MARIST ABROAD IN GREECE AND TURKEY

This program will consist of a combination of pre-departure lectures, readings, and on-site lectures and activities designed to engage students in the exploration of the role of media in Greek and Turkish relations. Students will have the opportunity to experience Greece and Turkey through its museums, ancient ruins and historical and culture sites. The scope of the program will include discussions on history, politics, and culture as it relates to the media in both countries. All lectures will be in English or with an English translator.

THE COURSE

Three (3) credits will be offered for the program. Students will enroll in one of the following courses:

- COM 325L-150 Intercultural Communications
- COM 488L-150 Comparative Communication Systems

Note: Courses above may fulfill the elective for the Global Studies minor or serve as a Foreign Culture credit or for the Cultural Diversity requirement. Speak with your Academic Advisor for more information.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Prof Subir Sengupta of the School of Communications & the Arts will direct the program. Students interested in the program need to meet with Prof Sengupta to discuss the program and to receive permission to enroll. A second full time Marist instructor/chaperone will also accompany the group to assist with logistics and safety.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The goal of the program is to study the history and various cornerstones of Greek and Turkish culture and how they relate to Greek-Turkish society and communication patterns. To achieve this, the program will visit media corporations and meet journalists.

Students are required to attend orientation/class sessions during Spring 2010. Dates and times to be announced.

COURSE WORK

Lectures, presentations, site visits including media companies, and interviews with Greek and Turkish nationals. Students will make presentations in class on assigned topics, write small papers before their trip, visit media corporations in Greece and Turkey, and write a final paper. A daily on-site journal is also required.

PROGRAM ITINERARY*

Scheduled destinations include Athens, Greece and Istanbul, Turkey.

Highlights for some of the scheduled visits are:

Athens
The Greek capital of Athens is one of the most famous historical cities in the world. Named after the Greek goddess Athena, modern Athens is a bustling cosmopolitan metropolis that has become the dominant center of economic, financial, industrial, cultural and political life in Greece.

Students will explore the ancient monuments in Athens, including the Acropolis and Parthenon, the National Archaeological Museum, and surrounding areas, including Olympia.

Istanbul
Istanbul (historically Byzantium and later Constantinople) is the world’s 3rd largest city and Turkey’s cultural and financial center. The city covers 27 districts of the Istanbul province. It is located on the Bosphorus Strait and encompasses the natural harbor known as the Golden Horn, in the northwest of the country. It extends both on the European (Thrace) and on the Asian (Anatolia) side of the Bosphorus, and is thereby the only metropolis in the world which is situated on two continents. In its long history, Istanbul served as the capital city of the Roman Empire (330–395), the East Roman (Byzantine) Empire (395–1204 and 1261–1453), the Latin Empire (1204–1261), and the Ottoman Empire (1453–1922).

Students will explore the ancient monuments of Istanbul, including the Blue Mosque, Topkaki Palace, Hippodrome, Galata Bridge and other historical and cultural sites.

HOUSING

Students will stay in budget hotels (double or triple occupancy).

MEALS

Breakfast is provided on the program. All other meals will be the responsibility of the student. Students are be encouraged to explore the culinary offerings available in each country.

*The MIP reserves the right to make changes to the scheduled itinerary. Any changes will be discussed during orientation.
PROGRAM COST OF $3,800.00 INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip Airfare (NYC-Athens/Istanbul-NYC)
- Airport Transfer in Greece and Turkey
- Program Transportation in Greece and Turkey
- Accommodations (double occupancy)
- 1 meal per day (continental breakfast)
- Site visits (entrance fees to designated venues)
- Health Insurance

COSTS NOT INCLUDED:

- 3-credits Marist Tuition/Registration Fee
- 2 meals per day (lunch and dinner)
- Personal expenses, transportation and excursions
- Passport and visa
- Taxes and surcharges (airline, airport & departure)
- US Airport Transfer
- Gratuities

SPACE IS LIMITED!!

PROGRAM NOTES

- Graduating Seniors: Please note that students participating in a Spring Attachment course will be able to participate in the May Commencement Ceremony. Your actual graduation date upon which your degree is conferred will be August 31, as your Spring Attachment coursework will not be completed until after the May 31 conferral date. Your diploma will be mailed to you in early September.
- Fluctuating exchange rates, airline and other fees may lead to cost changes.
- Program fees are based on a minimum number of participants in the program. Refund Policy: Please speak with the Coordinator for specific information on Marist International Programs short-term program refund policy prior to making any payments for the program. Your $300 non-refundable deposit indicates your acceptance of the Refund Policy.
- Applicants should demonstrate flexibility and a sincere desire to increase their understanding of Greek and Turkish culture and society, and should possess the emotional strength to adjust to a foreign environment.
- Marist International Programs reserves the right to modify or cancel the program as dictated by current economic and/or political situations. This may include changes to the scheduled itinerary or program dates.
- All fees will be refunded if a program is cancelled.
- Information in this brochure is subject to change.

PROGRAM TUITION

This Spring Attachment course can be taken as part of your 2010 Spring Semester course load. If you decide to take this course in addition to your regular full-time course load (16 credits maximum), you will be responsible for any additional per-credit charge ($610.00 per undergraduate credit). Tuition is not included in the program cost.

All payments, including the $300 non-refundable deposit, should be made in Student Financial Services, Donnelly 200. Student Financial Services can accept payments by cash or check. If you wish to pay by credit card (Discover, MasterCard or American Express only), you must do so online at http://www.marist.edu/financialaid/payment.html. A 2% convenience fee is assessed for all credit card transactions.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION PAYMENTS AND DEADLINES

November 20, 2009 $300.00 Deposit (non-refundable) SPRING ADD/DROP

January 25, 2010 LATE SPRING ADD/DROP

Students are required to pay all fees and costs for the program if course is added during Late Spring 2010 Add/Drop.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Program cost is included with the Spring Tuition bill and is payable by the Spring Bill due date which is early January.

TuitionPay offers a Spring only monthly payment plan option. Contact 1.800.635.0120 or visit their website at www.tuitionpay.com for additional information. Spring plans can be spread over four (4) months, and can be set up in November with first payment due in December.

Alternative loans: visit our website at http://www.marist.edu/financialaid for information on alternative loans.

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