

Isles Of Greece! 2018
University of South Dakota
Faculty Led Program
ESCI 492

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Students will...

General:

- *Learn the general outline of the history of Greece from Bronze age to present*
- *Become familiar with modern Greek culture and society through personal experience and modern literature*
- *Develop an understanding of how ancient Greece has influenced the development of western civilization, and influences modern society*
- *Learn to integrate course materials and personal experiences*
- *Learn skills of sailing and develop an appreciation for witnessing the world as it was encountered in ancient times*

Section-specific:

- *Gain an understanding of geologic processes, geologic field observations, and the impact of geology on human civilization*
- *Learn about marine ecology and environmental issues affecting the Mediterranean Sea*
- *Develop an in-depth understanding of a topic in history; research report topics include: Earthquakes in Greece, Natural History of the Mediterranean Sea, Mountain Building in Greece, Marble and Stone in Ancient Greek Architecture, Environmental Issues in Modern Greece*

COURSE STRUCTURE: Course consists of three-week trip to Greece, May 15-June 6, 2018. There are four required one-hour pre-trip meetings, and students must also complete a two-hour Global Learning orientation. In Greece course activities will commonly occupy the period from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, though daily schedules will vary (estimated 170 academic excursion hours in Greece). The following pre-trip academic work will be done under the guidance of the faculty: preparation of the report with deadlines for an annotated bibliography and outline; reading *Sailing the Wine-Dark Seas* and reflecting on the book in journal; reading materials provided in the reading packet (with special attention to extracts from *A Geological Companion to Greece and the Aegean* and *Geology and Settlement: Greco-Roman Patterns*) and reflecting on these readings in journal; reading book from modern Greek reading list and reflecting on book in journal.

REQUIRED TEXT: Cahill, Thomas. *Sailing the Wine-Dark Sea: Why the Greeks Matter*. New York: Random House, 2003. Plus an additional book from the modern Greek literature reading list. Additional required readings in provided readings packet.

OTHER REQUIRED MATERIALS: journal, mask, snorkel, and fins.

OFFICE HOURS: Course administrator's (Jordan) office hours for the spring semester are: M 10-11 & 3-4, Th 1-2, F 9-11. All course faculty are available by appointment.

ATTENDANCE: Obviously participation in the trip to Greece is necessary to complete the course. There are four required pre-trip meetings: one introductory meeting in December, and three lecture meetings during the spring semester. Students must also complete a two-hour Global Learning orientation. Attendance of these meetings is required, and if a student is unable to attend a meeting they must arrange the absence in advance with the instructors, and view a video recording of the missed meeting.

GRADING: Grades are assigned based on performance as evaluated according to a detailed grading rubric supplied to students at the beginning of the course. Each rubric item is on a scale 0-4, corresponding to F-A grades. Below are the graded elements of the course and the points available for each item. Grades are assigned based on points earned as follows: A ≥ 70 , B 50-69.9, C 30-49.9, D 10-29.9, F ≤ 9.9 .

Report*	20 pts.
Reflective Journal	20 pts.
Readings	8 pts.
Participation	20 pts.
Quizzes (2)	12 pts.

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COURSE EVALUATION: You will have an opportunity to evaluate the course and the instructor using the IDEA Diagnostic Form at the end of the course.

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