



## —Welcome to CYA

Our vision is to help students transform into global citizens who understand and appreciate other cultures.

CYA (College Year in Athens) is a non-profit educational institution that has been serving as a cultural and educational bridge between Greece and the United States for nearly 60 years, with the goal of expanding perspectives and providing exceptional academic experiences.

Following the wisdom of Socrates, “I am not an Athenian or a Greek, I am a citizen of the world,” CYA aims to transform students into global citizens who have a cosmopolitan view of themselves and the world.

CYA provides unique, academically rigorous courses that include field study and on-site components, encouraging hands-on and experiential learning. CYA courses utilize the landscape of Greece, and Athens especially, as a classroom, placing students in direct contact with their objects of study. Semester and year-long programs are available, as well as winter and summer sessions.

“During my time abroad, I have developed a more holistic understanding of the world. I have learned about various cultures other than my own, broadened my horizons and I have learned to be a more understanding and open-minded person.”

*Maraki Russel (Boston College), Fall '19*

## —Fun Facts

- Greece is the sunniest country in Europe, enjoying more than 250 days of sunshine, or 3,000 sunny hours a year!
- Greece has more archaeological museums than any other country in the world
- Athens has 148 theater stages, more than the West End and Broadway combined.
- Greece's coastline measures a whopping 13,676 km, or 8,498 miles. No point in Greece is more than 85 miles or 137 kilometers from water.
- The Mediterranean diet is considered one of the healthiest in the world
- Greek is one of the oldest written languages in existence
- Athens is home to the first known democracy
- Cats are a large part of everyday life in Greece. Often, they roam neighborhoods freely!
- On average, Greeks consume 5 kilos of yogurt, 5.5 kilos of coffee, 26,9 liters of wine and 153,1 liters of olive oil per capita each year
- Greece was ranked among safest countries for tourists by the US State Department (2019)

## —Learning Beyond the classroom

We place an emphasis on learning beyond the classroom, offering hands-on learning experiences in the rich and diverse environment of Greece. Many classes are held on-site, adding a new dimension to learning and a global understanding of the subject.

## —Life in Athens

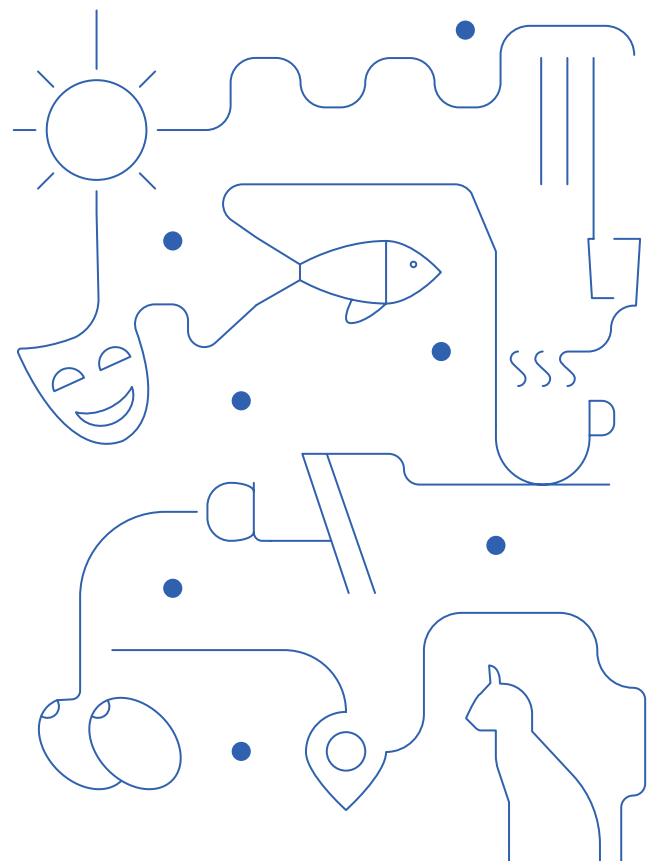
Renowned for both its ancient history and modern culture, Athens is home to some of the most important monuments, museums, and ancient sites, as well as a thriving contemporary art and music scene.

Galleries, theaters, and live music venues are found in every neighborhood and often host shows and performances by exciting artists from all over the world.

The city is also known for its abundance of charming cafes and restaurants (Athens is home to 5 Michelin-Starred restaurants!), where you are encouraged to take your time enjoying the company of friends.

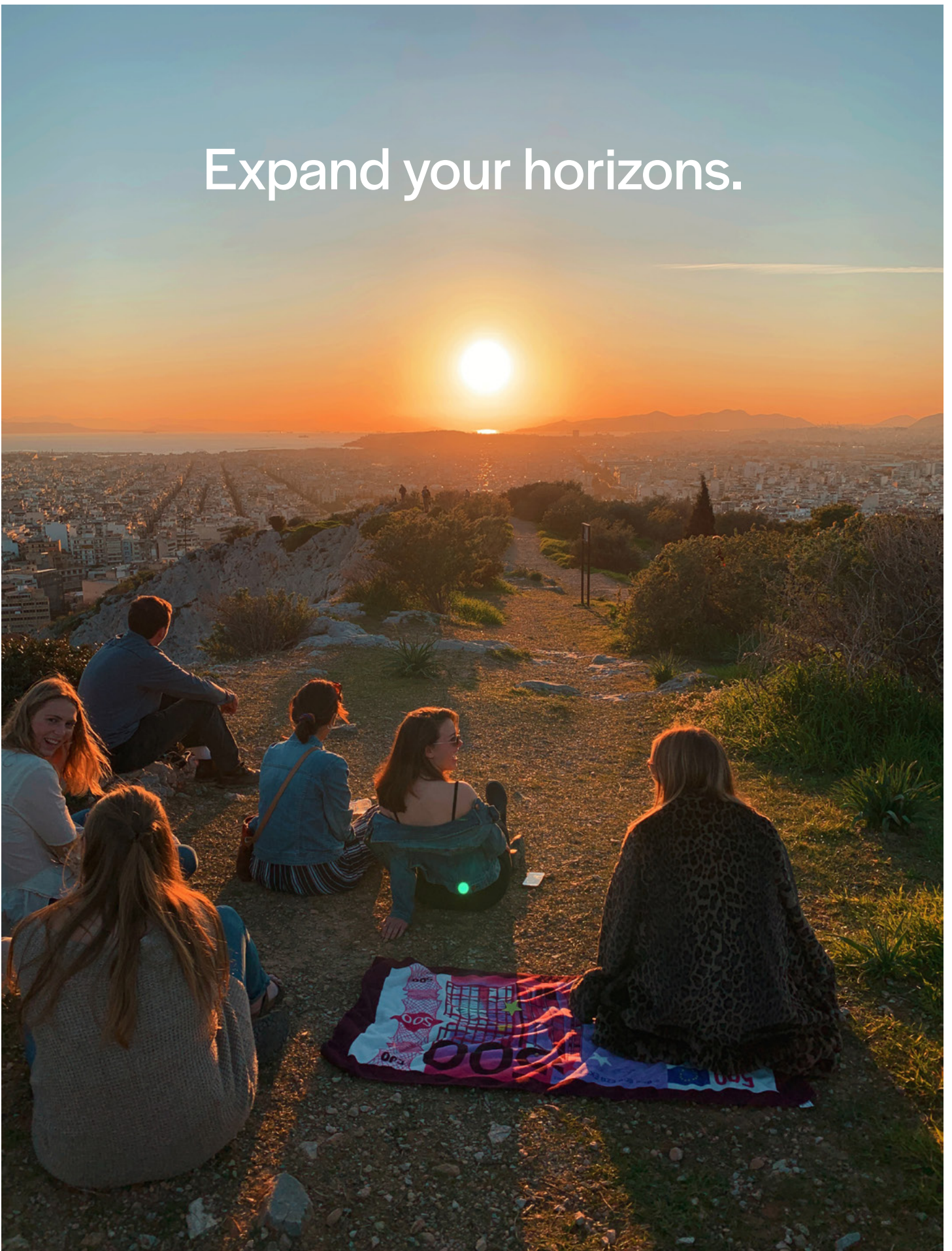
Pangrati, where CYA is located, is known for its student-vibe, evident in the abundance of great cafes and restaurants within a half-mile radius of the Academic Center. Pangrati is also home to a Laiki, or weekly farmer's market.

Athens is close to many great beaches in the southern suburbs, but there is also easy access to the port, where you can take a ferry to nearby islands for day trips or weekend excursions.





Expand your horizons.



# Courses Offered In

- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Architecture
- Art History
- Business
- Classics
- Communication
- Cultural Heritage
- Economics
- Environmental Studies
- History

- International Relations
- Literature
- Modern Greek Language
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religion
- Sociology
- Theater
- Urbanism & Sustainability

## —Academic Support

CYA provides an additional range of free services to assist you, including:

- **Academic Advising**
- **Language Lab**
- **Academic Writing Lab**

“College Year in Athens gave me the best semester of my entire life. From the exciting weekend trips to daily class visits to the Ancient Acropolis, I had a life changing experience at least once a week. Learning about ancient history while standing in the place where it took place was simply awe-inspiring. I had a lot of "pinch-me-I-must-be-dreaming" moments during my semester in Athens, especially when one of my classes took us INSIDE the Parthenon.”

*Ariel Kline (Gettysburg College), Fall '19*

## —Library Resources

The CYA Library offers its students, faculty and staff excellent library facilities with an updated print and electronic collection. Textbooks and course materials are issued on loan from the CYA library throughout the whole semester. CYA students have access to one of the most important libraries in Athens, the Blegen Library of the American School of Classical Studies.





# Learning by Doing

## Extra Learning & Networking Opportunities

### —Lectures and Events

We regularly host free on-campus academic lectures by expert guest speakers who present their research and prompt discussion on current issues or topics of debate. This is a unique opportunity to network with the local community and academia.

CYA students have the opportunity to attend international conferences within Greece and Europe including the renowned Delphi Economic Forum.

Every Spring Semester we host the CYA Annual Student Conference which aims to provoke broad-based and multi-disciplinary discussion on a chosen topic. The two-day conference includes an address by a keynote speaker and is open to the whole CYA community.

### —Hands-on Workshops

Bronze Age wall-paintings  
Linear B  
Marble Carving  
Mosaic Making  
Mud-brick Making  
Mycenaean Metallurgy  
Oil Lamp Workshop  
Vase Painting



“While studying abroad is so much more than just a resume boost, I now have skills that I know will help me in the job market, which I probably wouldn't have if I didn't come to Greece”

*Camryn Kepley (Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill), Fall '19*

### —Academic Seminars

Free admission and certificate of participation

Ancient Economies: Networks & Trade in the Eastern Mediterranean  
Art & Public Space: Urban Narratives  
Legal Terminology in its Graeco-Roman Context  
Media Workshop XYZ  
Textual Criticism and Paleography  
The Protection of Heritage in the 21st century Definitions, History, Legislation, Case Studies  
Greek Coins: Between Art, Money, and Ideology  
Food for thought: Kitchen Chemistry meets Greek Tradition  
An Introduction to Environmental Archaeology & Bioarchaeology

“The professors and topics of study here have really allowed me to see all of the opportunities that are available around the world. It has been the perfect place to expand my network and open new doors for professional development.”

*Lydia Bontrager (Kalamazoo College), Fall '19*

# Study Travel

## Explore Greece, Europe and Beyond

Study travel is an integral part of the CYA program. Led by faculty and experts with extensive knowledge of the relevant sites and locale, these trips give you the opportunity to explore Greece and some of its most significant sites, which are among the most impressive and beautiful in the world. Itineraries vary between the fall and spring semesters and according to the academic focus of each group of students.

### —Field Trips

Experience historically and culturally significant sites and regions first-hand, interact with the people and landscape of Greece. CYA-led field trips supplement the academic program and include:

- ›Pre-departure lectures
- ›Exciting projects
- ›Wrap-up sessions

#### Destinations

Peloponnese - Delphi - Crete (fall) - Northern Greece (spring)

—The cost of these field trips is included in the fees.

### —Optional Trips

Explore places of interest within Greece and Europe in addition to the semester's field trips. Led by experienced faculty, the trips combine academics, history, contemporary culture and personal exploration. Optional trips take place over a 3-day weekend. (These require a supplemental fee which is kept low, making it affordable for students to participate.)

#### Destinations

Andros Island, Crete, Meteora-Metsovo-Ioannina, Cyprus, Rome, Venice-Ravenna



“Being here for two months before COVID struck gave me enough time to travel the country and gather an understanding of how those in Greece live. CYA does a spectacular job of providing trips and opportunities to see the life around you, you will just need to take up these opportunities and make the most of the experience.”

*Malik Joseph (DePaul University), Spring '20*





# Gain Experience - Help Others

## Volunteering & Internships

Volunteering is a great way to gain experience, build friendships and network while in Athens. We assist dozens of students in arranging volunteer or internship placements. Our students have interned and volunteered in local soup kitchens, refugee aid, environmental groups, animal welfare, special needs education, film & theater, writing & editing, libraries, museums, art galleries, kindergartens and marketing & advertising.

### CYA Media Lab Internship

Students interested in building their portfolio, knowledge, and skills in digital media and communications can take advantage of CYA's great in-house internship opportunity. Applications are open to all CYA students before the beginning of each semester

—Internships at some organizations  
may be arranged as part of specific courses

—CYA has established a strong  
network of organizations where  
students can volunteer.

Education — Humanitarian — Environmental  
Animal Welfare — LGBTQ — Libraries — Museums — Think-tanks

Volunteering was something I looked forward to every week, and it's one of the experiences I miss the most now that I'm home. Being able to connect with someone despite differences in culture, upbringing, and language is one of life's treasures. I am so thankful that it was something I was able to experience, and it is something I hope to make a consistent part of my life post-CYA.

*Jill Robins (Emory University), Spring '20*



Anthropology

Archaeology



Click on the images to get extra information about courses.

Architecture

Art History

Business

Classics

Communication

Cultural Heritage

Economics

Environmental  
Studies



History

International  
Relations

Literature

Modern Greek Language

Philosophy

Political Science

Psychology

Religion

Sociology

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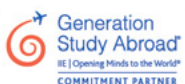
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Coming from a liberal arts college I think it's really easy to become just another student at a school because we're on campus all the time, and these four years of our lives are very much about being a "college student", and that's pretty much all we are until we graduate. **Here, at CYA, I've learned how to be a student, a traveller, an explorer, a hiker, an intern, and an adult.** I've learned how to communicate better with my family and friends back home and how to communicate better with myself. **Meeting all these new people through CYA, I've figured out which aspects of myself really matter to me, and have discovered how to strengthen them.**

*Alexandra Strong, Tufts U, Fall '18*



We would like to thank the students who have kindly agreed to share photographs of their life at CYA with the readers of this brochure.

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