

# Heritage Greece Program 2010

## Academics Overview

The Heritage Greece interdisciplinary academic program is divided in three components. Students will receive three (3) academic credits for participation in a thirty-nine (39) hour program, specially tailored for Heritage Greece students.

The course in the field of Humanities is called the ‘Greek Cultural Experience’ and is divided into various components that engage students in the study of Greek, the life in classical Athens and the contemporary art scene in Athens.

The Heritage Greece program course is taught by a team of exceptional professors from The American College of Greece.

### ‘The Greek Cultural Experience’

Greek language: ‘Everyday Greek’ is addressed to foreign students who wish to familiarize themselves with the Greek language. The aim of the course is to introduce student participants to the basic phonological, morphological and syntactic patterns of Modern Greek and equip them with useful everyday Greek vocabulary. At the end of this course, students will be able to effectively communicate in simple everyday situations (e.g. simple transactions, establishing social contacts). The course serves as a starting point for the systematic study of Greek as a second/foreign language and provides the student with a hands-on approach to learning Greek in a relevant and applicable way. Students will apply what they learn during their stay in Greece and be energized to learn more when they return home. Instructor: Sophia Zevgoli, PhD University of Cambridge.

Life in Classical Athens: The Life in Classical Athens component will focus on the examination of daily life in ancient Athens, in particular during the 5<sup>th</sup> Century BC period. The course will combine lectures and field trips to significant archaeological sites. The integration of historical information complemented by direct experience is a proven way to instill knowledge, a sense of identity and appreciation of the past in the modern world. The Athenian Agora and museum provide the backdrop for lively discussions on democracy and an everyday glimpse into the lives of the everyday citizen. The Acropolis offers a unique opportunity to analyze ancient Greek architecture, its symbolic meaning as well as an exploration into ancient building methodology. The Parthenon serves as the springboard for discussing religious beliefs and practices. The festival of the Great Panathenaia provides insight into the importance of athletics in ancient Greece. Finally, a visit at the New Acropolis Museum will introduce student participants to life in ancient Athens from a unique perspective that explores the way various citizens are depicted in sculpture and art. Instructor: Angeliki Pollali, PhD University of Essex.

The Contemporary Art Scene in Athens: An introduction to contemporary art created by Greek artists. Creative processes, theoretical approaches and artistic mobility are

explored within the context of Greek cultural heritage: the art of antiquity. Travel has been a dominant characteristic of Greeks since antiquity: it is through the personal "odyssey" that the contemporary Greek artist transforms ideas of the inherited cultural background into visual statements. The lectures are complemented by visual material as well as by two visits to the major Contemporary Art collections in Athens. Instructor: Ms. Effie Halivopoulou, Master of Fine Arts Pratt Institute.

## **Academic Credit:**

DEREE – The American College of Greece is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). NEASC, the oldest and largest accrediting organization in the United States, currently recognizes only six overseas higher education institutions. In 1981 Deree College became the first overseas higher education institution to be accredited by NEASC. This was an historic achievement, which established the distinction of DERE – The American College of Greece amongst its peers.

NEASC accreditation is particularly important when students wish to easily transfer credits to another US college or university, or earn transfer credits when transferring to Deree from a US institution. Credits earned in its traditional semester/session system may be transferred back to the student's home institution depending on the corresponding course transferability policies.