



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**MEMPHIS**



# History of Sport and Society Study Abroad Program in Greece

**June 22 - July 7, 2011**

**Applications due: March 1, 2011**



**Special Olympics**  
WORLD SUMMER GAMES  
ATHENS 2011

This program examines the institution of sport from a comparative historical perspective. Beginning with sport in modern America it then shifts to examine sport in the ancient world with a particular focus on ancient Greece. Students will study for the first two and a half weeks on campus in Memphis and they spend the final two and a half weeks in Greece. This five week, three unit course asks students to consider continuity and change in the meaning of sport in ancient and modern times, with particular focus on the relationship between sport and society, the international politics of sport, and the particular role of race and gender in sport.

During the trip to Greece, students will visit ancient athletic sites at Athens, Nemea, Brauron, Delphi, Sparta, and Olympia as well as journey to Crete to view early Minoan athletic depictions. Students will participate in guided tours at ancient sites and museums, as well as participate in class lecture and discussions. Students will even have a chance to attend the opening ceremony and some of the events at the modern Special Olympics hosted in Athens.

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# History of Sport and Society in Ancient Greece

## *Tentative Itinerary:*

### Day 1 >> Wed. June 22:

- Flight to Athens, Greece (airfare is additional to the program price)

### Day 2 >> Thurs. June 23: (Athens)

- Arrival at Athens Airport
- Transfer by private bus from the airport to your hotel
- 4 nights in twin rooms with private bathrooms at a 3-star hotel in Athens
- Public transportation pass included for the entire stay in Athens
- Welcome orientation at the hotel in Athens
- Walk to the **Philopappos Hill and Monument** with your coordinator
- **Welcome dinner** at a typical Greek restaurant to kick off the program

### Day 3 >> Fri. June 24: (Athens)

- Breakfast at the hotel / Transfer by public transportation during the day
- Guided walking tour of Ancient Athens in the morning, incl. the **Acropolis** and the **Agora**
- The remainder of the day is free to explore the area further on your own...

### Day 4 >> Sat. June 25: (Athens)

- Breakfast at the hotel / Transfer by public transportation during the day
- Lecture in Athens in the morning (classroom space included)
- Entrance to the **National Archaeological Museum** in the afternoon which houses some of the most important artifacts from a variety of archaeological locations around Greece from prehistory to late antiquity
- Tickets for the Special Olympics Opening Ceremony in Athens

### Day 5 >> Sun. June 26: (Athens – Cape Sounion)

- Breakfast at the hotel / Transfer by public transportation during the day
- Discussions in Athens in the morning (no formal classroom space included)
- Transfer by private bus to **Cape Sounion** and return
- Entrance to Cape Sounion to enjoy the sunset in a beautiful scenery

### Day 6 >> Mon. June 27: (Athens – Brauron - Loutraki)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Lecture in Athens in the morning
- Transfer by private bus from **Athens to Loutraki**
- Stop-over in Brauron: Entrance to the **ancient site of Brauron**
- 2 nights in twin rooms with private bathrooms at a 3-star hotel in Loutraki

### Day 7 >> Tues. June 28: (Loutraki – Isthmia – Nemea - Loutraki)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Lecture in Loutraki in the morning
- Transfer by private bus in the afternoon
- Entrance to the ancient site of Isthmia incl. the old stadium, the **Temple of Poseidon** and the museum in the early afternoon
- Entrance to the ancient site of Nemea in the late afternoon where **The Nemean Games** were held from 573 BC at the Zeus sanctuary in Nemea
- Evening return to Loutraki

### Day 8 >> Wed. June 29: (Sparta - Olympia)

- Breakfast at the hotel / Transfer by private bus during the day
- Entrance to the **ancient site of Sparta** in the late morning, recognized as the overall leader of the combined Greek forces during the Greco-Persian Wars
- Late check-in: 2 nights in twin rooms with private bathrooms at a 3-star hotel in Olympia
- **Group dinner** at a restaurant in or on the way to Olympia

### Day 9 >> Thurs. June 30: (Olympia)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Guided tour of the **ancient site of Olympia** in the morning, known for having been the site of the **Olympic Games in classical times**, comparable in importance to the Pythian Games held in Delphi
- Discussion in Olympia in the afternoon or evening

### Day 10 >> Fri. July 1: (Olympia - Delphi)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer by private bus from **Olympia to Delphi**
- 2 nights in twin rooms with private bathrooms at a 3-star hotel in Delphi
- Lecture in Delphi in the late morning, afterwards, free time in Delphi

### Day 11 >> Sat. July 2: (Delphi)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- **Guided tour of Delphi** in the morning, the most popular archaeological site in Greece after the **Acropolis**. Delphi in ancient times was considered the center of the known world, the place where heaven and earth met.
- Entrance to the museum of Delphi in the afternoon
- Discussion in Delphi in the evening

### Day 12 >> Sun. July 3: (Piraeus - Crete)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer by private bus from Delphi to the **port of Piraeus**
- **Take the ferry** from Piraeus to Chania in the early afternoon
- Transfer by private bus from the port of Chania to your hotel. Late check-in: 3 nights in twin rooms with private bathrooms at a 3-star hotel in Chania
- Lecture in Chania in the evening

### Day 13 >> Mon. July 4: (Crete)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer by private bus during the day
- Guided tour of the **Palace of Knossos** in the morning, the largest Bronze Age archaeological site on Crete and probably the ceremonial and political center of the Minoan civilization and culture
- Entrance to the **Archaeological Museum of Heraklion** in the afternoon

### Day 14 >> Tues. July 5: (Crete)

- Breakfast at the hotel
  - **Free day in Crete...**
- Optional: Day excursion to Santorini (additional costs)*
- *Transfer from Chania to the port of Heraklion*
  - *Take the ferry back to Santorini from Heraklion*
  - *Free time in Santorini to explore the island on your own...*
  - *Transfer by private bus from the port of Heraklion to your hotel in Chania*

### Day 15 >> Wed. July 6: (Crete - Athens)

- Breakfast at the hotel
- **Free day for study in Crete...**
- Transfer by private bus to the port of Chania in the evening
- Farewell dinner at a restaurant in Crete
- **Overnight ferry ticket** from Chania to Piraeus (4 berth inside cabins)

### Day 16 >> Thurs. July 7: (Athens)

- Early morning arrival at the port of Piraeus
- Transfer by private bus from the port of Piraeus to Athens airport
- Departure from Athens Airport to the USA (airfare is additional to the program price)

### Program (as listed above in the itinerary):

Application Fee (non-refundable) .....	\$350
Program Fee (estimated) .....	\$2,900
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$3,250</b>

### Additional Expenses:

Airfare (estimated) .....	\$1,000
3 units of U of M tuition .....	\$950
Food/Spending Money (estimated) .....	\$500-\$1,000

*\*Not included in the program price: airfare, tuition, some meals, passport or personal items/expenses. The program price is based on a minimum number of participants. Itinerary is subject to change according to availability.*