



# BRITISH SCHOOL AT ATHENS

## 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Course for Undergraduates *Summer 2019*

The Archaeology and Topography of Ancient Greece

*An intensive three week residential course:  
18<sup>th</sup> August – 7<sup>th</sup> September 2019*

A template to facilitate inclusion of the course into undergraduate courses

### **Module Title**

The Archaeology and Topography of Ancient Greece  
A 20-day study tour of Greece taught by the British School at Athens  
Level 2  
Credit Value 20

### **Dates**

Begins mid to late August, for three weeks. Suitable for substitution for any other 20 credit module in either first or second semester of second year.

### **Degree Programmes**

Classics, Classical Studies, Ancient History, Archaeology, Art History

### **Restrictions on enrollment**

Open to undergraduate students at British and Irish Universities. Subject to successful application (course limited to 30 students)

### **Pre-requisites**

None

### **Contact hours, teaching, and learning methods**

9 hrs. lectures, 100 hrs. on-site exposition.

### **Module Description/Content**

An intensive course on Prehistoric, Classical, and Roman Greece with specialist lectures, guided site visits (often by those responsible for site excavation) and opportunities to gain first-hand experience of objects and monuments not accessible to the individual traveller, and to undertake projects of own (approved) choice. On-site exposition at:

**Prehistoric and Early Iron Age** Athens, Eleusis, Mycenae, Olympia, Tiryns, Pylos.

**Archaic, Classical, and Hellenistic** Argive Heraion, Athens (Acropolis, Agora, Kerameikos), Piraeus, Brauron, Corinth, Delphi, Eleusis, Oropos, Epidauros, Messine, Olympia, Sounion, Sparta, Rhamnous, Thorikos, Bassai.

**Roman** Athens (Roman Agora, Library of Hadrian, Acropolis South Slope, Hadrian's Arch, Temple of Olympian Zeus), Corinth, Eleusis, Oropos, Messine, Sparta.

**Byzantine/Frankish/Venetian** Mystras, Methone

**Museums visited at Athens:** National Museum, Acropolis Museum, Agora Museum, Kerameikos Museum, Piraeus Museum, Museum of Cycladic Art.

**Museums visited at archaeological sites (outside Athens):** Brauron, Corinth, Delphi, Eleusis, Epidauros, Nafplion, Mycenae, Olympia, Messene, Kalamata, Sparta Olive Museum.

### **Learning Outcomes**

By participating in this course students will gain knowledge and understanding of:

- the material culture of Greece over a long time span, and particularly of the built environment;
- the relationship between sites and their environments;
- diachronic change in individual sites and across whole settlement patterns.

They will gain command of the methodologies appropriate to historical archaeology, in particular:

- how to interpret archaeological evidence on site, and to apply the knowledge gained to other sites;
- how to evaluate historical and literary evidence in interpreting sites, and the possible conflict between textual and archaeological evidence.

In preparing the project students will learn to:

- select data appropriate to their chosen topic;
- organise and present information clearly and concisely;
- test their ideas against the archaeological data in its original context;
- apply a holistic approach to their chosen topic;
- demonstrate their understanding of a particular aspect of archaeology in its historical context.

### **Demonstrated/assessed by**

The project can either be an essay or trip diary. The topic and length of the work can either be chosen in advance by the student's tutor, or while in Athens with discussion with the course tutors. The BSA staff are happy to act as second markers when the essay is submitted to the home institution.

### **Further details of the course**

The British School at Athens Annual Course for Undergraduates is now (2019) in its 47<sup>th</sup> year. Overall responsibility for the design and running of the course rests with the British School at Athens Courses and Teaching Committee, made up of academics from UK universities along with the Director and Assistant Director of the British School at Athens, and currently chaired by Dr. Polly Low. The execution of the course on the ground is in the hands of the Assistant Director of the British School at Athens, Dr. Chryssanthi Papadopoulou, who undertakes the Prehistoric and Classical section of the on-course teaching herself and arranges for other academics to cover the Hellenistic and Roman sections. Feedback from students on the course (reports are requested) is invariably extremely enthusiastic.

Places on the course are limited to under 30 students. Demand is lively and every year some applicants have to be turned away. Selection is on the basis of qualifications and references. Applications must be made by March 31<sup>st</sup> and decisions are notified by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Costs: the course fee, currently £860 covers accommodation, entrance charges to sites and museums, transport within Greece, half-board, and Associate Membership of the BSA for one year. In addition students must meet the costs of travel to Greece (c.£200) and one meal a day and incidental expenses while in Greece (c.£400). A number of bursaries and smaller grants to offset course fees are available from The Craven Committee of Oxford University, the Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies, the Classical Association, the Gilbert Murray Trust, the Mediterranean Archaeological Trust, and the Cambridge Classics Faculty: application for support from these is made to the British School at the time that an application for the course is made.

Further details about the British School at Athens can be found at <http://www.bsa.ac.uk/>