

BA Program in the Archaeology, History and Literature of Ancient Greece

Program Overview

Program Structure

The academic year begins on September 1st of each year and ends on August 31st of the following year. Each academic year is divided into two academic terms or semesters. All courses are semester-long and include:

- Lectures
- Seminars
- On-site field trips and hands-on tutorials

The completion of the program requires attendance of a total of 32 courses over eight (8) semesters. Courses are divided in two categories: (a) mandatory and (b) elective. All mandatory courses are compulsory, while the elective courses include four seminars to be selected from a list that may change every year. Several courses may additionally require tutorial instruction, field trips to museums and archeological sites, accompanied by on-site instruction and participation in archaeological excavations directed by the Department of History and Archaeology.

Information on current or prospective course offerings is updated as needed at the end of the spring semester of each academic year. The updates apply as of the following academic year, to:

- The titles of mandatory and elective courses offered each academic year, along with the instructors' names
- The number of hours per week for each course
- The number of credit units assigned to each course

Each course, lecture or seminar, is three contact hours long per week, over a 13-week-semester, and is assigned a number of credits.

Academic Year and Semester Length

The fall semester begins in September while the spring semester ends in the last week of June. The exact dates are determined by the office of the Dean of the School of Philosophy. Each semester comprises 13 weeks of instruction to be followed by two (2) weeks of examinations. There is a break of one week between the fall and spring semesters. There are no classes on the following holidays:

Fall Semester

October 28 (National holiday)
November 17
Christmas Break (2 weeks)

Spring Semester

Ash Monday/ Beginning of Lent
March 25 (National Holiday)
Easter Break (2 weeks)

May 1 (Labor Day)
Monday of the Holy Spirit

Registration

Registration takes place during the first two weeks of each semester at the Registrar's Office. Students typically register for 4 courses per semester, a total of 30 credits (ECTS) for semesters 1 to 6, and a total of 34 credits (ECTS) for semesters 7 and 8. The typical workload for a full-time student corresponds to 22-35 instruction hours per week (tutorials and field trips included). An academic advisor is assigned to every student, in order to assist them with their academic progress. Students may register per semester for one or two courses in addition to their regular course load, in case they have not completed these courses successfully when they first attended them (the courses that may be repeated do not include those in Ancient Greek language). In any case, the maximum number of courses a student may register for cannot exceed 6 per semester. Students are not allowed to participate in exams, or earn credits for courses for which they have not registered. Registration for courses taught in odd-numbered semesters is offered in fall, and for courses in even-numbered semesters is offered in spring.

Class attendance – Grading

In the beginning of each semester, the instructors provide the syllabus for each course, designate office hours, and communicate their grading policy and course requirements. Topics to be covered have to match closely the approved courses to be offered in the particular year. Lecture attendance is obligatory as is attendance in seminars; more than two absences without justification (e.g. medical reasons) result to automatic failure in the entire course. Students must successfully complete all the course requirements, which may include midterm exams, short essays or other assignments, and a final exam. In each academic year there are three examination periods: the first in January, after the end of the fall semester; the second in June, after the end of the spring semester; and the third in September, after the end of the summer break, which is intended for students who did not attend either of the previous two, due to justified reasons (e.g., medical issues). The exact dates for the examination periods are noted in the academic calendar, and the exam schedule is announced on the program's website some weeks earlier. In the winter examination period, students are examined in the courses offered in the fall semester, whereas in the summer examination period students take exams in the courses offered in the spring semester. Students who miss or fail in the final exam of one or two courses in the fall or/and spring semester, may retake that exam in the third examination period. In the latter case, the grade to be assigned will be pass or fail. If a student fails to pass one or more courses after the completion of the September examination period, they are required to register again and take anew the exam for that course(s) in the following academic year (this does not apply to the courses in Ancient Greek language; if a student fails an Ancient Greek language course, they may not register for the next level of the Ancient Greek language sequence courses). Failure in more than two courses in a single semester after the completion of the September

examination period requires registration and repetition of the entire semester in the following year (the fall or the spring semester respectively). Students who fail one or more courses in the fall semester may still attend the courses of the following spring semester with the exception of the courses in Ancient Greek language. The maximum period of study for the student of the Program is the prescribed period of study (four years) plus two years. The final grade is calculated by the instructor on the basis of each student's overall performance in midterm exams, essays or other assignments, and the final exam. Grades are cumulative. Seminars are courses that include substantial writing—students are required to submit a research paper at the end, and they may be assigned to compose a series of short essays during the semester. The grading policy is announced by the instructor at the beginning of each semester. The final grades are posted within a period of fifteen (15) days after the final exam and range in scale from one (1) to ten (10), rounded to the nearest half ($\frac{1}{2}$). A grade of five (5) or higher is required for successful completion of the class. The Grading scale is as follows:

Final Grade

8.50 – 10	Excellent
6.50 – 8.49	Very Good
5 – 6.49	Good
Below 5	Fail

Degree Requirements

The BA is conferred upon successful completion of all the following requirements:

1. Enrollment Residence Requirement: Registration in the School and attendance by presence for at least 8 semesters.
2. Mandatory Course Requirement: Successful completion (final grade ≥ 5) of all required courses, for a total of 248 credit units (ECTS).
3. Elective Course Requirement: Successful completion (final grade ≥ 5) of two seminars.

The Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated as the mean average of the grades received for each of the courses successfully completed. Overall academic performance is assessed according to the following table:

Degree Classification

5.00 – 6.49	Good
6.50 – 8.49	Very Good
8.50 – 10.00	Excellent

Course Distribution and Description

(According to Government gazette No 2464/B/21-6-2019 and Government gazette No 2979/B/19.07.2019)

First Year courses

1st semester (Total ECTS: 30)

1. Introduction to the Discipline of Archaeology **(8 ECTS)**
2. Introduction to Historical Studies **(8 ECTS)**
3. Ancient Greek Literature: an overview **(8 ECTS)**
4. Greek I **(6 ECTS)**

2nd semester (Total ECTS: 30)

1. Aegean Civilizations: a survey **(8 ECTS)**
2. Ancient Greek Art: an overview **(8 ECTS)**
3. The History of the Greek *Polis* **(8 ECTS)**
4. Greek II **(6 ECTS)**

Second Year courses

3rd semester (Total ECTS: 30)

1. Prehistoric Crete: Minoan Palatial Society **(8 ECTS)**
2. Ancient Greek Topography and Architecture **(8 ECTS)**
3. Greek Historical Texts: Thucydides **(8 ECTS)**
4. Greek III **(6 ECTS)**

4th semester (Total ECTS: 30)

1. Archaeology of the Mycenaean World **(8 ECTS)**
2. Greek Art: Images and Meanings **(8 ECTS)**
3. Studying Greek History through Inscriptions **(8 ECTS)**
4. Greek IV **(6 ECTS)**

Third Year courses

5th semester (Total ECTS: 30)

1. Greece and the Eastern Mediterranean **(8 ECTS)**
2. Alexander to Cleopatra: History of the Hellenistic Period **(8 ECTS)**
3. Greek Drama: Texts and Images **(8 ECTS)**
4. Greek V **(6 ECTS)**

6th semester (Total ECTS: 30)

1. Hellenistic Art **(8 ECTS)**
2. History of the Greek Religion **(8 ECTS)**
3. Greek Historical Texts: Herodotus **(8 ECTS)**
4. Greek VI **(6 ECTS)**

Fourth Year Courses

7th semester (Total ECTS: 34)

1. Greek Athletics and the History of Sport **(8 ECTS)**
2. Homer and Greek Mythology **(8 ECTS)**
3. Reading Greek Papyri **(8 ECTS)**
4. SEMINAR* **(10 ECTS)**

8th semester (Total ECTS: 34)

1. Greece and Rome: a historical survey **(8 ECTS)**
2. Greek Philosophy: Plato and Aristotle **(8 ECTS)**
3. Ancient Greeks at War: Xenophon **(8 ECTS)**
4. SEMINAR* **(10 ECTS)**

Total ECTS: 248

*At least four seminars available every semester; topics reflect the areas of specialization and research interests of the instructors at any given year, and may include:

1. Funerary Practices and the Archaeology of Ancestors Household Archaeology: Prehistoric Greece
2. Household Archaeology: the Classical World
3. Landscape Archaeology
4. From Macedonia to Gandhara and beyond: art and archaeology of the Hellenistic East
5. Greek Literature of the Hellenistic and the Imperial Period
6. Greek Numismatics, Monetary Policies, and the Economy