

Virtual Odyssey in Athens

Information technology is changing many aspects of human endeavor and existence. This is beyond dispute for most. What are contested are the social, educational and ethical implications of these changes. At the center of this technology/society interrelationship we find many complex questions about the nature of the human, history, philosophy, culture, freedom and much more. This is indeed a vast intellectual landscape.

As COVID-19 has had a global impact on international education with study abroad programs being cancelled due to the pandemic, Webster Athens is addressing these changes and has developed several virtual courses as a “Pre-Study Abroad” stepping-stone – not intended to substitute the semester abroad, but to enhance it when the student decides to come abroad.

The virtual courses offered will cover the areas of **Modern Greek Culture and Society and Greek Mythology and Religion** and will afford students the opportunity to learn through on-line classroom lectures, discussions, virtual tours of archaeological sites and museums and educational videos.

Why do a virtual study abroad course?

- The courses offered at Webster Athens will allow students to explore the ancient and modern Greek world virtually and discover how cutting-edge digital tools like 3D-modeling are reshaping the disciplines of ancient Mediterranean world.
- Students can experience an online journey to ancient Greece’s most famous archaeological sites as unravel the mysteries of its ancient civilizations and temples.
- Greek culture has been explored in as much depth as its mythology, history, philosophy and politics. By uncovering the richness and diversity of Greek culture virtually, students can gain a broader understanding of modern Greece as a whole, and thus be better prepared for a full semester abroad.
- Students can develop a clearer and a more sophisticated understanding of modern Greece by exploring the role of mythology, art, philosophy, literature and democracy developed in ancient Greek society.
- Discover that the Greeks were the first to explore most of the questions that continue to concern Western thinkers to this day and examine the historical, social, cultural and philosophical phenomena that laid the foundation for Western Civilization.
- Explain how going beyond mythmaking and religion, the Greeks strove to understand in logical, rational terms, both the universe and the position of men and women in it. The result was the birth of philosophy and science.

Virtual Courses Offered for the Fall 2020 semester:

1. PHIL2080/RELG2030: Virtual Greek Mythology and Religion (FA 1)
2. ANSO3100/ILC2150 [GLBL][INTC]: Virtual Modern Greek Society & Culture (FA2)

Students can enroll in one or both courses.

Virtual Course Descriptions:

PHIL2080/RELG2030: Virtual Greek Mythology & Religion (Fall term 1) (3 credits)

This course is designed to introduce students to the study of mythology and religion through the virtualization. This kind of education has led to a multitude of new possibilities for gaining knowledge about historical past of Western civilization, its culture, mythology, religion, philosophy, art, literature and political institutions. Symbolic analysis is investigated from the standpoint of the theories of Campbell, Graves, and Jung. The objective of this course is to provide students with a theoretical framework for the symbolic analysis of myths on the psychological, social, historical, cosmological and metaphysical levels. This is achieved through a mastery of the principles of Campbellian and Jungian philosophy.

ANSO3100/ILC2150[GLBL][INTL]: Virtual Modern Greek Society & Culture (Fall term 2) (3 credits)

A virtual examination of the ethnographic make-up of modern Greek society - family, gender roles, village organization, kinship. Students will explore the concepts of honor, shame, patronage, and ritual as they apply to the workplace, the marketplace, coffeehouse, and church. An analysis of the ways in which Greek culture has adapted to social and economic change, including the effects of mass tourism. By uncovering the richness and diversity of Greek culture virtually, students can gain a broader understanding of modern Greece as a whole.

Each course is 8 weeks long and is 36 hours of live WebEx lessons.

Fall term 1: August 24 – October 16, 2020 (deadline to apply July 30)

Fall term 2: October 26 – December 18, 2020 (deadline to apply September 1)

**Application process is easy and there is no application fee.*

Cost: \$725 USD per credit (one 3 credit class is \$2,175)

Tuition Assistance: 5% if registered for 2 courses.

In addition to this tuition assistance, students will receive a \$500 housing scholarship for their semester abroad when they actually come abroad.

For more information please contact:

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FALL 1 SCHEDULE OF VIRTUAL CLASSES [all courses 3 credits]

[August 24 - October 16]

MDST 4950: Retail Business Social Media Promotion Virtual Internship

MNGT 4950: B2B Research & Arrangements Virtual Internship

MNGT 4950: Retail Business Analysis Virtual Internship

MNGT 4950: Retail Business Social Media Promotion Virtual Internship

MNGT 4950: Tourism Operations Project Management Virtual Internship

PHIL2080: Virtual Greek Mythology and Religion

RELG2030: Virtual Greek Mythology and Religion

FALL 2 SCHEDULE OF VIRTUAL CLASSES [all courses 3 credits]

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