

# MARIST IN GREECE AND TURKEY

May 31 - June 14, 2010



## The Role of Media in Greek-Turkish Relations

### 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, Topkapi 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 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.*

Syntagma Square, Athens



