Ivy Tech Odyssey in Athens Study Abroad Program through the University of Indianapolis Athens

Students from all over the US with a variety of majors have attended the Odyssey in Athens Study Abroad Program. It is a wonderful semester or year-long program through the University of Indianapolis Athens Campus, which is the ONLY accredited American University that is completely owned and controlled by the home campus in the US - University of Indianapolis, Indiana. All course work completed in Athens is transferred from the Registrar’s office in Indianapolis to your home institution in the form of a transcript. All courses are taught in English. To get an idea of the courses offered, you can go to the UIndy Athens web page: http://www.uindy.gr/current_students/schedules/index.html

Fall courses tend to be repeated the fall semester and spring courses in the spring. You can get an idea of the courses that will be offered during the entire year. One factor that distinguishes the Odyssey program from others is the variety of courses to choose from. Students can select their schedule and not interrupt their program of study. Also, because the Odyssey students interact with Greek and other international students on a daily basis in and out of class, this helps increase their cultural integration. Odyssey students have made long-lasting friendships with their international classmates and many stay in touch even after years have passed.

Most of the Odyssey students take advantage of the Greek language course and Greek culture and society or the Greek Art and Archaeology course. However, several students come over and take courses in their chosen fields, like business, computer science, psychology, etc. There is no need to know the Greek language. The majority of students who come over do not know one word of Greek, but they do learn some while they are here – whether they learn it in class or outside of class. Since the University facilities and housing are located in the Plaka area – which is a touristy area – right below the acropolis - many people speak English.

The cost of the semester program for the 2012-2013 academic year is $10,495.00 USD plus a $450.00 USD security deposit that is returned at the end of the semester and $150.00 application fee when you turn in your application. The program fee includes tuition of up to 17 undergraduate and up to 11 graduate credits, housing, excursions, airport-pick-up, orientation, library, computer lab, transcript and student support services. Airfare, books, insurance for health, accident, etc, food and supplies and other travel is on your own.

The cost of the summer program for summer 2013 is $3,945.00 USD plus a $450.00 USD security deposit that is returned at the end of the session and $150.00 application fee when you turn in your application. The program fee includes tuition of up to 7 undergraduate or 4 graduate credits, housing, airport-pick-up, orientation, library, computer lab, transcript and student support services. Airfare,
books, insurance for health, accident, etc, food and supplies and other travel is on your own.

There are two summer sessions:
Summer I: June 3-June 28, 2013
Summer II: July 8 – August 3, 2013

The university housing is very nice. It is in the Plaka area -where the university is located. The apartments are fully furnished with refrigerator, stove, washing machine, cooking utensils, pots, pans, dishes, beds, desks, AC, ADSL wireless/ethernet internet service ... The apartments are walking distance to the school. Some have an amazing view of the Acropolis!!! Odyssey students share the apartment with other Odyssey students. The apartments are in a great area. In the immediate vicinity are the University facilities (with classrooms, computer lab- the library and cultural center is a 5 minute walk), banks, post offices, grocery stores, cafes, restaurants, souvenir stores, hotels, and the main shopping district in Athens – Ermou Street. Everything is within walking distance, including the public transportation system -metro- tram- buses, etc. which is a 5 minutes walk.

One of the highlights of the program is the excursions around Greece. Some of the sites visited have been Ancient Olympia, Delphi, Mycenae and Corinth in addition to Nafplio, Epidavros, Meteora (famous Byzantine Monasteries), Sparti-Mystras (Byzantine city) and Monemvasia (Byzantine town). Also, the students have traveled to nearby islands of Hydra, Aegena, Poros and Spetes on one day islands trips. This is just to give you an idea of some of the sites visited. Please check out the photo section on the following link 
http://odyssey.uindy.gr/photos.htmlto

In addition the Odyssey students have participated in the various activities from traditional Greek dancing and Greek cooking classes to the Community Service learning course where they volunteered at various sites around Athens, such as a refugee center and a rescue center for injured sea turtles. This was really a unique experience for some of them. Some of them even took advantage of a unique Scuba diving course offered only at University of Indianapolis Athens.

Please feel free to check out the Odyssey in Athens web page at: www.uindy.gr

• Once you have decided that you are interested in applying, you would download the application from the web page and complete it.
• Make sure to get approval from your study abroad advisor by having him or her sign off on your study abroad approval form.
• After completing your application, send it to Breezy Wente, University of Indianapolis, Schwitzer Student Center, 211 1400 East Hanna Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46227

We are very proud to announce the Odyssey in Athens program has been ranked #8 world-wide for study abroad programs based on students’ reviews on the abroad101.com rankings. And for programs in Greece, the Odyssey in Athens program is ranked #1!!! Here is the link: http://www.studyabroad101.com/study_abroad_rankings?state=c78f334967bb119940e804a836250f1f&code=AQBWx5yri5T6iR8UpvhB9OcvEVjZpQceaf6wxMA4F3G1W5QTb29fLSAcCX08ygXRuVlN6vt30x0gcMjI8QmZd16ljeyj6NEN3zI_Srxq4KlgeHKqewDLR4fAgqTPfjll09chWGP8KY_48YEjP68ba7yfaymH7_5Vaj46TxZTUuAXA5M_SFG1P58djKM2_gv8v5k#=_

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