Overview
Excavate in Greece this summer and earn course credit! ART 304 provides a unique, hands-on introduction to the methods, theories, and practice of excavation and archaeological survey. Students explore an ancient city and its surrounding territory on the northern coast of Greece. On-site experience is complemented by seminars, guest lectures, and trips. The course is ideal for anyone interested in the ancient world who wants to travel and work outdoors.

The Archaeological Site
The site was a sizeable 7th–4th cen. BC Greek colony and trading port reoccupied in the 4th cen. AD. Archaeological research aims to elucidate Greek-Thracian interaction, to investigate the form and function of a trading port, to map trade and connectivity, and to evaluate the changing relationship between the settlement and the environment.

Academic Program
Students participate in the daily excavation, survey, recording, and preservation of the site, learning the skills and methods of archaeology. They rotate in small groups through excavation, survey, and museum/lab, and are introduced to a variety of archaeological disciplines such as archaeobotany and zooarchaeology. Lectures and seminars provide an introduction to Greek archaeology and offer opportunities to discuss the team's findings. Students write weekly papers and daily journal entries. A weekly modern Greek class helps students make the most of their time abroad.

Eligibility
No academic prerequisites. The course will entail lifting and other physical labor in the heat, including extensive walks during survey work. Students should be prepared to engage in a collaborative work environment.

Housing
Students share hotel rooms in the city Komotini (two students per room).

Cost
Students are responsible for their airfare, weekday dinners, and weekend meals. The project covers the costs of the hotel, breakfast, snack, lunch, weekly site transportation, airport transfer to/from Thessaloniki, and Saturday trips (transportation and museum/site fees). See reverse for Financial Aid Information session
February 11, 2019, 12:30pm
Office of International Programs
Louis A. Simpson International Building
Application Deadline: February 18, 2019
Financial Aid
Generous financial aid is available from the Program in Archaeology / the Department of Art and Archaeology. Students are also urged to seek funding from sources such as Hellenic Studies and the Dean’s Fund for Study Abroad.

Application Process
Complete the applications materials within GPS, which include a CV, a letter of recommendation (not necessarily from a faculty member), and a personal statement answering the following question: Please describe why you want to participate in an excavation and survey this summer. What do you hope to gain from the experience, and what do you think you can contribute? Questions about the application process should be directed to Francesca Schenker, Assistant Director of Study Abroad, fs12@princeton.edu.

Weekly Schedule
5:00    breakfast
5:30    depart from hotel
6:00–9:30 excavation, survey, or museum work
9:30–10:00 snack
10:00–13:00 excavation, survey, or museum work
13:30–14:00 lunch
15:00–17:00 optional museum/lab work
18:00–20:00 Tuesday: modern Greek
18:00–20:00 Wednesday: lecture
18:00–20:00 Friday: seminar
Saturdays trips to regional archaeological sites
Sundays free time

Student Life
Students have free time many weekday afternoons and on Sundays. The city of Komotini offers museums, restaurants, cafes, and stores. Beaches and nearby cities of interest such as Xanthi and Alexandroupolis are accessible by bus and taxi.

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