



—Welcome to CYA

Our vision is to help students transform into global citizens who understand and appreciate other cultures.

CYA (College Year in Athens) is a non-profit educational institution that has been serving as a cultural and educational bridge between Greece and the United States for nearly 60 years, with the goal of expanding perspectives and providing exceptional academic experiences.

Following the wisdom of Socrates, “I am not an Athenian or a Greek, I am a citizen of the world,” CYA aims to transform students into global citizens who have a cosmopolitan view of themselves and the world.

CYA provides unique, academically rigorous courses that include field study and on-site components, encouraging hands-on and experiential learning. CYA courses utilize the landscape of Greece, and Athens especially, as a classroom, placing students in direct contact with their objects of study. Semester and year-long programs are available, as well as winter and summer sessions.

“The amount of newfound independence and confidence I gained in my ability to navigate new situations in an unfamiliar place across the world was so empowering and an irreplaceable experience.”

Sheridan Blitz, Spring 2020, Oberlin College

—Fun Facts

- Greece is the sunniest country in Europe, enjoying more than 250 days of sunshine, or 3,000 sunny hours a year!
- Greece has more archaeological museums than any other country in the world.
- Athens has 148 theater stages, more than the West End and Broadway combined.
- Greece’s coastline measures a whopping 13,676 km, or 8,498 miles. No point in Greece is more than 85 miles or 137 kilometers from water.
- The Mediterranean diet is considered one of the healthiest in the world.
- Greek is one of the oldest written languages in existence.
- Athens is home to the first known democracy.
- Cats are a large part of everyday life in Greece. Often, they roam neighborhoods freely!
- On average, Greeks consume 5 kilos of yogurt, 5.5 kilos of coffee, 26.9 liters of wine and 153.1 liters of olive oil per capita each year.
- Greece was ranked among the safest countries for tourists by the US State Department (2019).

—Learning Beyond the Classroom

We place an emphasis on learning beyond the classroom, offering hands-on learning experiences in the rich and diverse environment of Greece. Many classes are held on-site, adding a new dimension to learning and a global understanding of the subject.

—Life in Athens

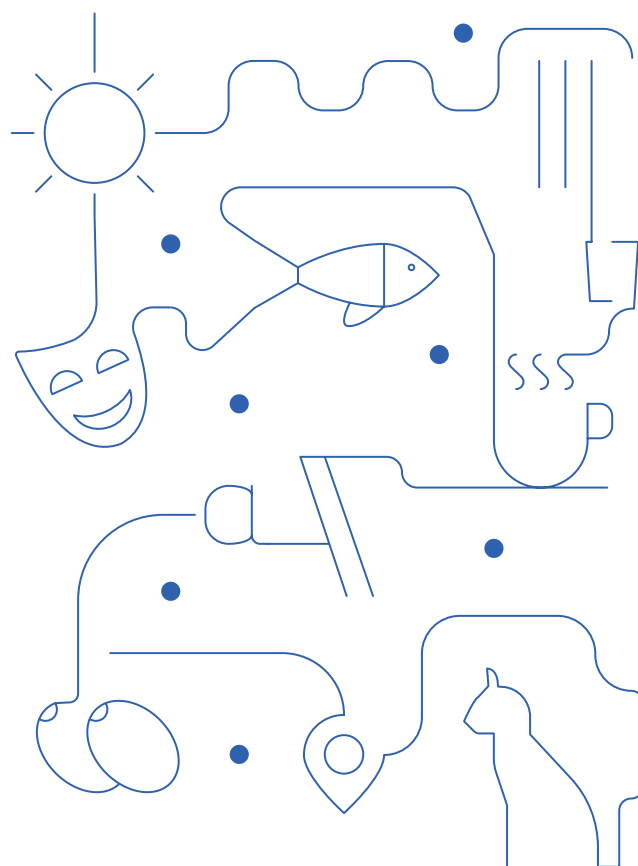
Renowned for both its ancient history and modern culture, Athens is home to some of the most important monuments, museums, and ancient sites, as well as a thriving contemporary art and music scene.

Galleries, theaters, and live music venues are found in every neighborhood and often host shows and performances by exciting artists from all over the world.

The city is also known for its abundance of charming cafes and restaurants (Athens is home to five Michelin-Starred restaurants!), where you are encouraged to take your time enjoying the company of friends.

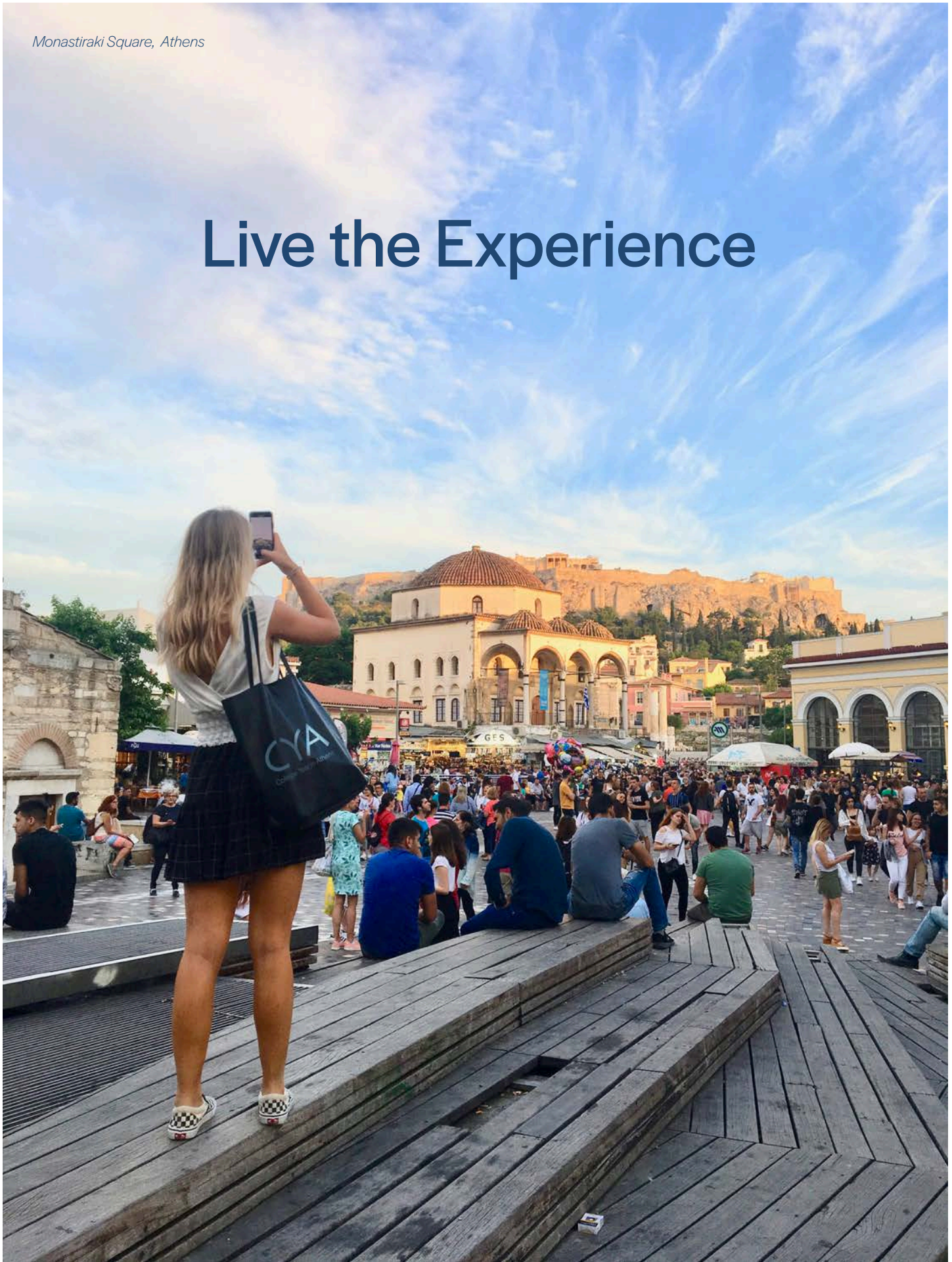
Pangrati, where CYA is located, is known for its student-vibe, evident in the abundance of great cafes and restaurants within a half-mile radius of the Academic Center. Pangrati is also home to a Laiki, or weekly farmer’s market.

Athens is close to many great beaches in the southern suburbs, but there is also easy access to the port, where you can take a ferry to nearby islands for day trips or weekend excursions.



Monastiraki Square, Athens

Live the Experience



Courses Offered in

- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Architecture
- Art History
- Business
- Classics
- Communication
- Cultural Heritage
- Economics
- Environmental Studies
- History

- International Relations
- Literature
- Modern Greek Language
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religion
- Sociology
- Theater
- Urbanism & Sustainability

—Academic Support

CYA provides an additional range of free services to assist you, including:

- **Academic Advising**
- **Language Lab**
- **Academic Writing Lab**

“The CYA professors are so brilliant, and they are very creative in building their curriculum. I got to visit museums, a monastery, and even a cemetery as part of my classes!

Having a dimensional and dynamic education really gave me a thorough and well-rounded understanding of Greece.”

Emily Carle, Spring 2020, Mount Holyoke College

—Library Resources

The CYA Library offers its students, faculty and staff excellent library facilities with an updated print and electronic collection. Textbooks and course materials are issued on loan from the CYA Library throughout the whole semester. CYA students have access to one of the most important libraries in Athens, the Blegen Library of the American School of Classical Studies.



Learning by Doing

Extra Learning & Networking Opportunities

—Lectures and Events

We regularly host free on-campus academic lectures by expert guest speakers who present their research and prompt discussion on current issues or topics of debate. This is a unique opportunity to network with the local community and academia.

CYA students have the opportunity to attend international conferences within Greece and Europe including the renowned Delphi Economic Forum.

Every spring semester we host the CYA Annual Student Conference which aims to provoke broad-based and multi-disciplinary discussion on a chosen topic. The two-day conference includes an address by a keynote speaker and is open to the whole CYA community.

—Hands-on Workshops

Bronze Age wall-paintings
Linear B
Marble Carving
Mosaic Making
Mud-brick Making
Mycenaean Metallurgy
Oil Lamp Workshop
Vase Painting



“I left Greece with lifelong friends, applied medical internship experience in an Athens hospital, incredible pictures, and an appreciation for the Mediterranean lifestyle that has changed me for good.”

Jennifer Rubin, Spring 2021, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

—Academic Seminars

Free admission and certificate of participation

Ancient Economies: Networks & Trade in the Eastern Mediterranean
Art & Public Space: Urban Narratives
Legal Terminology in its Graeco-Roman Context
Media Workshop XYZ
Textual Criticism and Paleography
The Protection of Heritage in the 21st century: Definitions, History, Legislation, Case Studies
Greek Coins: Between Art, Money, and Ideology
Food for Thought: Kitchen Chemistry meets Greek Tradition
An Introduction to Environmental Archaeology & Bioarchaeology

“The people and professors that I met through CYA have significantly impacted my personal and academic development. Through CYA I have a better understanding and appreciation of my career path. Academically, I was re-energized to continue my education and I have been able to develop better fitting life goals.”

Anna Gibbons, Spring 2021, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Study Travel

Explore Greece, Europe and Beyond

Study travel is an integral part of the CYA program. Led by faculty and experts with extensive knowledge of the relevant sites and locale, these trips give you the opportunity to explore Greece and some of its most significant sites, which are among the most impressive and beautiful in the world. Itineraries vary between the fall and spring semesters and according to the academic focus of each group of students.

—Field Study

Experience historically and culturally significant sites and regions first-hand, interact with the people and landscape of Greece. CYA-led field trips supplement the academic program and include:

- ›Pre-departure lectures
- ›Exciting projects
- ›Wrap-up sessions

Destinations

Peloponnese - Delphi - Crete (fall) - Northern Greece (spring)

—The cost of these field trips is included in the fees.

—Optional Field Study

Explore places of interest within Greece and Europe in addition to the semester's field trips. Led by experienced faculty, the trips combine academics, history, contemporary culture and personal exploration. Optional trips take place over a 3-day weekend. (These require a supplemental fee which is kept low, making it affordable for students to participate.)

Destinations

Andros Island, Crete, Meteora-Metsovo-Ioannina, Cyprus, Rome, Venice-Ravenna



“I don't know any other study abroad program that takes 2 separate weeks out of the semester to travel around the country, and I had such an incredible time on the Peloponnese trip. The week is still educational, with professors leading you and explaining all of the incredible sites, and it's an amazing opportunity to bond with your new friends! Some of my best memories from abroad are from that week traveling with CYA.”

Kelli Frangoulis, Spring 2020, Wake Forest University



Gain Experience - Help Others

Volunteering & Internships

Volunteering is a great way to gain experience, build friendships and network while in Athens. We assist dozens of students in arranging volunteer or internship placements. Our students have interned and volunteered in local soup kitchens, refugee aid, environmental groups, animal welfare, special needs education, film & theater, writing & editing, libraries, museums, art galleries, kindergartens and marketing & advertising.

CYA Media Lab Internship

Students interested in building their portfolio, knowledge, and skills in digital media and communications can take advantage of CYA's great in-house internship opportunity. Applications are open to all CYA students before the beginning of each semester.

—Internships at some organizations
may be arranged as part of specific courses

—CYA has established a strong network of organizations where students can volunteer.

Education — Humanitarian — Environmental
Animal Welfare — LGBTQ — Libraries — Museums — Think-tanks

“Teaching JavaScript to a class of five refugees at Social Hackers Academy was not only a gratifying experience in itself, but also led to the creation of strong friendships with my students, fellow volunteers, and supervisors alike.”

Jordan Perry, Spring 2020, Harvard University



Winter in Athens

—Winter Intersession

If you have a keen interest in archaeology or anthropology, you may gain experience and credit by participating in one of CYA's three-week January programs.

Immerse yourself in a fascinating, fast-paced course within and about the city of Athens, or participate in an excavation that's taking place in Voula, a southern suburb of Athens.

Anthropology of the City: Exploring Modern Athens

For students interested in learning how urban environments have been studied in the social science and how we can apply those ideas to Athens, a vibrant, multi-layered, cosmopolitan city.

Voula Field School (excavation)

Gain excavation experience and credit towards your archaeology major by participating in the three-week Voula Field School in Athens.

The excavation site is associated with Aixonidai Halai, one of the ten demes of ancient Attica.

Soak up Summer in Greece

—Summer Sessions

Summer is an exceptional time to study in Greece with a choice of unique CYA courses tailored to combine academics with authentic experiences, taking advantage of the sun, the sea and the vibrant summer culture from Athens to the islands.

We offer summer courses over two consecutive four-week sessions that run between the end of May and the end of July.

—Explore Greece's rich history, get involved in an archaeological excavation or delve into the country's culture and environment. Learn more at: cyathens.org/summer



Get Started at CYA

We welcome applications from students who wish to immerse themselves in the study of Greece and the Mediterranean and become citizens of the world.

—Finances

To help you make a financial plan, a comprehensive breakdown of fees and estimated budget is available on the CYA website. We recommend that prospective students check with their study abroad office for complete information on study abroad costs. (All fees are quoted in U.S. dollars).

As a non-profit study abroad institution, we aim to help our students find as many options as possible for financial assistance.

—Scholarships

We base eligibility for our scholarships on financial need, and our awards range in amounts **up to half the cost of tuition**.

Only CYA students accepted for a semester or academic year are eligible to apply.

Students are often able to transfer some or all of their financial aid package toward CYA fees. Students should inquire with their home institutions first.

On-site class at Ancient Messene





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An **invaluable experience**. I had the opportunity to experience a **different culture**, meet wonderful people, **be independent**, and **grow exponentially as an individual**. Not only did I have the opportunity to **experience an internship** through CYA, I also learned from **world-class professors** during my semester abroad.

John Helmy, Spring 2021, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



We would like to thank the students who have kindly agreed to share photographs of their life at CYA with the readers of this brochure.

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