

Archaeology in the Field

ART / CLA / HLS



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 antiquity who wants to travel and work outdoors.

The Archaeological Site

The site was a sizeable 7th-4th cen. BC coastal settlement reoccupied in the 4th cen. AD.

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.

Guest lectures and weekly seminars provide an introduction to 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.

Highlights

Program Dates: June 13–July 25, 2015

Eligibility: No prerequisites. Students must be in good physical condition, capable of working long days in the heat, and eager to work in a team environment.

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

Cost: Students cover their airfare, weekday dinners, weekend meals, and a \$500 course fee. 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).

Application Deadline: January 9, 2015

Financial Aid: Students are urged to seek funding from sources such as Hellenic Studies and the Dean's Fund for Study Abroad.

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Weekly Schedule

- 5:00: breakfast
- 5:30: leave 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: Tue: modern Greek
- 18:00-20:00: Wed: lecture
- 18:00-20:00: Fri: seminar
- **Saturdays:** trips to regional archaeological sites
- **Sundays:** free



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 Alexandroupoli are accessible by bus and taxi.

Housing

Students stay in a hotel (two students per room) at the center of the city of Komotini, a 30-minute drive from the archaeological site.

Application Process

1. **Complete the online study abroad application:** <http://www.princeton.edu/oip/sap/process/academicyear/forms/approval>. *Note: Although this program takes place during the summer, you will be using the approval form for academic year study abroad. You do NOT have to complete Part II of the application.*
 - Essay: 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? **Note: This essay question replaces the question found on the application itself.**
2. **In a single e-mail sent to oip@princeton.edu, submit your resume** (saved as "first_lastname_resume") and **Princeton transcript** as e-mail attachments.
3. **Letter of recommendation**, not necessarily from a faculty member. Recommenders should send their letters to oip@princeton.edu.

Questions about the application process should be directed to Kenneth Yanes (kyanes@princeton.edu), Assistant Director of Study Abroad.

