

#### ATHENS: ANCIENT POLIS / MODERN METROPOLIS

International Summer School | 14 June – 5 July 2026 National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

### GENERAL OVERVIEW

This three-week international summer school offers an intensive exploration of Athens as both an ancient polis and a modern metropolis. Combining lectures, on-site classes, and field trips, the programme invites participants to examine the city's cultural and architectural evolution – from its classical foundations to its modern identity. Through 150 hours of guided instruction and fieldwork (5 ECTS), students gain an integrated understanding of Athens as a dynamic palimpsest of history, heritage, and urban life.

Teaching takes place in English and is delivered by a multidisciplinary team of archaeologists, historians, and urban specialists. Classroom sessions introduce key themes such as Athenian architecture, democracy, funerary culture, and heritage management, while on-site visits to the Acropolis, Kerameikos, the Byzantine and Christian Museum, and the Museum of Islamic Art offer direct engagement with the material fabric of the city. Field trips to Delphi, Sounion, Epidaurus, Mycenae, and Nafplion extend this experience beyond the capital, tracing Athens' place within the wider landscape of Greek civilisation.

Throughout the programme, each participant selects a topic for an individual or team research project, developed in consultation with the instructors. Topics may range from the transformation of public space or the reinterpretation of monuments to questions of heritage preservation and urban identity. Participants work independently or collaboratively during the second and third weeks, integrating their research with the onsite learning experience. The programme culminates on 2 July with student presentations, where each project is shared and discussed in a collegial academic setting, followed by a closing reception celebrating the completion of the course.

All participants receive an official transcript and certificate of attendance from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.

Language of instruction: English

**ECTS** credits: 5

**III** Duration: 3 weeks (14 June – 5 July 2026)

Location: Athens, Greece

Venue: Athens University History Museum

[1] Fees: €1,800

**PROGRAMME** 

# Sunday, 14 June

Arrival in Athens – Check-in & Accommodation

Week 1	
Date	Activity
Monday, 15 June	
12:00–13:00	
13:00–15:00	
(Museum NKUA)	Orientation and assignments
,	Welcome Ceremony
Tuesday, 16 June	
10:00–13:00	Lecture 1: Introduction to the City
14:00–17:00	On-site: National Archaeological Museum
Wednesday, 17 June	
10:00–12:00	On-site: Acropolis
13:00–16:00	On-site: Acropolis Museum
Thursday, 18 June	
10:00–13:00	Lecture 2: Athenian Architecture: Classicism to Neoclassicism
13:30–16:30	On-site: Kerameikos & Museum
Friday, 19 June	FREE DAY
	Optional Cultural Activity
Saturday, 20 June	FIELD TRIP: DELPHI
Sunday, 21 June	FREE DAY
Free Day or Personal	
Research	
Week 2	
Monday, 22 June	
10:00–12:00	Lecture 3: Athenian Cemeteries
13:00–16:00	On-site: Byzantine & Christian Museum
Tuesday, 23 June	,
10:00–12:00	On-site: Islamic Art Museum
14:00-16:00	On-site: A Walk in Ottoman Athens
Wednesday, 24 June	
10:00–13:00	Lecture 4: Athenian Public Spaces
13:00–16:00	On-site: Athenian Markets (ancient to modern)
Thursday, 25 June	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
10:00–12:00	Lecture 5: Athenian Democracy and its Architecture
13:00–17:00	On-site: Neoclassical Athens
Friday, 26 June	FREE DAY
	Optional Cultural Activity
Saturday, 27 June	FIELD TRIP: SOUNION
Sunday, 28 June	FREE DAY
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Free Day or Personal	
Research	
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Week 3	
Monday, 29 June	
10:00–13:00	Lecture 6: Athenian heritage and its management
13:30–16:30	On-site: First Cemetery of Athens
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Tuesday, 30 June	
10:00–13:00	On-site: Museum of Cycladic Art
Wednesday, 1 July	
10:00–12:00	Lecture 7: Athens Imagined: The City's Afterlives in Global
13:00–16:00	Memory and Heritage
	On-site: Benaki Museum
Thursday, 2 July	
10:00–13:00	Student Presentations
13:00–14:00	Lunch Break
14:00–16:00	Student Presentations
19:00–21 :00	Closing Reception
Friday, 3 July	COLLECTION OF ACCREDITATIONS
Saturday, 4 July	FIELD TRIP: EPIDAURUS, MYCENAE & NAFPLION
Sunday, 5 July	FREE DAY
Free Day or Departure	

## **WORKLOAD BREAKDOWN (5 ECTS)**

- 1. Lectures (7 sessions × 2h) 14 hours
- 2. On-site Classes (12 visits) 34 hours
- 3. Field Trips (5 sites × 3h academic component) 15 hours
- 4. Pre-course Reading & Preparation 20 hours
- 5. Source Analysis / Mini Assignments 30 hours
- 6. Final Research Paper / Project 30 hours
- 7. Final Presentation / Oral Exam 7 hours

### ▼ Total Workload: 150 hours (5 ECTS)

### Certificate & Transcript

All participants receive a certificate of attendance and official transcript detailing course content and ECTS credits earned.

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