

# Journey Through Ancient Paths: Enriching Minds in Modern Greece

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# YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS HERE



When you make the decision to study abroad with College Year in Athens (CYA), you **embark on a journey** along ancient paths while uncovering the cosmopolitan allure of Athens.

CYA offers unique courses integrated with **on-site** components, fostering hands-on and experiential learning.

Our courses utilize the **rich landscape** of Greece, with Athens as a primary classroom, immersing students directly in their areas of study.

Field study trips in Greece and abroad enhance learning, adding a **new dimension to a student's experience.**

# Disciplines

CYA continuously expands our course offerings, enriching every discipline with innovative courses and content.

Anthropology

Archaeology

Architecture

Art history

Biology

Business

Classics

Communication

Computer Information Systems

Economics

Engineering

Environmental Studies

History

Information Science

International Relations

Literature

Modern Greek Language

Neuroscience

Philosophy

Physics

Political Science

Public Health

Psychology

Religion

Sociology

Theater

Urbanism/Sustainability



In partnership with Greece’s National Centre for Scientific Research (NCSR), “Demokritos,” we now offer STEM courses at the research center’s campus and labs, such as **Artificial Intelligence, Life Sciences, Particle Physics,** and **Science Communication.**

This partnership enhances CYA’s curriculum with a **broader spectrum** of courses, aiming to **advance skills** in science and technology.

# Study Sanctuary

The CYA Library serves as a learning resource center, offering extensive print and electronic collections to help students develop academically and professionally.

Textbooks and other course materials are issued on loan from the Library throughout the semester.

Students also have access to the Blegen Library of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens (ASCSA), one of the most important libraries in Athens.



**13K+**  
print books

**261K+**  
ebooks

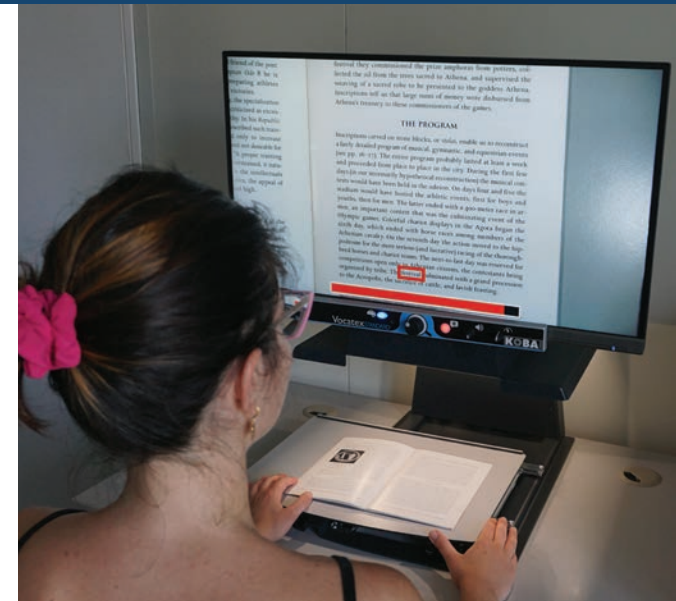
**4K+**  
eJournals

## OUR LATEST Assistive Technologies

Our assistive technologies enhance **accessibility** and **inclusivity** for our students.

The Library prepares large prints, has **text to speech** software for Moodle and provides access to the **note taking** software Glean.

The technology emphasizes CYA's commitment to ensuring all students have **equal access** to educational resources and opportunities.



# RESOURCE Hub

CYA complimentary services of academic support encompass a spectrum of assistance tailored to the needs of each student.



## Academic Advising

The Academic Advisor, a faculty member, has extensive experience with the CYA academic program and with students from different backgrounds and institutions.



## Language Lab

Tutoring for all levels of Modern Greek, Ancient Greek, and Latin by postgraduate Classics students from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens.



## Writing Lab

Our writing skills specialist provides individualized assistance for research papers, reviewing articles, and note-taking techniques, including additional support for resumes and cover letters.

# STUDENT SOUNDBITE

“Studying abroad with CYA was truly an experience like no other and is something I will **carry with me for the rest of my life.**

The **Greek culture is like no other** and made my study abroad experience feel very unique compared to what it would’ve been like to study in another European city.

Studying abroad had allowed me to feel **so much more independent** and confident in myself. Learning important skills such as budgeting, safety, trip planning, and balancing my academics with travel has taught me so much about how I want to continue to carry myself in the world.

I was even lucky enough to find an **internship** at a local environmental non-profit **through CYA** and feel like I have gained so much both academically and professionally.”

***Mia Iannios***  
***George Washington University***  
***Fall 2023***



# EXPLORE GREECE & BEYOND

## Greece

Explore areas of interest in Greece, including **Delphi, Olympia, Mycenae, Sparta + more.**

Locations vary depending on the study travel theme selected.

## Field Study

CYA's field study, guided by expert faculty, enriches your experience with diverse itineraries tailored to student's academic interests.

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

## and beyond...

In Fall 2025, CYA is launching a **new** and **exciting** Field Study Abroad to two major **European destinations** where students will be able to **experience** the **wider European** geographical, political and historical context of Greece.



# Learnings Beyond the Classroom

Enrich your academic experience through a variety of activities that offer hands-on learning in the dynamic and diverse environment of Greece.

## Conferences & Networking

CYA regularly hosts on-campus lectures by expert guest speakers to present research and spark discussions on current issues, offering networking opportunities with the local community and academia.

CYA students attend prestigious international conferences, such as the **Delphi Economic Forum** and the National Hellenic Research Foundation.

The **CYA Annual Student Conference**, hosted each spring semester, invites students from CYA and other institutions to present on the conference theme, fostering multi-disciplinary discussions.

## Seminars

- Subject matter includes:
- > Disability and Healing
  - > Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Urbanism
  - > Latin Paleography

\*offerings vary per term

## Hands-on Opportunities

- > Bronze Age Wall Paintings
- > Marble Carving
- > Mycenaean Metallurgy
- > Oil Lamp Workshop





# Career CATALYSTS

With Student Affairs' guidance, students can engage in volunteer/experiential learning beyond CYA to enhance their study abroad experience.

CYA offers experiential learning opportunities in disciplines such as:

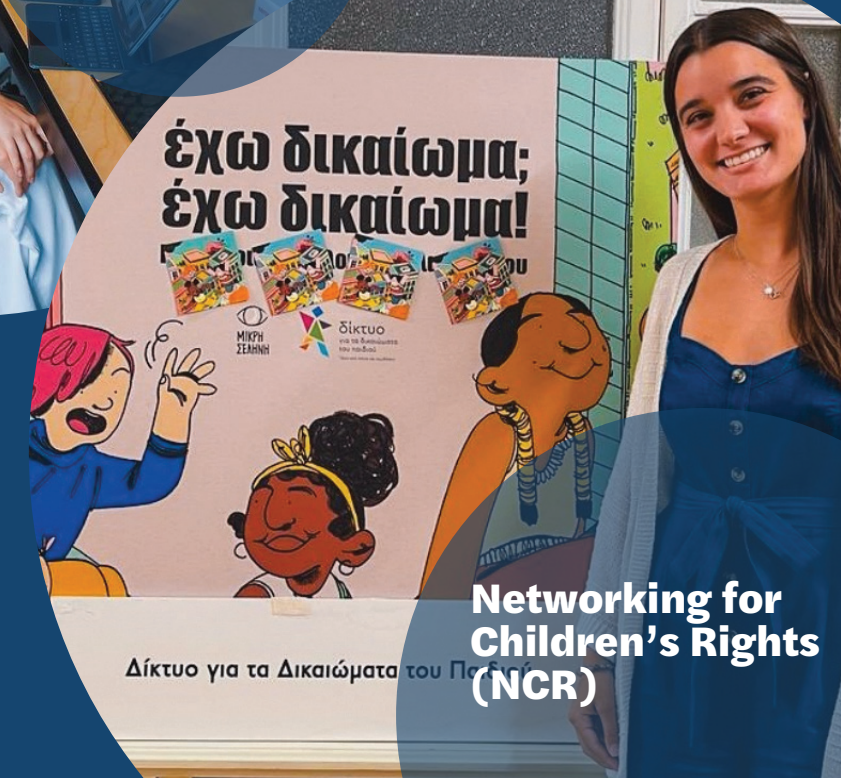
- > social justice
- > psychology
- > pre-med
- > pre-dental
- > foreign policy
- > political science
- > international relations
- > environmental studies
- > journalism
- > biomedical research
- > neurobiology
- > biochemistry
- > astronomy
- > architecture
- > interior design
- > institute of oceanography



Hellenic  
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# Short Term Offerings

## Summer I Program

May 26 - June 21, 2025

## Summer II Program

June 23 - July 19, 2025

Experience a realm of unconventional learning with CYA, offering unique summer courses that blend academic rigor with authentic experiences.

\*Dates differ for courses offered with other European programs.  
Check our website for details.

## Winter Program

January 2 - January 22, 2025



### Excavations at Aixonidai Halai (Voula Field School)

This course, a combination of field work, lectures and workshops is great for all students, but especially for archaeology majors who need field experience.



### Anthropology of the City: Exploring Modern Athens

Engage with how the city intersects with gender and sexuality, inequality, migration, sustainability, consumption, capitalism, activism, homelessness, art, pleasure and more!



## Faculty-Led Programs

CYA offers the exciting option to academic institutions and faculty to organize their own customized Faculty-Led Programs (FLPs) in Greece.

CYA's dedicated Short-Term programs team works with faculty from inception to execution of an academic program.

# Looking after **YOU**

At CYA, your well-being matters. Our close-knit community of staff and faculty fosters an environment of vibrant educational experiences. We are dedicated to ensuring the well-being of our students by offering mental health support services to help navigate this new environment.

## Wellness Week

Social, physical, and mental well-being for the members of the CYA community include:

- > sound bath meditation
- > ashtanga yoga
- > donkey sanctuary
- > crafting
- > rage room relief

## Athens on a Budget

Embark on a sensory journey through Athens, exploring diverse and vibrant neighborhoods, thrift stores and scenic city hikes.

Join free events such as visiting farmers markets, arts and crafts and open air cinemas.



# STUDENT SOUNDBITE

"Spending a semester abroad is beneficial because it **helps form your identity** as a global citizen and independent person.

Personally, I **grew** in my problem-solving skills, **independence**, **bravery**, minimalism, cultural literacy, and open-mindedness.

I also made **special friendships** with CYAers from cities across the USA, **Greek people from Athens** and various villages and islands, and people from around the world I met in hostels while traveling.

Now, I have couches to sleep on in dozens of cities and a **true global network**! Academically, studying abroad allowed me to really **engage in experiential learning**, as all five of my courses utilized field trips as part of the curriculum."

*Michael Pincus*  
*University of Southern California*  
*Spring 2024*



# Your questions | Our answers

## What are the application deadlines?

CYA employs a rolling admissions policy. Since applications will be considered only as long as space is available, CYA encourages early application. We recommend consulting with your study abroad office to adhere to their deadlines.

## Will my school accept credit from CYA?

Most colleges and universities accept CYA courses for transfer credit. Students are responsible for arranging academic credit with their college or university and must have the Statement of Study Abroad Approval/Credit Transfer form completed by the study abroad advisor or dean.

## How about the fees?

We recommend prospective students check with their study abroad office for complete information on study abroad costs. To help you make a financial plan, a comprehensive breakdown of fees and an estimated budget is available on the CYA website.

## Can I use my financial aid from home when studying abroad with CYA?

For help with transferring your financial aid package, please reach out to your Study Abroad Advisor or Financial Aid Officer on campus. They can also assist you in finding additional sources of financial aid or loans.



# FUNDING

## Your CYA Experience



Finances should not be a barrier to experience study abroad. CYA aims to help our students find as many options as possible for financial assistance.

### Academic Year / Semester

CYA scholarships are need based and awards range in amounts up to half the cost of a semester's tuition. CYA students accepted for a semester/year are eligible to apply.

### Summer

Need based funding up to \$1,500 is available for our summer programs. Ask about our summer scholarship application!



Scan the QR code to learn more about budgeting for your time in Athens!

# 94%

## of students who apply receive CYA scholarships!

// I got to explore more of Greece and to **enhance my education** more because of the scholarship. It definitely **helped me feel more at ease** and less stressed about finances when studying abroad and it **helped me travel more and learn more.** //

*Grace Brogioli  
Fairfield University  
Spring 2024*

# Discover the **HEARTBEAT** of Athens

Every corner of Athens reveals tales of antiquity, with museums and ancient sites standing as testaments to its illustrious past.

Yet, amidst the echoes of bygone eras, modernity is ever apparent. Galleries, theaters, and music venues pulse with life, offering stages for global talents to dazzle and inspire.

CYA is in the heart of the student-friendly Pangrati district, serving as an ideal backdrop for academic pursuits intertwined with the pulse of contemporary Athenian life.

CYA, a non-profit educational institution with over 60 years of experience, serves as a cultural and educational bridge between Greece and the United States.

Our desire is to expand perspectives and provide an exceptional academic experience.

CYA is perfectly positioned for students to take advantage of all that Greece, the Mediterranean, and Europe have to offer.





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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.