



Country and Program Connection:	<p>With the exception of the prospective academic excursions and the opportunity to conduct research on location, the course at several points will require the students to carry out field research and even conduct interviews from local officials, academics and the local diverse population, taking advantage of local historical sites, relevant local organizations and academic institutes.</p> <p>Arcadia Athens has established contacts with the Greek and British Ministry of Defence, and with the American Embassy in Athens , where students have the chance to meet and interact with military personnel and academic scholars from the Military Intelligence. In addition, students will establish links with local NGOs and religious institutions working with minority groups and refugees and thus have a unique first hand opportunity to witness international developments.</p> <p>Further, the students have the chance to utilize local academic institutes, like the Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research, the Athens Institute for Education and Research and the International Institute of International Economic Relations, where they may join the academic debates with the potential to organize a conference at the end of the year.</p> <p>Greece remains within the epicenter of manifold developments, and the students will have the chance to participate and be involved with several meaningful and impactful social, political and economic activities, with their personal safety being of utmost importance.</p> <p>Additionally Greece has an abundance of links and correlations with the themes of the course; therefore the local context plays a pivotal role to the learning outcomes, the valuable observations and students' overall understanding. Greece is where East meets the West as it is an important hub and displays a complex symbiosis between two worlds. The students have the unique opportunity to experience first-hand the bridging of those two antithetical worlds.</p>
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