



# INTAG/AG BM 499 G & I

## Exploring Greek Food Systems

Embedded course Spring 2014, 2.5 credits  
Travel from May 13 - 27, Summer 2014, 0.5 credit



Travel to Thessaloniki and surrounding sites. Learn about food systems in Greece, how economic issues are affecting agriculture, and the history and culture of the country. The trip concludes in Athens.

Program hosted by the American Farm School: Perrotis College  
with guest lectures by Aristotle University.



Applications available from [ketja@psu.edu](mailto:ketja@psu.edu) are due December 12, 2013  
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## Spring Semester Curriculum at University Park

The spring semester course prior to the travel program in Greece is designed to explore key issues about the food and agricultural systems of Greece. It will introduce a variety of topics that will be analyzed in depth while in Greece.

### Course Objectives

- Compare and contrast agricultural practices in the United States and Greece.
- Examine the historical connection between agriculture and culture in the United States and Greece.
- Gain a greater appreciation of Greece culture, history, and geography.
- In addition to these leaning objectives, students will also have the opportunity to “personalize” the course content by selecting a concentration area related to their area of interest. As part of the course they will be required to write/present an individual project based on their chosen topic.

### Assignments

- The in-residence portion of the course emphasizes learning by individual research, lecture, guest presentations, and group discussion. Lecture notes/materials will be posted on ANGEL. Readings and discussion preparation is required for most class sessions.
- Individual Project: Each student is required to select a topic area of interest, present the topic in class, and write a written project report.

## Summer Curriculum in Greece

The American Farm School—Perrotis College, will be hosting us.

Orientation to the campus and the city center of Thessaloniki includes a guided visit to the city's Archaeological Museum and the Open Market.

Details are pending on specific lectures and activities, but we plan to include the following and more:

- An overview of farming and food traditions in Greece including a lecture on cuisine and a group dinner experience of traditional Greek Cuisine.
- A lecture on grape production and viticulture and an on campus visit to the school's vineyard and winery, and an excursion to the Nousia region with a winery visit.
- An overview of modern Greek culture including lecture titled The Odyssey and modern Greek Society and the tour of the Archaeological Museum.
- A lecture of the agricultural economy of Greece and agrotourism.
- A day of lecture and activities with Aristotle University's School of Agriculture, focusing on a wide variety of agricultural topics.
- Other lectures and activities are pending.

### NOTE: Lectures in English

Some free time is offered for students to explore the campus and take a short bus or taxi ride into Thessaloniki to explore the city on their own.

The class will travel to the coast of Halkidiki to relax at a beach area for the weekend in the middle of the trip.

The program concludes with a two day trip to Athens to visit historic sites before flying home.

### Assignments

- In addition to full participation and respectful behavior during all lectures and activities on the trip, a Field Journal is required.
- Throughout the field experience in Greece, all participants will keep a daily journal, due the last day of the trip. Included in the journal should be a summary of experiences, interpretations, reactions, and general thoughts on the experience of the day.

## Expenses

All costs are approximate.

*Expenses are listed in U.S. Dollars*

AIRFARE ~ \$1000-1200  
*Roundtrip from US*

PROGRAM FEE ~ \$2000  
*The Program Fee to Perrotis College includes: Housing and meals when on campus, administrative, orientation, lecture, activity, and excursion costs.*

LODGING & TRANSPORTATION FOR ATHENS \$500  
*Flight from Thessaloniki to Athens, lodging and transportation costs in Athens*

Additional Transportation ~ \$30  
*This will vary depending on your trips to the city center and getting around Athens. Costs for bus from campus to Thessaloniki are 2 Euros, taxi is about 10 Euros.*

MEALS NOT INCLUDED ~ \$150 Max  
*Once activities are finalized we will estimate a range of cost for food not otherwise included in the program fee.*

Additional expenses to consider:  
Passport  
For U.S. Participants \$120

International Health Insurance  
Policy for PSU Students \$15-20  
*(cost dependent on whether you arrive early and/or stay after)*

Communication  
*(International Cell Phone &/or wifi in dorm)*

Souvenirs or Entry Fees  
*Optional shopping or museum visits.*

### For Additional Information

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