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ASCSA SUMMER SEMINARS

DEADLINE: January 8, 2024

The Summer Seminars of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens are 18-day programs that focus on specific cultural themes, historical periods, or geographical regions. The Seminars are led by exceptional scholars of Classics and related fields. Under their direction, participants study texts, visit archaeological sites and museums, and engage with expert guest speakers in order to deepen their understanding of Greece's landscape, history, literature, and material culture.

For Summer 2024, the two seminars are:

Warrior Sailors, Traders, and Pirates: Aegean Islands Through the Ages (June 17 to July 5, 2024)

This seminar will discuss issues of insularity and connectivity in the Mediterranean, from the Bronze Age to the 20th century. Using a mix of chronological (e.g., Iron Age networks and colonization) and thematic approaches (e.g., raw materials and trade routes) the course explores the islands in their multifaceted cultural roles as places of inhabitation and worship, sources of desired raw materials, marketplaces, strategic locations during the wars –from the Delian League to World War II– as well as paradise destinations of modern tourism. The course will spend time around Athens and Euboea, the Cycladic islands, and Crete. Taught by Professors Emilia Oddo (Tulane University) and Bice Peruzzi (Rutgers University).

Alexander to Actium: The Archaeology of Hellenistic Greece (July 11 to July 29, 2024)

This age of cultural globalization that followed in the wake of Alexander's campaigns saw great developments in science, medicine, literature, art, and political organization. In Greece these developments played out under the clouds of state violence and imperialism as foreign powers fought for control of Greece or fought each other in Greece for control of more expansive Mediterranean empires. Participants will explore the material remains of the programs of construction and commemoration, explore how foreign powers exploited important routes and garrisoned strategic areas to transform Greece into a landscape of control, and explore the ways in which varied Greek polities negotiated these transformations by exploring the history and archaeology of Northwest and Central Greece. Taught by Professors Jake Morton (Carleton College) and Thomas C. Rose (Randolph-Macon College).

Internationally known scholars of Greek history, art, and archaeology will participate as guest lecturers in both seminars. Students are expected to give on-site reports, which they will prepare in their home libraries before the program begins. The program is designed to present a comprehensive view of Greece's rich history and archaeology. Participants should expect long days at sites and museums, extensive walking on uneven and rocky terrain, and Mediterranean temperatures well above 30°C/86°F for extended periods without ready access to shade. *Prospective applicants uncertain about their ability to participate in all program activities are encouraged to contact the ASCSA office for more information.*

Eligibility: Enrollment is open to graduate and advanced undergraduate students, as well as to high school and college/university teachers of classics and related subjects. Each seminar is limited to twenty participants. The language of instruction is English.

Cost: The fee for each 2024 Seminar is \$2,750. Fee includes tuition, room for the entire 18-day period, partial board in Athens, travel within Greece, and museum and site fees. International airfare, most meals outside Athens and weekends in Athens, and incidental expenses are the participant's responsibility. Financial aid is available in the form of ASCSA scholarships, awarded on the basis of academic merit; and many classical organizations also offer funding opportunities. More information [online here](#).

Application: Applicants will complete an [online application](#), for which they will submit scans of academic transcripts (unofficial transcripts are acceptable) and arrange for the online submission of two letters of recommendation by the application deadline, January 8, 2024. All applicants will be notified in February 2024.

For more information on the seminars, view the website at <https://www.ascsa.edu.gr/programs/summerseminars> or email application@ascsa.org.

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