

Study Abroad in GREECE



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American College of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Greece

PCIEP's partner institution in Greece is the American College of Thessaloniki (ACT). ACT is the third branch of Anatolia College. The school has 3 divisions, Anatolia Elementary, Anatolia High School and the American College of Thessaloniki. ACT has been around since 1886, is non-profit and has a comprehensive undergraduate curriculum. American College of Thessaloniki is known for being "the road less taken" inside a cultural filled city. ACT has a large international student body welcoming students from about 30 different countries.

The school has a wide range of community outreach programs and cultural immersion experiences that open student's eyes to see a broader view of the world. ACT is an active community that offers students the chance to explore nature, the city, various clubs and workshops and field trips. Students can visit the birthplace of Alexander the Great, beaches galore and history as deep as the ocean. PCIEP works closely with the international Programs Office on campus which provides a strong support system assisting students with all of their needs. The staff provides on-site orientation for study abroad and international students to the campus and life in the big city. The campus has an on-site doctor and provides information on different services that are provided to students.

All courses are taught in English.

The Director of International Programs oversees all international students and programs and serves as our student's primary contact on campus and organizes on-site orientation, housing, registration, familiarity trips to the city, coaching on using the transportation system, cultural immersion programs and emergencies for PCIEP students.

Academic Programs Available for Education Abroad Students

ACT has a variety of courses the students can partake in with facilities that are unique to Southeastern Europe. They are offered at a high academic standard and range from technology and business to Greek language, history, culture and art.

Sample Courses include:

*Accounting 101: Financial Accounting

*Business Administration 242: European Business Law

APPLY TODAY

Now Accepting Applications for
Spring, Summer, and Fall 2020

DEADLINES

- **Spring 2020:** October 15, 2019
- **Summer 2020:** March 31, 2020
- **Fall 2020:** April 10, 2020

HOW TO APPLY

To register to study abroad in spring and/or fall 2020, complete the PCIEP online application on our website at www.GlobalPartnerships.US

COST: Listed in this brochure

Questions? Contact

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- *History 120: The Modern World
- *History 232: History of Thessaloniki
- *History 230: Byzantine History
- *Social Science 210: Introduction to Global Studies and Human Geographies
- *Anthropology 210: Introduction to Contemporary Greek Culture and Society
- *English 288: Greek Literature in Translation
- *Greek 101: Beginning Modern Greek I
- *Humanities 204: Exploring Ancient Greek Language and Culture
- *Humanities 230: The World of Alexander the Great
- *Sea Sail 101: Introduction to Sea Sailing (learn how to operate 36+ boat and earn an international sailing license by the end of class)
- *Sea Sail 201: Introduction to Racing Sea Sailing (practice boat handling, race rules and tactics and have the chance to participate in racing events in Thessaloniki)

SERVICE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:

Community Service offered through ACT helps reflect the community focus that the institution has adopted. Students will have a variety of places to choose from to join in service learning opportunities. Students at ACT can choose between 20 carefully selected NGO sites around the city to volunteer at. Some of the places where students can volunteer include working at a special needs center, a soup kitchen and local schools to name a few.

Examples of service learning opportunities for students include:

- *Special Needs Center: Students volunteer at various organizations that support and offer creative and educational outlets for people with special needs.
- *Soup Kitchens: Students work alongside locals to prepare food for people in need. It is also a great place to practice speaking in Greek while learning how to cook local meals and providing necessary work to make everything run smoothly and more efficiently.
- *Local Schools: Students volunteer as teacher's assistants in English programs at local elementary schools. Each school is unique and although the work may be challenging at times, it will be very rewarding as well.
- *Tutoring: Students can volunteer to provide assistance in math, science, history or other subjects to high school age students who are struggling in school. Some schools organize groups of students to practice their English conversational skills with students from ACT.
- *Urban Living: Students can volunteer to help out with events throughout the city such as beach clean up, organizing a day of sports, cultural and tree planting initiatives and weeding green areas.

Additional Information

EXCURSIONS AND CULTURAL IMMERSION EXPERIENCES

The American College of Thessaloniki has a wide variety of trips that are offered throughout the year for students to make the most of their time abroad. These trips are free for all study abroad students.

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Examples:

- *Athens and Delphi: 3 day trip to the southern mainland of Greece. Visit the site of Delphi, receive a guided tour of the museum, see the Parthenon and the Monastiraki open-air market in Athens.
- *Vergina: A day trip to learn about Alexander the Great during a visit of the Royal Tombs of King Phillips II and the Macedonian Dynasty.
- *Mt Olympus: Weekend hiking trip up Greece's highest mountain (2918m/9574ft).
- *Chalkidiki-Mt Athos: Weekend trip to explore the peninsula of Chalkidiki including swim time, a boat ride and a visit to Ouranopoli.
- *Canyoning: Day trip of adventure that includes swimming, cliff jumping and rappelling off waterfalls into a river that flows through a canyon of Mt Olympus.
- *Pozar Hot Springs: Day trip to the thermal hot springs near Edessa

STUDENT LIFE:

Student life is pulsating just like the city that surrounds it. Students can be involved in one of the many clubs on campus which will be available for study abroad students to join in orientation or run for the spot saved on student government for the study abroad population. Students can explore Greece through organized field trips seeing the Acropolis of Athens, the oracle of Delphi, the hot baths of Aridea and the royal tombs of Vergina. They also have the option to go on outdoor adventures such as rafting, sailing, biking or scuba diving through the blue waters. The city hosts many workshops to do wine tasting, cooking, pottery, dancing and more leading to a better understanding on the culture. Thessaloniki is full of shops, cafes, bars and squares all offering unique sights and sounds.

HOUSING

The American College of Thessaloniki provides off campus housing for their study abroad students in safe areas near downtown Thessaloniki. The locations are nearby the city public bus system with buses running every 10-15 minutes. ACT also provides a shuttle bus service to and from the campus once a day. Each residence has their own Residence Assistant who helps students to settle in and plan activities.

The apartments are furnished, however students are to provide their own kitchenware and linens. Housing comes with a bed, table, stove, sink, refrigerator and private bathroom. There is free Wi-Fi and access to a common washing machine.

HEALTH INSURANCE

All international students are required to have valid health insurance from the US and are responsible for confirming with their insurance agents that the insurance can be used in Greece. PCIEP can offer referrals to other private health insurance companies that offer health insurance plans specifically for students studying abroad. Contact PCIEP if you are interested in enrolling for this insurance plan. Students are advised to refer to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) website for specific vaccination information for India.

PRE-DEPARTURE AND ON-SITE ORIENTATION

All students studying abroad at MCC through PCIEP have a mandatory pre-departure orientation session they need to participate in. This orientation covers several topics and issues to enable students to learn what to do on arrival, help you adjust well to your new campus and surroundings, become familiar with local cultural norms, and get over jet lag. After arrival in Chennai, India, all PCIEP students will participate in an onsite orientation at MCC.

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Study Abroad Comprehensive Fees for the Academic Year 2019-2020

Fall 2019 or Spring I 2020

Credits & Room Type	
up to 15 Credits Double Studio	\$11,594
up to 15 Credits Private Studio	\$12,104

Spring II 2020

Credits & Room Type	
6 Credits Double Studio	\$6,987
6 Credits Private Studio	\$7,292

Combo Spring I & II 2020

Credits & Room Type	
up to 21 Credits Double Studio	\$15,430
up to 21 Credits Private Studio	\$16,184

Summer 2020

Credits & Room Type	
6 Credits Double Studio	\$5,407
6 Credits Private Studio	\$5,812
3 Credits Double Studio	\$3,976
3 Credits Private Studio	\$4,381

Combo Spring II & Summer 2020

Credits & Room Type	
12 Credits Double Studio	\$11,594
12 Credits Private Studio	\$12,104



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PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- Course Credit
 - 15 credits for the Fall or Spring
 - 21 credits for Spring I & II
 - 12 credits for Spring II & Summer
 - 3-6 credits in the Summer
- E-books for applicable courses
- Pre-departure support
- Airport welcome
- Studio accommodations at off-campus housing with complimentary laundry facilities
- A Greek/English-speaking RA in each residence
- Two-day Orientation
- Morning and evening shuttle bus-service between the residence hall and campus
- ACT Student ID card
- ACT workshops and guest lectures
- Full access to Bissell Library resources
- Two-night trip to Athens and Delphi
- Day trip to the Macedonian Royal Tombs in Vergina
- Residence Permit Support
- Technical and IT Support
- Academic tutors and support
- On-campus resident doctor or nurse (as per office hours)
- Counseling Office (by appointment)
- Clubs and Sports
- On Campus Gym (limited hours)
- 24-hour Access to running track
- Free Wi-Fi access on campus and in the residence
- Service Learning Center access and SL placement
- Transcripts

PROGRAM EXCLUSIONS

- Transportation to/from program
- Visa & Residence Permit fees (if applicable)
- Personal communication costs (e.g., phone, etc.)
- Travel, accident and medical insurance (to be arranged prior to departure by participants)
- Books and supplies
- Entertainment and personal expenses
- Cost of additional trips offered exclusively to ACT students
- Other items not expressly included in the program itinerary

ADDITIONAL COSTS AND FEES

HOUSING DEPOSIT: \$300

ACT follows a first come first serve housing policy. By sending in your housing application and deposit fee, you reserve your room. The deposit is refunded at the end of the successful completion of the semester, less any fees for damages.

ADDITIONAL COURSE CREDIT: \$320 / credit hour

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ESTIMATED PERSONAL LIVING COSTS(in Euros and US Dollars*):

- **Food:** 250€ - 300€ / month (Approx. \$280 - \$335)
- **Local Transportation:** 30€ - 80€ / month (Approx. \$35 - \$90)
- **Entertainment:** 100€ - 150€ / month (Approx. \$112 - \$170)
- **Books and Supplies:** 50€ - 150€ (Approx. \$60 - \$170)

**Actual cost in US Dollars will vary depending on the exchange rate at the time of exchange*

VISA COSTS: \$120 (subject to change)

Visa must be obtained prior to departure from the US. The application and fee are submitted directly to the Greek Embassy/Consulate nearest to you. The fee may vary by Embassy. **Contact the Greek Embassy nearest to you for the most current information on visa application process, forms to be completed and submitted, deadlines and fees.**

GREEK RESIDENCE PERMIT COSTS (In Euros and US Dollars*):

- 169€ (\$180) Residence permit fee for one year
- 120€ (\$135) Greek insurance valid for 1 year (duration of residence permit)
- 400€ (\$450) Bank deposit that can be liquidated (student keeps the money) after application procedure

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