



MPMT 4930 POLITISMOS: EXPLORING GREECE

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3 Credit Hours

**THE WEEK TO WEEK SYLLABUS IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION
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Course Description

Greece is often cited as the birthplace of western philosophy, art and systems of government that still resonate throughout the world.

Join us as we survey its history, arts, geography and culture. We'll pay particular attention to the Mediterranean island of Crete, our temporary home for the latter part of this study abroad session.

This course is for anyone interested in delving deeper into our host nation's culture and maximizing personal growth through travel. We'll focus on exploring our new surroundings while respecting the people and history.

Although this topic list is subject to change, this is representative of what we'll study and discuss:

1. Exploring in a new country - Greek life (religion, customs, expectations)
2. Greek language basics - translating Greek alphabet phonetically
3. Overview of ancient Greek history
4. Overview of contemporary Greek history (post WW2)
5. Survey of Greek regional cultures and geography
6. Role of Athens in history
7. Crete geography and history
8. Survey of Greek theatre and cinema
9. Survey of Greek art/music
10. Experiencing Greek food - walking tour in Chania, Crete
11. Regroup and reflect (lessons learned and next steps)