E”. Contact the Registrar for assistance when you have received an Incomplete grade.

Housing

- Students will live in a shared apartment, typically with 2-4 other students.
- Each apartment will have a small kitchenette.
- Laundry services are available locally, but not within the apartment building.
- Meals are not included in the program fees. There are a number of relatively inexpensive restaurants nearby the Athens Center, but it is less expensive to purchase and prepare your own meals.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. *What travel documents do I need to go to Greece?*
 - A passport is required for international travel and must be valid at least 180 days beyond the last date of the program.
 - A student visa is not required for visits to Greece under 90 days.
 - Semester programs last 87 days; summer programs approximately three weeks. If you participate in only one term, or only the summer sessions and do not extend your stay in Greece with personal travel beyond 90 days, a student visa will not be required.
 - Obtaining a visa involves a great deal of paperwork both in the U.S. and in Greece, can cost up to \$530, and require a lawyer to navigate the paperwork.
2. *Can I use my cell phone in Greece?*
 - Using a U.S. cell phone abroad to make local and/or international calls can be very costly. Check with your service provider for details.
 - One option is purchasing phone cards once you arrive in Greece. It is not recommended to purchase international calling cards while in the United States because they often will not function once you are abroad.
 - PicCell Wireless and other such companies allow students to rent a phone with a global SIM card and charger appropriate for Greece.
 - The cheapest option is to set up Skype or QQ, a free internet-based calling service. Look online for details.
3. *Will I have internet access at school? Should I bring my laptop?*
 - The Athens Centre has a limited computer facility with wireless access, five computers and a printer available. Students must sign up for a particular hour and day, and are limited to one hour on any particular day, or three to four hours in a week.
 - During office hours students can use the wireless internet at the Athens Center and classrooms. Students are encouraged to bring a laptop and printer, but be SURE that the laptop can be used with 220 electricity voltage.
 - We strongly advise students to have their laptops insured before bringing them abroad.
 - There are many internet cafes in Athens and throughout Greece. The cost is approximately 2 - 3 Euros per hour.
4. *What should I expect in terms of public transportation?*
 - Taxi service is relatively inexpensive, especially if shared with other students.
 - Subway and bus transit systems provide good public transportation to areas of interest near and around Athens.
5. *Who can I contact if I have questions about the application process, or general questions about the AHA Greece program?*
 - Your first point of contact should be the AHA official website(www.ahastudyabroad.org).
 - If your questions aren't answered by thoroughly checking the website, call AHA staff at 800-654-2051, or e-mail ahamail@uoregon.edu.
 - The Off-Campus Studies is always here to help answer your questions.