

Flinders University Modern Greek Department



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30 years
Of Modern Greek

FLINDERS UNIVERSITY – MODERN GREEK

Three-week in-country programme in Crete, Greece (1-20 July 2024)

Following our previous highly successful in-country programmes in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 we are pleased to announce the dates for the sixth in-country programme for Modern Greek students and other students as well.

The programme will take place on the beautiful island of Crete (University of Crete, Rethymno), from 1st to 20th of July 2024.

The Crete in-country programme is organised by the Modern Greek Department at Flinders University, in collaboration with the Centre of Intercultural and Migration Studies, at the University of Crete. The programme **includes four hours of tuition daily**, delivered by staff of the University of Crete and Flinders University, who are experienced in teaching Modern Greek as a foreign/second language.

The programme offers two streams, one for beginners, (basic or no prior knowledge of Modern Greek) and one for intermediate/advance students.

On completion of the programme students will receive credit – equivalent to a topic - towards their degree, provided they have been enrolled in LANG3500 Special In-Country Studies Topic or its equivalent in 2025.

TOTAL COST

Base Costs

- Return airfares to and from Crete, you will have to make your own travel arrangements.
(If you book early, you will get a better deal)
- **950 Euros, which include:**
 1. Accommodation: single bedrooms for three (3) weeks at the University of Crete dorms.
 2. All teaching materials supplied.
 3. Transfer from and to the airport in Heraklion. Approx. 6.00pm on Sunday 30th June and 8.00am on Saturday 20th July 2024.(depending on departures)
 4. Two (2) full day cultural/educational excursions e.g. Knossos, Chania, Preveli, the allied cemetery etc.

Additional Costs

- Please allow money for meals (lunch is available during the week in the University canteen at a very reasonable price, 8-10 Euros per lunch).
- Transfer fares between the city of Rethymno and the University campus (taxi/bus). A taxi is approx. TBA euros and a bus TBA Euros (TBA Euros student concession ticket). Please note that busses to and from the university are not very frequent (every hour) as July is the summer holiday period.

WHO CAN APPLY

- Students currently studying Modern Greek, Language or Culture topic through Flinders University.
- Students who have completed at least one Modern Greek Language or Culture topic at post matriculation level (36 units, GPA of 4.00 and above).
- Students who have completed a Modern Greek Language or Culture topic.
- Students studying Modern Greek at other tertiary institutions: Due to important administrative requirements, you will be required to: a) obtain permission from your institution for the topic to be recognised as part of your degree (Major, Minor or Elective) and b) enrol in LANG3500 Special In-Country Studies Topic (Flinders Uni. Topic), cross-institutionally.
- **All other applications will be considered because we would like to give everyone a chance.**

Up to 12 students/participants will be selected by the Modern Greek Section at Flinders University.



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HOW TO APPLY

Please complete the attached application form and forward it to one of the following email addresses: maria.palaktoglou@flinders.edu.au or antonis.litinas@flinders.edu.au.

- Applications must be submitted by 31 March 2024.
- The successful applicants will be notified by 16 April 2024 and a deposit of \$200 will be, probably, required by 30 April 2024.
- Flights must be booked by 31 May 2024 to secure your place in the programme (flights must arrive in Heraklion preferably **no later than 6.00 pm on Sunday 30 June 2024**).

STUDENT PRIZE

The Lecturer's prize.

A prize of 300 AUD will be awarded, after the completion of the in-country programme, to the student with the highest marks.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact: Dr Maria Palaktoglou (82015960),
Antonios Litinas (82012047)

SUPPORTED BY:

The Foundation for Hellenic Studies

The Panarkadian Association of South Australia, 1 Clifford Street, Torrensville, SA 5031
and

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This programme is eligible for OS-HELP loan scheme. For more information go to:

<https://students.flinders.edu.au/finances-and-admin/domestic-student-financial-assistance/os-help-loan-scheme>

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APPLICATION FORM

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Full Name	
Email address	
Phone	
Modern Greek Topic(s) currently enrolled	
Modern Greek Topic(s) completed	
No Modern Greek Topic(s) completed	
Please tick the appropriate	Beginner <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/>
Signature	
Date	

Please complete the above "Application Form" and submit it by 15 March 2020 to one of the following email addresses:

maria.palaksoglou@flinders.edu.au

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or submit a hard copy Room 3114, Social Sciences North Building, level 3, Bedford Park, Flinders University.



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Students' feedback from previous years in-country programme in Crete.

Overall, I think that the trip was a success. I liked that we were staying so close to class, the constant stimulation from the teachers and peers, and also the guided tours. The class length felt a little long, and it was sometimes hard to retain a lot of information all at once, particularly when we were doing a lot of listening. I would have liked to have more engaging and in class activities to actually practice my Greek, rather than constant writing and listening. Other than that, no real complaints, it was a great trip and I am looking forward to possibly going back again!

Student 1

There is no substitute for immersion in a country when learning a second language. The study tour offered me the ability to test my language skills, as well as push me to learn new things both in and outside the classroom. The tour strikes a good balance between formal classes, excursions and, importantly, free time to explore Rethymno and the whole island of Crete!

Student 2

The 3-week in-country program was truly the most amazing experience for me! I absolutely loved every minute of this trip as it allowed me to form strong friendships with the other students and gave me the chance to immerse myself into the Greek culture through food, language, music and history. With the help of the wonderful teachers at the university, I was able to strengthen my skills in the Greek language. I highly recommend this trip to anyone studying Greek!

Student 3

The in Crete programme was overall an amazing experience. I learnt a lot about the history and culture of Crete as well as enjoyed the island's beautiful beaches, views and tasty food!

Student 4

Studying at the University of Crete was an incredible experience that I will never forget. It allowed me to improve my Greek and make new friendships. I became immersed in the Cretan culture through exploring the small town of Rethymno, talking to locals, and trying amazing foods.

Student 5

The Rethymno University campus provided the perfect location with breathtaking views overlooking the old town of Rethymno and the Sea of Crete beyond. The high quality teaching, friendly locals and abundance of delicious food made for a very enjoyable three weeks. I would highly recommend the in-country program to any student who may be considering it for next year. It was a fantastic, eye opening experience!

Student 6

The 3 week in-country programme in Rethymno, Crete, was truly the greatest time of my life. Being immersed in both language and culture studies was the greatest possible way to really learn and grow. The moments that the magical Greek lifestyle, Cretan summer, dancing, music, nature and my new little family gave me will remain with me for the rest of my life ... and I 'm waiting for the day I return home (in Crete)!

Student 7

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The Crete in-country programme is a fantastic opportunity for Modern Greek students. The high quality of teaching, coupled with the immersion into the local culture, is a great learning experience. The Rethymno campus provides a beautiful setting for the programme and a good insight into the life of university students in Greece.

Student 8

The experience itself was amazing and I will forever cherish the memories made. It was a good way to make new friends with the students from Australia and the locals in Crete. I was able to really embrace and take in the Greek Culture. I feel like I really got the most out of it since I was studying the language, living at the uni and having lots of spare time to explore Crete. It helped me understand the culture more and pick up a lot of the language too.

Student 9

The trip was an amazing experience that I really enjoyed. I feel like my Greek really improved from being in Greece, and having class every day. Also, making a lot of new friends was an amazing aspect of the trip. In class, Maria could have spoken more English, because at times it was difficult to understand what she was saying, and when asked to explain she would explain in Greek, which was confusing.

Student 10

