



College Year in Athens

2024-2025

Anthropology ● Archaeology ● Architecture ● Art History ● Business ● Classics ● Communication  
Cultural Heritage ● Economics ● Environmental Studies ● History ● Information Science  
International Relations ● Literature ● Modern Greek Language ● Neuroscience ● Philosophy  
Political Science ● Psychology ● Religion ● Sociology ● Theater ● Urbanism & Sustainability



## ► Welcome to CYA

CYA (College Year in Athens) is a non-profit educational institution that has been serving as a cultural and educational bridge between Greece and the United States for 60 years, with the goal of expanding perspectives and providing exceptional academic experiences.

Our vision is to help students transform into global citizens who understand and appreciate other cultures.

Following the wisdom of Socrates, “I am not an Athenian or a Greek, I am a citizen of the world,” CYA aims to transform students into global citizens who have a cosmopolitan view of themselves and the world.

CYA provides unique, academically rigorous courses that include field study and on-site components, encouraging hands-on and experiential learning. CYA courses utilize the landscape of Greece, and Athens especially, as a classroom, placing students in direct contact with their objects of study. Semester and year-long programs are available, as well as winter and summer sessions.

*“My semester at CYA has provided me with such amazing opportunities and friendships that I will hold onto forever. [...] I have learned so much about my strengths as an individual as I navigated my way through new experiences.”*

*Eliana Boxerman, Spring 2023, Tufts University*

## ► Fun Facts

- Greece is the sunniest country in Europe, enjoying more than 250 days of sunshine, or 3,000 sunny hours a year!
- Greece has more archaeological museums than any other country in the world.
- Athens has 148 theater stages, more than the West End and Broadway combined.
- Greece’s coastline measures a whopping 13,676 km, or 8,498 miles. No point in Greece is more than 85 miles or 137 kilometers from water.
- The Mediterranean diet is considered one of the healthiest in the world.
- Greek is one of the oldest written languages in existence.
- Athens is home to the first known democracy.
- Cats are a large part of everyday life in Greece. Often, they roam neighborhoods freely!
- On average, Greeks consume 5 kilos of yogurt, 5.5 kilos of coffee, 26.9 liters of wine and 153.1 liters of olive oil per capita each year.

*“Not only did I find a new sense of liberation studying abroad, but I built new skills and acquired deeper, more focused knowledge in my area of study.”*

*Braden Dwinell, Spring 2023, Saint Michael’s College*

## ► Life in Athens

Renowned for both its ancient history and modern culture, Athens is home to some of the most important monuments, museums, and ancient sites, as well as a thriving contemporary art and music scene.

Galleries, theaters, and live music venues are found in every neighborhood and often host shows and performances by exciting artists from all over the world.

The city is also known for its abundance of charming cafes and restaurants (Athens is home to five Michelin starred restaurants!), where you are encouraged to take your time enjoying the company of friends.

Pangrati, where CYA is located, is known for its student vibe, evident in the abundance of great cafes and restaurants within a half-mile radius of the Academic Center. Pangrati is also home to a Laiki, or weekly farmer’s market.

Athens is close to many great beaches in the southern suburbs, but there is also easy access to the port, where you can take a ferry to nearby islands for day trips or weekend excursions.





**Live the Experience**

# Courses Offered in

- ▶ Anthropology
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## ▶ STEM Courses

Starting 2024, CYA will offer STEM courses with lab component in collaboration with the National Centre for Scientific Research ‘Demokritos’ in Greece.

## ▶ Athens as a Classroom

Many classes are held on-site around the city, adding a new dimension to learning and a global understanding of the subject.

## ▶ Library Resources

The CYA Library, organized and managed for the students and faculty, serves as a learning resource center and, as such, provides up-to-date print and electronic collections and services necessary to support the objectives of CYA and help students develop academically and professionally. Textbooks and other course materials are issued on loan from the Library throughout the semester. Apart from the CYA Library, students have also access to one of the most important libraries in Athens, the Blegen Library of the American School of Classical Studies.

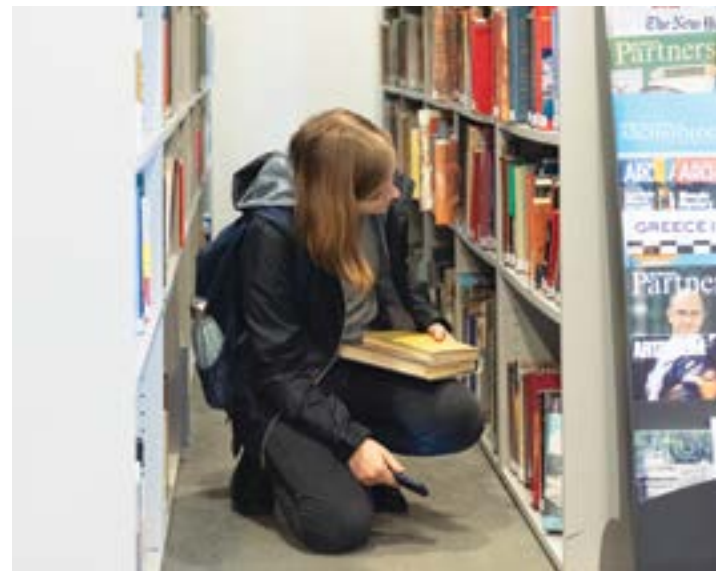
*“Academically, studying abroad gave me an opportunity to learn about topics like international relations and immigration from a perspective that is not rooted in the United States. Professionally, Greece allowed me to explore other career options including becoming a diplomat or an educator.”*

*Jose Luis Gutierrez Jr., Fall 2022, University of Southern California*

## ▶ Academic Support

CYA provides an additional range of free services to assist you, including:

- Academic Advising
- Language Lab
- Academic Writing Lab



# Learning Beyond the Classroom

Enrich your academic experience through a variety of activities that offer hands-on learning in the dynamic and diverse environment of Greece.

## ► Conferences & Networking Opportunities

We regularly host on-campus academic lectures by expert guest speakers who present their research and prompt discussion on current issues or topics of debate. This is a unique opportunity to network with the local community and academia.

CYA students have the opportunity to attend international conferences within Greece and Europe including the renowned Delphi Economic Forum.

Every spring semester we host the CYA Annual Student Conference which aims to provoke broad-based and multi-disciplinary discussion on a chosen topic. The two-day conference includes an address by a keynote speaker and is open to the whole CYA community.

## ► Hands-on Workshops

Bronze Age Wall Paintings ● Linear B ● Marble Carving ● Mosaic Making

Mud-brick Making ● Mycenaean Metallurgy ● Oil Lamp Workshop

Vase Painting



## ► Academic Seminars

Free admission and certificate of participation

- Ancient Economies: Networks & Trade in the Eastern Mediterranean
- Art & Public Space: Urban Narratives
- Legal Terminology in its Graeco-Roman Context
- Media Workshop XYZ
- Textual Criticism and Paleography
- The Protection of Heritage in the 21st century: Definitions, History, Legislation, Case Studies
- Greek Coins: Between Art, Money, and Ideology
- Food for Thought: Kitchen Chemistry meets Greek Tradition
- An Introduction to Environmental Archaeology & Bioarchaeology
- History and Anthropology of making and wearing Jewels in Greece
- Trafficking in Human Beings

*“CYA encouraged learning while being immersed in our surrounding area, and this was a dramatic difference from many academic courses that I have taken before. This redefined how I saw the purpose of school: at CYA my perspective once again shifted and I was learning because of genuine curiosity and interest.”*

*Caroline Porkert, Spring 2023, Pomona College*



# Study Travel

## Explore Greece, Europe and Beyond

*Study travel is an integral part of the CYA program. Led by faculty and experts with extensive knowledge of the relevant sites and locale, these trips give you the opportunity to explore Greece and some of its most significant sites, which are among the most impressive and beautiful in the world. Itineraries vary between the fall and spring semesters and according to the academic focus of each group of students.*

### ► Field Study

Experience historically and culturally significant sites and regions first-hand, interact with the people and landscape of Greece. CYA-led field trips supplement the academic program and include:

- Pre-departure lectures
- Exciting projects
- Wrap-up sessions

—The cost of these field trips is included in the fees.



### Destinations

**Delphi** – Hossios Loukas – Arahova or Itea  
(both semesters)

**Peloponnese:** Nafplio, Patras, Kalamata, Sparta, Mycenae, Epidaurus, Kalavryta, Pylos, Gythio  
(both semesters\*)

**Crete:** Heraklion, Rethymno, Chania, Knossos, Phaestos, Mallia, Spinaloga (fall semester\*)

**Northern Greece:** Thessaloniki, Ambelakia, Vergina, Kastoria, Ioannina, Dodoni, Metsovo, Volos, Pelion, Roupel, Lake Kerkinia (spring semester\*)

\*Locations vary depending on the study travel theme selected by each student



## ► Optional Field Study

Explore places of interest within Greece and Europe in addition to the semester's field trips. Led by experienced faculty, the trips combine academics, history, contemporary culture and personal exploration. Optional trips take place over a 3-day weekend and vary each semester.

—Optional trips require a supplemental fee which is kept low, making it affordable for students.



## Destinations

*Crete, Rhodes, Andros Island,  
 Meteora-Metsovo-Ioannina, Rome, Venice-Ravenna*

*“Go on the optional trips. They were some of the most important experiences to me while I was in Greece. Optional trips contained the perfect mix of academic and cultural education. Interacting with locals, visiting sites, and experiencing the landscape made up my favorite memories from my three and a half months away. As a program, CYA draws in intelligent and curious students which meant I was surrounded by classmates that further enhanced my experiences.”*

*Kayla Ellis, Fall 2021, Gettysburg College*



# Getting Involved

## Volunteering & Internships

*Volunteering is a great way to gain experience, build friendships, and network while in Athens. We assist dozens of students in arranging volunteer or internship placements. Our students have interned and volunteered in local soup kitchens, refugee aid, environmental groups, animal welfare, special needs education, film & theater, writing & editing, libraries, museums, art galleries, kindergartens and marketing & advertising.*

### CYA Media Lab Internship

Students interested in building their portfolio, knowledge, and skills in digital media and communications can take advantage of CYA's great in-house internship opportunity. Applications are open to all CYA students before the beginning of each semester.

—Internships at some organizations may be arranged as part of specific courses

## ► Immerse Yourself in the Local Community

Education — Humanitarian — Environmental — Animal Welfare — LGBTQ  
Libraries — Architecture — Museums — Foreign Policy — Think-tanks  
Pre-med — Biomedical research

*"It was so fascinating to be there in the operating room, to watch the surgeons perform their work so meticulously. Even as an observer, it really left a lasting impact on me. It's something that I'll think back to in the future and I'll remember that I was able to see this when I was in Greece."*

Alice Cheng, Fall 2022, Union College





# Soak up Summer in Greece

## ▶ Summer Sessions

Summer is an exceptional time to study in Greece, with a choice of unique CYA courses tailored to combine academics with authentic experiences while taking advantage of the sun, the sea and the vibrant summer culture from Athens to the islands.

We offer summer courses over two consecutive four-week sessions that run between the end of May and the end of July. All summer courses include extensive travel to mainland and island destinations. Each course's itinerary is different, based on the course's subject and discipline; therefore, students may enroll in only one course per session.

### Disciplines:

*Anthropology – Archaeology/Archaeological Excavation  
Art History – Business – Cultural Heritage – Engineering  
Economics – History – Literature – Philosophy  
Political Science – Psychology – Religion  
Urbanism/Environmental Studies*

### Islands visited\*:

**Santorini, Crete, Rhodes, Paros/Antiparos, Naxos, Syros, Tinos, Delos, Cos, Amorgos, Poros, Thassos**

—Explore Greece's rich history, get involved in an archaeological excavation or delve into the country's culture and environment.

Learn more at: [cyathens.org/summer-sessions](https://cyathens.org/summer-sessions)

\*Island destinations vary depending on the course selected



# Winter in Athens

## ▶ Winter Intersession

### Gain experience and credit by participating in one of CYA's three-week January programs

Immerse yourself in a fascinating, fast-paced course within and about the city of Athens, or participate in an excavation that's taking place in Voula, a southern suburb of Athens.

Learn more at: [cyathens.org/winter-session](https://cyathens.org/winter-session)

### Anthropology of the City: Exploring Modern Athens

Learn how urban environments have been studied in the social science and how we can apply those ideas to Athens, a vibrant, multi-layered, cosmopolitan city.

### Voula Field School (excavation)

Gain excavation experience and credit towards your archaeology major by participating in the three-week Voula Field School in Athens.

The excavation site is associated with Aixonidai Halai, one of the ten demes of ancient Attica.

*“Spending even a single month in Greece was enough to show me how much variety of human experience existed in the world, and it significantly changed how I saw my own life in the U.S.”*

*William McClelland, Summer 2022, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*





# Why CYA?

In Greece, your textbooks come to life! CYA is perfectly positioned for students to take advantage of all that Greece, the Mediterranean, and Europe have to offer. Apply today to expand your perspective and become a global citizen with us in Athens.

## ► Fees

To help you make a financial plan, a comprehensive breakdown of fees and estimated budget is available on the CYA website. We recommend that prospective students check with their study abroad office for complete information on study abroad costs. (All fees are quoted in U.S. dollars).

## ► Scholarships

We base eligibility for our scholarships on financial need and awards range in amounts up to half the cost of a semester's tuition.

CYA students accepted for a semester/year are eligible to apply.

Need-based scholarships of limited amounts may be awarded to summer students. Contact the Registrar to inquire about eligibility for summer scholarships.

*As a non-profit study abroad institution, we aim to help our students find as many options as possible for financial assistance.*





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*“An amazing way to **gain cross-cultural experience**. Every day, I was immersed in the culture and able to learn from and interact with the locals. I was able to gain a **greater sense of independence** during my travels and everyday experiences. My course was an **amazing hands-on learning experience** and I have been able to take many concepts I learned abroad and apply them to my academic studies at home.”*

*Grace Wilson, Summer 2022, University of Virginia*



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