

HELLENIC STUDIES (BA)

Department Website (<http://as.nyu.edu/hellenic/>)

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Program Description

The Alexander S. Onassis Program in Hellenic Studies provides students with a comprehensive and interdisciplinary understanding of the language, literature, history, and politics of Greece. Through a wide range of courses, students are exposed to a polyphony of viewpoints that help elucidate the historical and political experiences of Byzantine, Ottoman, and modern Greece; the ways in which Greece has borne its several pasts and translated them into the modern era; Greece and its relations to Western Europe, the Balkans, the Middle East, and Mediterranean cultures; and the distinguished literary and artistic traditions of a country that many regard as the birthplace of Western civilization, even as these traditions exhibit their multicultural contexts.

The Arts and Science summer program in Athens combines classroom study of the language, history, and culture of Greece with extracurricular activities and excursions that introduce students to all aspects of Greek life. The program offers a wide range of courses on such subjects as the Greek language, Greek literature and photography, Greek drama, Greek political history, the city of Athens, and the archaeology of Greece. Classes are held at our new facility in Athens, conveniently located in Kolonaki neighborhood and the historical center of Athens. Activities include walking tours of Athens, visits to monuments and museums, and evening outings to dramatic and musical performances. Weekend excursions include trips to several Greek islands and to important historical and archaeological sites. Relevant courses taken in this summer program count toward the major or minor as regular courses.

Honors Program

A degree in Hellenic studies is awarded with honors to students who complete nine courses (36 credits) of graded work while maintaining an overall GPA of 3.65 and an average in the major of 3.65 and who successfully complete a program of original research leading to an honors thesis. Honors students are required to enroll in both HEL-UA 997 Independent Study and HEL-UA 999 Senior Honors Seminar.

The thesis topic and the faculty adviser are chosen in consultation with the director of undergraduate studies. The average length of the paper is 40-60 pages. Honors students are encouraged, but not required, to take at least one appropriate graduate course in Hellenic studies.

Prize

The Rae Dalven Prize is a monetary prize awarded annually for the best term paper in the field of Hellenic studies. Submissions are not limited to Hellenic studies majors or minors.

Admissions

New York University's Office of Undergraduate Admissions supports the application process for all undergraduate programs at NYU. For additional information about undergraduate admissions, including application requirements, see How to Apply (<https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/how-to-apply.html>).

Program Requirements

The major requirements (36 credits) must be completed with a grade of C or better. Courses taken in the Arts and Science summer program in Athens count toward the major as regular courses. A solid foundation in the modern Greek language is a requirement for all majors. Upon declaring the major, a student is expected to enroll in HEL-UA 103 Elementary Moder Greek I or take a placement examination. By the end of their program, all students must demonstrate competence in modern Greek at the intermediate level through successful completion of two semesters of HEL-UA 105 Intermediate Mod Greek I, HEL-UA 106 or equivalent performance on a placement examination.

Note: HEL-UA 103 Elementary Moder Greek I and HEL-UA 104 cannot be counted toward any of the major tracks.

Course	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		
First-Year Seminar		4
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing The Essay:	4
Foreign Language ¹		8
Quantitative Reasoning		4
Physical Science		4
Life Science		4
Texts and Ideas		4
Cultures and Contexts		4
Societies and the Social Sciences		4
Major Requirements		
HEL-UA 106	(or equivalent performance on a placement examination)	4
HEL-UA 130	Seminar On Modern Greek Culture	4
Select two specifically designated survey courses offered within the program ²		8
	Track A: Language, Literature, and Culture (see track requirements below)	
	Track B: Politics and History (see track requirements below)	
	Track C: The Classical Legacy (see track requirements below)	
Electives		
Major Electives ³		TBD
Other Elective Credits ³		44
Total Credits		128

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The foreign language requirement is satisfied upon successful completion through the Intermediate level of a language. This may be accomplished in fewer than 16 credits, but those credits must then be completed as elective credit. HEL-UA 105 Intermediate Mod Greek I and HEL-UA 106 can be counted towards the major.

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Which two survey courses students choose depends on the disciplinary track that they select. Every student must take at least one designated survey course in his or her own track of concentration and one designated survey course from another track. (Students in track A should also take a track B survey; students in track B should also take a track A survey; and students in track C should also take one survey in track A or B.)

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Additional Hellenic studies courses are required to reach the total of nine courses for the major. The exact number of electives varies according to a student's level of language proficiency upon entrance to the major. Subject to the approval of the director of undergraduate studies, cognate offerings in other departments or an approved internship may be counted toward the major. A sample list of cognate courses is available from the program office.

Tracks

Students in tracks A and B who have placed out of HEL-UA 105 Intermediate Mod Greek I and HEL-UA 106 are encouraged to take HEL-UA 107 Advanced Modern Greek I and HEL-UA 108. Track C students who place out of Intermediate Modern Greek I and II are encouraged to take HEL-UA 107 Advanced Modern Greek I and HEL-UA 108, or two semesters of ancient Greek in the Department of Classics. Also note that students in tracks A and C are allowed to count up to six courses (24 credits) in Modern Greek language toward the major; students in track B are required to take up to at least four courses in Modern Greek (16 credits) for the major, unless they have placed ahead in/out of this language.

Track A: Language, Literature, and Culture

This track provides students with a solid foundation in the modern Greek language and provides a comprehensive introduction to medieval and modern Greek literature and culture.

Course	Title	Credits
Designated Survey Courses		
HEL-UA 120		4
HEL-UA 190		4
Total Credits		8

Track B: Politics and History

This track provides students with an interdisciplinary social science perspective on the medieval and modern Greek experience. Students may choose to concentrate their studies in history or politics, or create their own combination in consultation with the director of undergraduate studies.

Course	Title	Credits
Designated Survey Courses		
HEL-UA 159		4
HEL-UA 283	Topics: (History of the Byzantine Empire)	4
HEL-UA 525		4
Total Credits		12

Track C: The Classical Legacy

This track provides students with an interdisciplinary perspective on the reception of classical Greek thought in post-classical Greece.

Course	Title	Credits
Designated Survey Courses		
HEL-UA 120		4
HEL-UA 320	Greek Tragedy and Modern Greece	4
Total Credits		8

Sample Plan of Study

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester/Term		
HEL-UA 103	Elementary Modern Greek I	4
First-Year Seminar		4
Quantitative Reasoning		4
Texts and Ideas		4
Credits		16
2nd Semester/Term		
HEL-UA 104		4
Cultures and Contexts		4
EXPOS-UA 1	Writing The Essay:	4
Societies and the Social Sciences		4
Credits		16
3rd Semester/Term		
HEL-UA 105	Intermediate Mod Greek I	4
HEL-UA 320	Greek Tragedy and Modern Greece	4
Physical Science		4
Other Elective Credits		4
Credits		16
4th Semester/Term		
HEL-UA 120		4
HEL-UA 190		4
Life Science		4
Other Elective Credits		4
Credits		16
5th Semester/Term		
HEL-UA 130	Seminar On Modern Greek Culture	4
Other Elective Credits		4
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Credits		16
6th Semester/Term		
Major Requirements		4
Other Elective Credits		4
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Other Elective Credits		4
Credits		16
7th Semester/Term		
Major Requirements		4
Other Elective Credits		4
Other Elective Credits		4
Other Elective Credits		4
Credits		16
8th Semester/Term		
Other Elective Credits		4
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Credits		16
Total Credits		128

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of program requirements, students are expected to have developed:

1. Proficiency in the Modern Greek language at the intermediate level or higher through multimodal instruction in the areas of speaking, reading, writing, and listening.

2. A broad knowledge of Greek culture, arts, literature, language, politics, sociology, and history, including ancient and contemporary movements, figures, and works.
3. The ability to contextualize and analyze Greece's current sociopolitical and cultural state through a variety of disciplines, including literary and cultural studies, sociology, philosophy, history, and politics.
4. The ability to utilize critical thinking and research to analyze literary and audiovisual texts, as well as to craft well-supported arguments in written and oral work.
5. The ability to apply Hellenic Studies to their fields of interest and prospective careers.

Policies

NYU Policies

University-wide policies can be found on the New York University Policy pages (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/nyu/policies/>).

College of Arts and Science Policies

A full list of relevant academic policies can be found on the CAS Academic Policies page (<https://bulletins.nyu.edu/undergraduate/arts-science/academic-policies/>).