

Journey to Greece 2009 Courses:

All classes will meet daily for a total of 36 contact hours per course. In addition, students are expected to meet the daily assignments, readings, excursions and activities that are planned as part of the integrated curriculum at the University. A detailed syllabus and requirements will be posted on line for each class to all students accepted into the program. It is highly recommended that students acquire the textbooks and begin their readings prior to the start of classes.

Modern Greek Language – LANG 101/102 (3 credits)

A beginner (101) and intermediate (102) level language course designed to offer initial steps in the Greek language. Dialogues, conversation, and intensive drills in grammar, syntax and vocabulary are designed to help students lay the foundations to achieving a working knowledge in the spoken and written language. Conversational Greek will be stressed with ample opportunity for students to practice daily.

Modern Greek Society and Culture - ANTH 430-1/SOC 430-18

(3 Credits)

An examination of the ethnographic make-up of Modern Greek society, family, gender roles, village organization, traditions and kinship. The course will examine how Greek identity has evolved. Students will explore the concepts of honor, shame, patronage, customs and ritual as they apply to the workplace, the marketplace, coffee house, and church. The course will analyze the ways in which Greek culture has adapted to social and economic change, including the effects of mass tourism and Greek membership in the European Union. Students will explore the differences between modern Greek culture and Greek American culture today.

History of the Orthodox Church - HIST 482-2/REL 410-9 (3 Credits)

The *History of the Orthodox Church* aims to acquaint the student with the historical development of the Orthodox Church from the early Byzantine period to the contemporary age. This course is structured in such a way as to present the Orthodox Church as a living organism that evolves through time, one that is impacted by events in the socio-political terrain which it inhabits, while at the same time impacting the socio-cultural space in which it is embedded. In such terms, this survey of the historical development of the Church becomes a platform from which we may

observe the diverse ways in which Orthodoxy has influenced social life, giving rise to a unique form of expression that is wholly and unmistakably Orthodox.

Ancient Greek Plays – THE 460-3 (3 Credits)

The objective of this course is to acquaint the students with the literature of Ancient Greece within the context of the socio-political and historical framework which engendered it. This exceptional combination will allow the students to become familiar with the Ancient Greek spirit and philosophy through plays that were written thousands of years ago but that can still captivate a 21st century audience, while at the same time offering an ideal educational outline for the better understanding of the past, present and future of Greek society and culture. During this course, the students will be exposed to the timeless significance of these plays, they will experience the lyricism of Ancient Greek words exactly as were uttered by the First Actor, they will watch Ancient Greek tragedies enacted by some of the most celebrated actors of Greece, and they will enjoy the rare opportunity to listen to Ancient Greek musical creations. The students will also be introduced to several Ancient Greek musical instruments and will have the opportunity to hear samples of some of these instruments played.

The European Union and Greek Foreign Policy—PSCI 480-1/IREL 480-11 (3-credits)

The EU and Greek Foreign Policy is a survey course on the foreign policy and international relations of Modern Greece. The politics and foreign policy of Greece will be discussed and analyzed from the post-World War II period to the present, with an emphasis on the period of Greece's membership in the European Union (1981-present). The course focuses on the question: "What is the national interest and foreign policy of Greece?" The course will provide a framework of analysis of current political events and conflict resolution. Areas to be explored include: The Cyprus Question; The Macedonian Issue; The Aegean conflict; Greek-Turkish relations; The status of the Ecumenical Patriarchate; The Greek role in the European Union; Greek foreign policy in the Balkans; Greek United Nations policies; US-Greek and NATO relations; Greek policy in the Middle East and 3rd World; and the Greek role in international trade and shipping. Guest speakers and experts in the field will highlight the course.