

## FAQ ABOUT SUMMER 2010 ANCIENT GREECE

### ACADEMICS

(1) What courses are involved?

Every participant will be taking two 3-credit courses, for a total of 6 credit hours. They are PHIL 240 (Greek Philosophy in Context), and MATH 103 (The Nature of Mathematics: The Mathematics of Euclid).

(2) Are there any pre-requisites for the program or course?

No. Both of the courses are suitable for students with no background in philosophy, math, ancient history, or Greek literature. Having some interest or experience in these areas is naturally a good thing, but it's neither expected nor required.

(3) Can I receive Gen Ed credit for these courses?

Yes.

PHIL 240 will count towards Cluster Two (Human Questions and Contexts); if you want this to count in this way, you'll need to fill out some paperwork for Gen Ed to allow it to count as GHUM 250 (Foundations of Western Culture).

MATH 103 will count for your math requirement in Cluster 3, Group 1.

(4) I've already taken MATH 103. What can I do?

You can take MATH 103 multiple times for credit, since each professor teaches the course differently. So having taken it once is not a problem.

(5) Will either course count for BA or BS credit?

Yes. For those of you pursuing a B.A., PHIL 240 will fulfill your philosophy B.A. credit requirement. For those of you pursuing a B.S., MATH 103 will count as one of your two required math courses (either as part of Gen Ed cluster three, or as your B.S. Quantitative Requirement).

(6) How will the courses work?

They'll be much like normal courses: you'll have readings to do, problems to work, classes to attend, etc. But a significant part of the courses will involve visiting many ancient sites that play a role in the course materials. Sometimes we'll meet in a classroom, but other times we'll discuss the material as we're travelling or when we're on site (e.g., at the Acropolis in Athens).

### REQUIREMENTS

(1) Does it matter what my major is?

No.

(2) Does it matter whether I'm a freshman, junior, etc.?

No.

(3) Do I need to know Greek?

No. It wouldn't hurt to know a few phrases, of course, but it's neither required nor expected. All course activities will be conducted in English, either by us, or by English-speaking tour guides.

(4) How many students will be participating?

We're aiming for a program with 10-15 students total.

(5) How much will the program cost?

There are three main costs. First, as with any of JMU's short-term programs, you will need to pay for airfare to and from the program location, and you'll need to book these flights on your own. (We'll be starting on the island of Samos, and ending in Athens).

You'll also need to pay tuition at the same rate you would for summer courses taken here on campus. Everyone will be enrolled in 6 credit hours (3 for each course).

Finally, you'll need to pay what they call the "Supplemental Program Fee", which covers costs for lodging, food, all travel during the course itself, course texts, site visits, etc. while we're overseas. We don't have a firm number here yet because it depends upon the number of participants, the currency exchange rates, etc, but our very rough estimate is that this fee will be \$4500 for each of you. We'll update you once we know this cost more precisely.

## TRAVEL

(1) When will the program take place?

Tentative dates: May 10-June 10, 2010. We'll be spending the first week (May 10-May 14) on campus to get some of the classroom work out of the way, and we'll meet on the island of Samos on May 18. The program will end on June 10 in Athens.

(2) Where will we be staying?

We'll be staying in four different hotels, with 2 or 3 of you to a room. The first will be on the island of Samos, the second will be on the island of Paros, the third will be on the island of Santorini, and the fourth will be in Athens. The tour company that's putting the program together for us is planning for us to stay in the following hotels or something similar:

Samos: Hotel Gagou Beach <http://www.gagoubeach.com/>

Paros: Akrotiri Hotel <http://www.akrotirihotel.gr/>

Santorini: Hotel Santorini Palace <http://www.santorinipalacehotel.gr/>

Athens: Hotel Amazon <http://www.amazonhotel.gr/>

(3) Are meals included?

While overseas, all breakfasts will be included, four group dinners will be included, and you'll be given food allowance money periodically for the remaining meals, which you'll buy on your own.

(4) How will we be travelling in Greece and Turkey?

Primarily by bus or ferry, and of course by foot. All costs for in-country travel are included except your first-day transportation from the airport in Samos to our hotel, and your last-day transportation from our Athens hotel to the Athens airport.

(5) Will we have any free time during the trip?

Yes. Though some of it will be devoted to working on the courses (readings, assignments, etc.), we've left open many afternoons and evenings, and there will be a few (2 or 3) free days worked in as well.

## MISCELLANEOUS

(1) When will I know if I've been accepted into the program?

Please see the OIP website for this information. Here's the link:

[http://www.jmu.edu/international/abroad/forms\\_jmu\\_shortterm.shtml](http://www.jmu.edu/international/abroad/forms_jmu_shortterm.shtml)

As it says there, you'll be notified by November 24 if you apply by the deadline, which is November 2.