



## STUDENT VISA GUIDE (US CITIZENS)

A student visa is required by the European Union for non-EU citizens or residents. We will guide you through the visa application process; however, it is your responsibility to obtain your student visa prior to your arrival in Greece. Keep in mind that you should start the visa process **no more than 90 days prior to your arrival in Greece.**

Once your deposit has been settled, you will receive from us an envelope containing the official acceptance letters from ACG, as well as ACG certifications. Specific instructions on depositing are contained within your acceptance email. If you have been nominated by your international program's office to study abroad at ACG through one of our exchange partner institutions, the tuition deposit is not applicable. **Please keep an eye out for an important email from [iss@acg.edu](mailto:iss@acg.edu) to confirm your personal details that are required to generate your acceptance letters.** Once you have made the necessary arrangements, the International Student Services Office in Greece will send the letters to you via courier.

Please make sure to visit the official website of the Greek Consulate, where you will find a detailed list of the required documents for a student visa application. We also strongly recommend that you contact the specific Greek Consulate where you intend to apply, in order to confirm the exact documentation requirements and inquire about the interview process, if applicable.

To locate your nearest Greek Consulate and access full contact details, please visit:

<https://www.mfa.gr/usa/en/the-embassy/embassy-sections/consular-office/#:~:text=Apart%20from%20the%20Consular%20Office,Consulates%20in%20Atlanta%20and%20Houston.>

All students must submit an FBI Background check to the consulate as part of their visa application. The wait time for an FBI background check can vary, so we recommend you consider using an approved channeler to expedite the process. You can find information on the process, as well as a list of approved channelers here:

<https://www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-help-you/more-fbi-services-and-information/identity-history-summary-checks#FBI-Approved-Channeler>



## Important Student Visa Information

### National Type D (H.5.1) - Student Visa Requirements:

1. **A completed and signed [application form](#)**
2. **Valid passport** with at least two blank pages valid for at least 3 months after the date you intend to leave the EU country you are visiting.
3. **One color photograph** conforming to [ICAO standards](#) (2x2 inches). Please note that it must be **glued** on the application form. Applications with stapled photographs will be rejected
4. **Acceptance letter** from the institution where you will be studying certified by the prefectorial office (provided by ACG)
5. **Visa fee** paid in USD. For the exact amount, please call the consulate.
6. **Medical certificate** issued by a recognized state or private institution, showing that the person concerned does not suffer from a disease, which may constitute a risk to public health, as well as other infectious, contagious or parasitic diseases, imposing the taking of measures to protect public health - - we will provide you with the template for this letter.
7. **FBI criminal record**, certifying the criminal status of the applicant in the country of his/her residence.
8. **Travel insurance**, with a duration equal to, at minimum that of the visa issued covering the costs, which may arise in case of repatriation for medical reasons, for urgent medical care and/or for emergency hospital care (minimum coverage of €30,000).
9. **Proof of funds** for the duration of stay in Greece – minimum \$650 per month you will reside in Greece. Students studying for a semester (4 months) must prove access to a minimum of \$2600. (signed and notarized affidavit from your parents or guardians stating they will cover all your living expenses while in Greece if student is a financial dependent – if you are financially independent then you do not need to provide a parental affidavit). We will provide you with a template for the affidavit if needed.
  - a. Parents' bank and credit card statements for financially dependent students OR student's bank and credit card statements from the **last three months**
  - b. Parents' OR student's W2 forms for the **last two years**

#### Notes:

- **The Consular Office reserves the right to ask for further documentation, in addition to the above mentioned**
- The applicant must provide a set of photocopies of the above original documents
- All visa applicants must appear in person in order to submit their application at least two weeks prior to their trip
- Once the visa has been approved and issued, the consulate can mail your passport to your residence if you provide a pre-paid USPS express envelope from the post office
- Minors cannot apply for their own visa. Parents or guardians will have to give their consent in person

*\*Information verified by the Consulate General of Greece*

If you have any questions or concerns about the visa process, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to help you through the process.

*A student visa is a requirement for study in Greece and enrollment at The American College of Greece.*

*The aforementioned personal data is kept exclusively for the College's needs in accordance with the relative law (N.2472/1987).*



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### HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE GREEK VISA APPLICATION

Please use this information as a guideline to help you answer questions on the visa application. It is not intended to answer all the questions for you.

**\*Please make sure to list all dates as DD/MM/YYYY.**

**\*Please complete in CAPITAL letters.**

**\*No cross-outs or white-outs are permitted: If you make an error please complete a new form.**

**\*Enter N/A for any questions that do not pertain to you.**

#12: In case of Minors. **Write N/A.** You are not a minor.

#13: National identity number. **Write N/A.** This refers to a Greek ID.

#14: Type of Travel Document. **Tick "Ordinary Passport."**

#15-17: Refers to your passport number, date issued and expiry date.

#18: Travel Document Issued By: This is listed as the Authority on your passport.

#23: Current Occupation: **Write "Student."**

#24: Main purpose of journey: **Tick the box "Studies..."**

#25: Date of Arrival in Greece: ex: Fall: 09/09/20xx or Spring: 09/01/20xx (**please check the academic calendar attached to your acceptance email for your exact arrival dates**)

#26: Applicant's Greek address:

**28 Athanasiou Diakou  
Aghia Paraskevi  
15342  
Athens, Greece**

### **Skip to and Complete Section C**

#47: Name of School: Write "The American College of Greece"

Address of School:

**6 Gravias Street GR-153 42  
Aghia Paraskevi  
Athens, Greece**

School telephone #: **+30 210 600 9800**

School email address: [iss@acg.edu](mailto:iss@acg.edu)

**PLEASE MAKE SURE TO SIGN YOUR APPLICATION WHERE INDICATED BY THE CONSULATE!**

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