HON 520C: WESTMINSTER COLLEGE SPRING PROGRAM IN GREECE
May 14-28, 2019
THE ATHENS CENTRE
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:
The Westminster Spring Program in Greece offers honors students an onsite introduction to ancient Greek philosophy and history. This is a pass/fail course, in which students read an assortment of travel writing just prior to travel. During the trip, students keep a detailed travel journal informed by assigned readings as well as past (HON 201C) course material. They revise and submit this journal to program professors upon their return to the states.

As the partner course in the cluster with HON 201C, the outcomes for this course are as follows:

COURSE OUTCOMES:
By the end of this travel course, students should be able to
1. understand how various forces (political, geographical, and historical) have shaped the development of different cultures in Greece and beyond;
2. synthesize knowledge from past readings of Ancient Greece with knowledge gained from present travel to ancient sites;
3. think creatively, and appreciate aesthetic expression;
4. produce travel writing that shows an awareness of language, freedom from cliché, and an understanding of genre, style, and topic;
5. understand that the world is a system of interconnected countries and cultures;
6. develop an appreciation of global diversity and a critically informed perspective of the points of view of others;
7. compare and contrast different countries, cultures, and societies;
8. recognize the interdependence of countries, cultures, and societies;
9. understand oneself and one’s own culture through contact with ideas from other countries/cultures/societies; and
10. gain new proficiencies and skills to navigate unfamiliar cultures and situations.

These outcomes will be assessed by students’ travel writing, as well as small and large group discussions onsite.

FIELD TRIPS
Field trips will take place as follows:
. 2 days Argolis (Mycenae, Nauplion, Epidaurus)
. 2 days Delphi
. 4 days on the island of Samos

HOUSING
Housing for participants in Athens and on field trips will be in conveniently located hotels, in double or triple rooms with private bath, breakfast provided each morning.
FEES
Fees for the program, based on a minimum of 23-25 participants, will be 2120 Euros per person. Fees include the following:

- Housing in Athens, Samos, Nauplion, and Delphi in double or triple rooms with private bath, and breakfast. (One or two triple rooms might be used if there is an odd number of men/women in the group.)
- Housing for professors in single rooms, breakfast included.
- Transport by private, air-conditioned bus on field trips outside Athens.
- Transfers to and from the airport to the Athens hotel if participants arrive as a group. (individual transfers and meeting at the airport not included)
- Transfers to and from the airport for the flight to Samos.
- Flight to/from Samos.
- Transfers to/from Samos airport to the hotel.
- One day of private bus on Samos to visit sites and museums.
- Welcome and Farewell dinners, and lunch in Delphi.
- A guided walking tour in central Athens, to familiarize the students with the city and give them useful tips while their stay
- An olive oil tasting and a cooking-class, provided by professional experts on the field
- An introductory class of modern Greek (useful phrases so students can order and interact with locals in shops)
- Archaeologist to lecture on sites and museums in Athens, Argolis and Delphi.
- Bi-lingual Athens Centre advisor to accompany group on field trips outside Athens.
- 2 professors free of charge
- Folder of materials for each participant upon arrival.
- Entry to sites and museums.
- Use of Athens Centre classrooms, library, photocopier, projectors, etc. as needed.
- 24 hour bi-lingual emergency assistance from the Athens Centre office if needed.
- All taxes including the new VAT tax of 24% on just about everything.