



2026-2027

Anthropology
Archaeology
Architecture
Art History
Astronomy
Biology
Business
Classics
Communication
Economics
Engineering
Entrepreneurship
Environmental Studies
History
International Relations
Literature
Modern Greek Language
Neuroscience
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Religion
Sociology
Theater
Urbanism/Sustainability

Academic Year | Semester | Summer | Winter | Faculty-Led Programs



STUDY ABROAD WITH CYA

YOUR JOURNEY STARTS...NOW

On-site components

Discover Ancient Paths

Athens as your primary classroom

Global exploration through field study

Unique courses

Hands-on and experiential learning

Uncover the cosmopolitan allure of Athens

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


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.



STEM

in Athens



In partnership with Greece's National Centre for Scientific Research (NCSR), "Demokritos," we offer STEM courses at the research center's campus (including labs), such as AI, Astronomy, Biology and Physics.

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



CAREER

Catalysts

With Student Affairs' guidance, students can engage in non-credit internships/volunteer work to enhance their study abroad experience. We offer experiential learning in many disciplines, including:

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

—This is not an exhaustive list of opportunities

STUDENT

Soundbite

I think that studying abroad with CYA was honestly the best choice I have ever made. It has undoubtedly changed my life and helped me discover myself.

Through classes and field studies I was able to broaden my mind and understanding of the world around me and better understand my place within it. I am an only child of a single parent and traveling alone to a country halfway across the world was completely outside of my comfort zone.

I learned time management, coping skills, and self-sufficiency. I was challenged academically yet still supported and encouraged through it all which helped me to find new passions and develop my existing skills. While abroad, I learned better communication skills with peers and professors along with friends and strangers.

Now that I've nearly completed this experience I smile remembering my past self struggling to buy groceries my first night and am just a little bit envious of all she has in store in the coming months.



Natalia Jacuch

College of the Holy Cross
Spring 2025

LEARNING

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.

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.

Workshops

Subject matter includes:

- > Disability and Healing
- > Latin Paleography
- > Greek Paleography
- > Creativity and Cultural Awareness

**offerings vary per term*

Hands-On Opportunities

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



EXPLORE

Greece

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

Fall 2025

Peloponnese
Delphi
Crete



Explore important sites in Greece!

Highlights include:

- Knossos
- Nauplio
- Olympia
- Mycenae
- Zakros
- Mystra
- Rethymno

Optional trips:

- Andros
- Meteora
- Kos Island

Key for Trips



Spring 2026

Peloponnese
Delphi
Thessaloniki



Highlights include:

- Nauplio
- Olympia
- Vergina
- Kerkini
- Mystra
- Metsovo
- Ioannina
- Volos
- Kastoria

Optional trips:

- Crete

—The cost of these mandatory field study trips is included in the fees.
—Students register prior to the start of the semester.
—Optional field study requires a supplemental fee.

AND Beyond



Fall 2025

Select one from the list:

- Brussels
- Geneva
- Venice | Ravenna
- Florence | Bologna
- Naples
- Sicily



Why just learn about it when you can live it?

Experience your classes in a real world context by exploring the rich political, historical and geographical ties that connect Greece to wider Europe.

Spring 2026

Select one from the list:

- Rome
- Naples
- Venice | Ravenna
- Brussels
- Berlin
- Balkans



STUDENT

Resources

CYA LIBRARY

The CYA Library serves as a learning resource center, offering 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.

Our assistive technologies enhance accessibility and inclusivity for our students. The librarian can produce large prints, has text to speech software and provides access to the note taking software Genio. The technology emphasizes CYA's commitment to ensuring all students have equal access to educational resources and opportunities.

FAST FACTS | CYA LIBRARY

240,000+ eBooks

4,000+ eJournals

13,000+ volumes

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.

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, an experienced faculty member, is knowledgeable about the CYA academic program and experienced in working with students from diverse backgrounds and institutions.

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

It is difficult to describe the biggest impacts of studying abroad because they are not always imminent. During my semester abroad, I had the time of my life, made amazing friends and connections, and ventured out of my comfort zone every day, but I also changed in ways I yet cannot describe.

I came back home with the same bags but a very different person.

I learned to see the world outside of my bubble, city, state, and my own beliefs. It changed how I see myself and the world I live in. I became stronger as an individual and equally more sensitive towards people and the planet.

Greece and its natural beauty made me more environmentally cautious, and the Greek people made me realize that you don't always need to know the same language to have a heartfelt conversation. It changed my perception of people I had never met, how different and yet similar we all are.



Chowdhury Farah Noor

Lehigh University
Spring 2025

LOOKING AFTER

You



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CYA's Student Affairs team assists students with personal growth and development as well as help them find their own path to fulfillment while they are in Athens. Physical and mental health support resources are available to all CYA students. The team is dedicated to learning about each student's unique needs, concerns, hobbies, and special interests.

Community Engagement

Explore Athens 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.

Wellness Week

—Offered during fall and spring semesters.

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

At CYA, your well-being matters.



SHORT TERM Offerings

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

Summer Program I
May 25 – June 20, 2026

Summer Program II
June 22 – July 18, 2026

The Heritage Greece Program® at College Year in Athens
June 15 – June 28, 2026



Myth, Memory, and the Modern Mediterranean
Discovering Greece from the Peloponnese to the Aegean

Winter Program
January 2 – January 22, 2026

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.



Coming Soon – New Winter Course!

Check the CYA website for additional information.

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.



LIVING IN Athens

CYA students can choose from one of two housing options.

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Apartment Living

Residential apartments are available in the Pangrati neighborhood of Athens. All apartments are a short walk (2 to 10 minutes) from the Academic Center.

The advantage of these accommodations over typical student dormitories is that you will have more opportunity to interact with your Greek neighbors and generally live like Athenians do.



Homestay Experience

Homestay is not simply an alternative to our CYA apartments; it is an enrichment of the study abroad experience, an immersion in Greek culture and the Greek family lifestyle, and an opportunity to develop life-long relationships and a second home halfway across the world.

Each semester, CYA matches students who have indicated an interest in the program with a host family with complementary interests, lifestyles, or hobbies. Homestay accommodations depend on availability and on student profiles.



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 \$2,000 is available for our summer programs. Ask about our summer scholarship application.

Your QUESTIONS

Our ANSWERS

What are the application deadlines?

CYA employs a rolling admissions policy for semester applications. 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. For CYA Summer programs, priority deadline is April 1.

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.



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