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**Summer School on Greek culture and civilization for Greeks abroad
from the USA (US Citizens):**

Mystras, Laconia (Greece), July 25 - August 7, 2024

Free school - No fees

1. The Program

The Hellenic Open University announces twenty-five (25) places for a summer school on “Greek Culture and Civilization from Ancient Times to Modern Era”, which will take place in the medieval settlement of Mystras (Laconia, Greece) from Thursday the 25th of July to Wednesday the 7th of August 2024. The program will include applications from Greeks abroad from the US (US citizens). The program is under the auspices of the General Secretariat for Greeks Abroad and Public Diplomacy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

2. Location

The summer school will take place in the historic medieval settlement of Mystras (Laconia, Greece). Classes will be held at the Institute of Byzantine Studies of the University of Peloponnese in Mystras (http://inevyp.kalamata.uop.gr/?page_id=149&lang=el). Participants will be accommodated at the nearby Mystras Palace Hotel (<https://www.mystraspalace.com/el/>). Excursions and guided tours will be organized at the wider area of Laconia and Messinia.

3. Content

The program is consisted of three-hour daily lectures and discussion meetings on the three periods of Greek culture and civilization (ancient, medieval/byzantine, and modern/contemporary). Furthermore, there will be corresponding activities on the topics covered by the meetings, mainly guided tours and excursions.

3.1 Lecture topics:

Ancient Era

1. Ancient history
2. Archeology and ancient Greek art
3. Ancient religion and mythology
4. Ancient philosophy and science.

Medieval (Byzantine) Era

1. Byzantine history
2. Byzantine art and architecture
3. Byzantine philosophy and the Greek enlightenment

Modern and Contemporary Era

1. Modern Greek history
2. Modern Greek literature
3. Modern Greek art
4. Greek cinema
5. Greek music
6. Greek nature.

3.2 Activities / Guided tours

1. Ancient Sparta and the Archeological Museum
2. Ancient Messini (Ithomi)
3. Diros Cave and Kastania Cave
4. Settlement of Mystras
5. Monemvasia
6. Koumantareios Portrait Gallery (Sparta)
7. Cape Tainaron and Oracle
8. Museum of the Olive and Greek Olive Oil (Sparta)
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4. Accommodation, meals, and transportation (all free)

Accommodation will be offered for free in **double rooms** for 14 nights with breakfast and one meal per day. Transportation to the sites of excursions and guided tours as well as entrance fees (where applicable) will be covered by the organizer.

The organizer will NOT cover transportation to Mystras from Athens airport or any other airport and backwards.

5. Application and selection

The participants to the summer school must:

- (a) Be between 18-28 years old,
- (b) Be students (undergraduates, postgraduates, or doctoral students) or have a background of tertiary education.
- (c) Have a Greek ancestral background (1st or 2nd or 3rd generation or more Greek ancestors)
- (d) Sent a motivation letter, which will state the reasons for participating in the summer school (see the form below).

Results will be announced in May 2024.

Criteria for selection:

1. Greek ancestral background (ON/ OFF)

2. Motivation letter (Evaluated)

3. Enrolment for undergraduate or postgraduate at a higher Institution (60 % of the participants will come from the undergraduate level and 40 % from postgraduate level).

6. Registration and administrative support

Application and motivation letter forms are available at the following link:

<https://www.eap.gr/education/sae/summer-school/registration/>

After completed, please upload at the same webpage.

For further information see the webpage of the Summer School:

<https://www.eap.gr/education/sae/summer-school/>

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