

Program Description for Prospective Faculty

Program: GREECE

Approximate Program Dates: Three Weeks in May (Subject to change – final dates are set in August prior to the fall faculty orientation.)

Program Focus: This program is designed to provide students with a choice of courses while they experience the culture of Greece first hand. Course proposals are welcome from all academic fields as long as they relate closely to Greece.

Program Description:

Rugged mountains, turquoise seas, white-washed houses, magnificent ancient and modern architecture, festive music and dancing, and mouthwatering cuisine – all these await students who choose the fascinating and historical country of Greece for their study abroad program. Walk where the ancients walked, and speak where ancient philosophers Aristotle and Socrates spoke in the cradle of Western Civilization, the birthplace of democracy. See for yourself the seas that inspired Homer to write *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey*. Soak up the mythology that inspired classical drama. Teaching and learning in this setting will be like no other study you will pursue during your college experience. The program will begin in Athens, home of the Acropolis and the Parthenon, and the birthplace of Western philosophy, rhetoric, architecture, and literature. In addition to the Ancient Agora, Mars Hill (famous for Saint Paul's "Sermon on Mars Hill"), and the National Archaeology Museum, we will visit other sites of interest and get to know the city of Athens. From Athens, the group will trek to Sounion, the site of the ruins of Poseidon's temple, the spot from which Aegeus kept his heart-wrenching vigil as he awaited the return of his son Theseus. On the way toward picturesque Tolon, the group will likely stop at mystical Delphi, Sparta, and ancient Olympia, where students can run against their classmates in our own race on the original Olympic field. The headquarters for the remainder of the trip is the thriving resort village of Tolon, located in the southeastern corner of the Peloponnese, very near Nauplion, which was the first capital of the modern nation. Although Tolon has become somewhat more popular with tourists in recent years, it has retained all its charm and friendliness. From Tolon, day trips may include visits to Mycenae and Epidaurus and perhaps the ancient theatre at Argos as well as ancient Corinth, historically connected to Saint Paul.

Responsibilities Prior to Departure:

Attend faculty and student orientations.
Recruit.
Provide syllabus.

Responsibilities during the Program:

Teach course.
Assist with excursions.
Assist with program operations.

Benefits:

Taxable \$2,200 honorarium (paid through your institution), one single seat round trip airline ticket from Nashville, all ground transportation, housing, food (at least two meals per day), excursions including entry fees, and limited health insurance during the program abroad.

Expenses not covered by TnCIS:

Transportation to/from the airport, travel expenses to the faculty/student orientations, passport, full coverage health insurance, non-program sponsored excursions and entry fees, personal spending money.