

Office of International Programs

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ATHENS, GREECE – Fall Semester

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Fall Semester Only: February 15

(Early Acceptance: November 1 of prior year)

WHO?

- You must be a sophomore, junior, or senior in good academic standing with an overall 3.0 GPA.
- You must have at least 16 credits of Greek, or 8 credits of Greek plus 9 credits of Classic or Civilization courses.

WHAT?

- Valparaiso University has an exciting study-abroad option in Greece through the *College Year in Athens* program. *College year in Athens* is an independent study-abroad program offering college-level courses in Ancient Greek Civilization. Enjoying an excellent reputation among North American colleges, *College Year in Athens* enrolls approximately one hundred students per semester.
- Students choose from a wide variety of courses dealing with the classical world. These courses, which represent such disciplines as Archaeology and Art, Classical Languages and Literature, History, Philosophy, Politics, and Religions, may count towards a major or minor in Classics with the approval of the Chair of the Department of Foreign Languages. Normally four courses constitute full-time study.
- Valparaiso University's arrangement is for fall semester only.

WHERE?

- Most of the program activities take place in Athens, an exciting European capital city and the seat of ancient Greek civilization. Students live in apartments which are located in the same neighborhood as the *College Year in Athens* Academic Center. The Gennadius Library, the American School of Classical Studies and the British School of Archaeology are nearby. Lunch is provided Monday through Saturday at the Academic Center; other meals are prepared by the students in their apartments.
- Numerous field trips are planned to such places as Crete, the Peloponnesus, central Greece, and Macedonia, depending on course selection. Additional travel is also possible during the Fall Recess to such places as Egypt, Israel, Turkey, and Italy.

HOW?

- You must first speak with Dr. Michael Kumpf, Professor of Foreign Languages and Literatures (Section Head of Classics). Once you have obtained his approval, you should fill out an application and schedule an interview with the Office of International Programs, who will make sure that everything is in place for your participation in this program.

HOW MUCH?

- *Air fare:* Students can expect to spend between \$1200 and \$1400 for a round-trip ticket to Athens. Many of the discount prices described in newspapers are not applicable to a semester-long stay abroad. The Office of International Programs staff will help you find the most favorable flight arrangements.
- *Tuition and General Fees:* Students pay the *College Year in Athens* tuition and fees directly to VU, which include room and partial board, plus the VU General Fee. All VU financial aid except work-study and some “on-campus” aid applies toward the semester in Greece.
- *Spending Money:* Students should count on spending at least as much as on campus. Additional money will depend on the amount of travel on weekends and during vacation.

CONTACTS

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<http://www.cyathens.org> – College Year in Athens website

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