Come to the student hub of Greece

Study Abroad in Thessaloniki

Undergraduate, Graduate and Certificate Programs

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Why Greece? Why ACT?

Greece is a land of mythical proportions, great natural beauty, and classic postcard images. ACT, situated in Northern Greece, stands at the crossroads of cultures and civilizations, a place of beautiful contradictions where one can relive history and trace the evolution of western thought. ACT offers you the opportunity to feel history come alive as you walk with us through olive groves, ancient sites, and thousand-year-old monasteries. While at ACT, build your resume by enrolling in certificate programs. Gain valuable hands-on experience through our Service Learning Program and courses that contain internships or practicums.

During your free time, roam the sun-drenched beaches, hike through rocky mountains and explore breathtaking scenery. For the Greeks living in America, Greece will always be home. For years, Greek American youth have come to the American College of Thessaloniki as study abroad students, for a summer, a semester, or year, or to complete their studies here pursuing degrees in Business, International Relations, Computer Science, Business Computing and English and Communication. We help acquaint, and reacquaint, students with the Hellenic culture, language, history and hospitality.
Come to the student hub of Greece, where the heart of youth beats!

Thessaloniki is the second largest city in Greece; a true crossroads between East and West, and a gateway to Southeastern Europe. Founded in 315 B.C, historic Thessaloniki is now a modern seaport city of over one million inhabitants renowned for its wide avenues, quaint squares, tree-lined streets, neoclassical buildings, Byzantine monuments, historical museums, modern theaters, ancient ruins and warm hospitality. Discover tasteful restaurants, hip cafes, bustling clubs, and elegant shops.

Most importantly, Thessaloniki is a lively university town with well over 100,000 university students. Literally, more than 1 out of every 10 residents is a student. With a large student population, this vibrant city invites and welcomes young people from all over the world.
At ACT, join classmates from various states across the US, alongside students from Greece, neighboring Southeastern European countries and the far corners of the world, bringing a diverse and international perspective into the classroom.

Student life at ACT is as vibrant as the city around it. Join a wide range of clubs, societies and organizations, an active student government, cultural events, athletics, workshops, and special lectures. Check out the city’s art, folklore, science venues and museums, and participate in the Thessaloniki Contemporary Art Festival and in the International Film Festival for a chance to meet artists and filmmakers from around the world.

If you like athletics, why not try sailing, tennis, basketball, soccer, scuba diving, mountain trekking, skiing or canyoning?

Joining ACT trips is an ideal way to get the most out of your stay. Trips include guided walks around the city of Thessaloniki and its ancient walls, visits to nearby UNESCO World Heritage Sites such as the Royal Tombs of the Macedonian dynasty in Vergina or the monasteries of Meteora, hikes on Mt. Olympus, a day of relaxation in Pozar hot baths or sailing around the Mediterranean on a private boat for you and your classmates.

A full list of our trips can be found at www.act.edu/trips.
What makes ACT stand out?

**An institution with a History**
ACT is part of Anatolia College, one of the leading educational institutions in Greece. Anatolia, offering Pre-K - MA & MBA education, was established in 1886. ACT carries on this long tradition of academic excellence, promoting both innovative learning and community engagement.

**Challenging, high quality study programs**
Choose from a wide range of courses in: Business, Humanities, Social Science, English & Communication, and Technology. Undergraduate and graduate programs are taught in English and accredited in the US by NEASC and validated in Europe by Open University.

**Certificate Programs**
Earn a certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL), Oracle, Hellenic Studies or Sea Sailing.

**World-class facilities**
A 45-acre campus encompassing the 4,500m² Bissell Library, one of the most sophisticated private facilities of its kind in Southeast Europe, and the Stavros S. Niarchos Technology Center, which gives students access to the latest tools in information technology.

**A diverse, multicultural environment**
Students, faculty and staff come together from various backgrounds and promote learning through the sharing of experiences. Our campus is made up of approximately 50% international students and staff.

**Experienced and highly qualified faculty**
Our multinational faculty has received degrees from leading universities in the U.S., U.K. and Greece. They are passionate about teaching and strive to instill in students the desire to pursue academic and professional excellence and personal enrichment.

**Learning in ACTion**
An interactive approach to academics allows students to interact with the course content in unique ways such as field work, workshops, conferences, site visits, internships and practicums.

**Small classroom sizes**
An average class consists of less than 20 students. This means that coursework can be tailored to class needs and each student’s contribution is acknowledged, particularly in discussion settings, with plenty of opportunities for personalized attention.

**Career services**
ACT prepares students for their future career through workshops, career and job fairs, resume support and career counseling.

*A complete Schedule of Classes can be found at www.act.edu.*
I’m here! Now what?

Now the adventure begins! To help make your arrival smooth, we welcome incoming study abroad students at the airport. Our friendly and helpful Residence Assistants organize neighborhood tours, group meals and events to introduce you to Thessaloniki.

Then, a two day orientation introduces students to academics and to all of the services that ACT offers. During the semester the International Programs Office organizes two trips that are included in the Study Abroad Program for all study abroad students. The first is to the Macedonian Royal Tombs and Museum to visit the original tomb of King Philip II, father of Alexander the Great. The second trip is a two-night trip to Athens and Delphi to visit the famous ancient sites of Greece. The rest is up to you! Choose from our wide variety of sports, clubs, activities, workshops, certificate programs and opportunities.

Where will I live?

The American College of Thessaloniki provides off campus accommodation in downtown Thessaloniki, close to the heart of the city center and a short ride away from the ACT campus. Studios are furnished (including beds, table, stove, sink, refrigerator and private bath). Students supply their own linens and kitchenware. Students may apply for a single or double studio. Priority is given based on the date of deposit. Off-campus housing locations are well served by the city’s reliable bus system with buses running at 10-15 minute intervals. In addition, the college provides a basic, private shuttle bus service to and from campus.
Learning through Service at ACT

ACT’s Student Service Office operates one of the largest community service programs in Greece. ACT collaborates with over 40 NGOs, providing students with the unique opportunity to volunteer and give back to the community while learning about the local culture, history, customs and economy. Selected volunteer opportunities are available for students who are interested in developing or exercising skills in an environment tailored to their interests and studies.

Examples of Service Learning Placement Sites Include:
- Thessaloniki Municipal Vineyard
- Graffiti Clean-up
- Community Centers
- Healthcare Clinics
- Schools
What services are offered?

- Pre-departure support
- Airport welcome service
- Housing services
- Orientation programs
- Academics & Academic support
- E-books (where applicable)
- Athletic activities
- Clubs and societies
- Student Government participation
- Service Learning Program
- Counseling services
- Health support services
- Program field trips
- Organization of optional excursions and field trips
- Extracurricular cultural activities
- Library support
- Math tutoring support
- Writing Center support
- Technical & I.T. support
- On-campus security
- Shuttle bus, daily connection of housing & campus
- Student I.D. card
- Wi-Fi access
- Visa and residence permit support
Academics at a Glance

**Hellenic Heritage:**
Greek Language
Ancient Greek Studies
Modern Greek Studies

**International Relations:**
Diplomacy
European Studies
International Law and Human Rights
US, Greek and Balkan Politics
Gender and Cultural Studies

**Business:**
Finance
International Business
Entrepreneurship
Management
Marketing

**English & Communication:**
Language
Literature
Communication
New Media

**Computing:**
Computer Science
Business Computing
Software Development
Networks
Database
Digital Media
Web Development
Mobile Programming
Robotics
Video Game Design
The Hellenic Heritage Program

General Information
The Hellenic Heritage program is designed for study abroad students who have a passion for the legacy of Hellenism in subject areas such as history, ethnography, linguistics, mythology and the arts and who would like to explore their interests in real-world circumstances.

Two tracks of study, the one focusing on antiquity, the other dedicated to modern manifestations of Hellenism, will allow students to gain a solid foundation in Greek language, history, art and literature, and forms of spirituality. Associated with this program is our recent emphasis on aspects of spirituality which includes a selection of courses focused not only on ancient Greek religion but also on the transition from paganism to Orthodoxy, world religions and Apostle Paul.

Why study Hellenic Heritage at ACT?
You will be given the opportunity to immerse yourself in the rich heritage of Hellenism in a location in northern Greece that is unique for its historical diversity, its cosmopolitan past and its authentically vibrant present-day culture.

Throughout its long history, Thessaloniki has been home to many different people and cultures and has certainly much to offer to newcomers in addition to warm hospitality. The learning experience can be supplemented with service learning and internship opportunities for qualified students.

Learning-in-ACTION
Interactive learning components help you engage with the city and with off campus communities, what we call Learning in ACTion, through a number of in-class and extracurricular activities.

Language courses will include team work in the city involving interviews with locals, as well as specially designed “missions” in a strictly non-English speaking environment. Course work will be supplemented by extended field trips to important cultural sites (Ottoman buildings, Roman antiquities, Byzantine fortifications and churches), museums (Archeological, Byzantine, Jewish) and ethnic neighborhoods.

Guest lecturers will include local experts and assignments will be allocated which will encourage students to interact with the local environment and encourage experiential learning.

Sample of courses offered at ACT.
(Please consult the ACT webpage for course offerings in specific terms.)
• Greek 101 – Beginning Modern Greek I
• History 232 – Thessaloniki: A City and its Inhabitants
• Art History 121 – Greek Art through the Ages: Ancient to Modern
• Humanities 209 – Topics in Mythology and Religion in the Classical World
• Humanities 210 – Religions of the World
• Anthropology 221 – Ethnographic Accounts of Modern Greek Culture
• History 301 – History of Ancient Greece
• Art History 224 – Modern Greek Painting
• Politics 207 – The Modern Greek Nation State
• Art History 220 – Ancient Greek Art and Architecture
• Humanities 230 – The World of Alexander the Great
• Humanities 211 – The Life and Teachings of the Apostle Paul
• Humanities 216 – From Pagan Antiquity to Byzantine Christianity
The unexamined life is not worth living...
Wisdom begins in wonder.

– Socrates
General information

The undergraduate courses in the broader area of International Relations have a firm grounding in the disciplinary foundations of the IR degree, with courses in IR theory, international law, European integration, foreign policy, and political economy. Students also receive a solid training in the social sciences, with a particular emphasis on culture, gender, ethnography, and economic relations.

These two core program foci are complemented by the IR electives which in turn have a theoretical (e.g., war and peace), practical (e.g., service learning practicum), and pre-professional character (e.g., diplomacy).

Learning-in-ACTion

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Through the service learning/practicum course (Soc Sc 399) which is comprised of a combination of theoretical sessions and real-life case study projects, students will be able to make visible connections between community service, their own learning, personal and professional development and citizenship skills, values and practices.

The Michael and Kitty Dukakis Center for Public and Humanitarian Service

Launched in September 1999 as the Michael S. Dukakis Chair in Public Policy and Service, the Dukakis Center is the premier private, independent think tank in Greece, unique in Southern Europe for its focus on citizen engagement. The Center offers opportunities for project-based internships and experiential learning, carries out applied research in select policy areas, and hosts events and public service initiatives for the benefit of the larger communities of Thessaloniki and Northern Greece.

Read more on the Center: http://dukakis-center.act.edu

And for a testimonial by a Study Abroad intern at the Center: http://dukakis-center.act.edu/event/interns-corner-francesca-montialbano
The freedom which we enjoy in our government extends also to our ordinary life.

—Pericles in Thucydides, The Peloponnesian War
General Information

Our Business Administration program has four concentrations:

- Entrepreneurial Management
- Marketing
- Finance
- International Business

All of our courses combine international experience with a local point of view. You gain the advantage of approaching international business issues from a different angle and see how people of different cultures behave and act in the business world. Our study program is versatile and is continuously updated to match industry trends.

Why study Business at ACT

Here at ACT, we offer an international approach to all Business issues. Our business school, the Anatolia School of Business, accepts students from various countries and blends theory with contemporary market developments. Our goal is to prepare tomorrow’s successful managers, ready to perform in the global business arena, because markets today ask for open-minded managers, with strong quantitative skills, flexibility and ability to adapt to the ever changing needs. Our distinguished faculty comes from various industries and shares its expertise with students via class lectures, company visits and web seminars.

Learning-in-ACTion

The Business School has two different undergraduate internship courses! Get on track and see how the region’s companies and organizations conduct business!

Undergraduate Internship/Practicum in Business (Bus 398):
A unique opportunity to have hands-on experience in profit and nonprofit organizations through a practicum course. The course is offered during the fall and spring, and combines in-class preparatory lectures and briefings with hands-on experience at the assigned organization.

Global Competitiveness Practicum:
At the end of our Spring semester, our students are divided into teams and focus exclusively on an issue at their assigned company.

The MLS Portfolio Award Competition:
Create and manage your own portfolio and get the chance to win amazing tech-products (Investment & Portfolio Management course).

The HellasFin Business Plan Award:
Write your own business plan and get gifts and prizes (Business Strategy II course)

The Papajohn Business Plan Competition:
Once a year, during the Spring semester, we run the annual business plan competition. Submit your idea and get the chance to win up to €4,000

Other Activities

Entrepreneurship Hub:
The Hellenic Initiative and the Venture Garden jointly offer mentoring to start-ups. Get together with professionals and share your ideas with others who are active in generating new business ideas.

Business Plan Competition Awards:
Take part in our annual business plan competition during the Spring semester and win funding that will help you implement your idea.

Portfolio Management Awards:
Manage your own portfolio and compete with your classmates. The best portfolios earn prizes such as tablets or smartphones.

Company Visits:
Visit companies and organizations in the public and private sector and witness the way modern European business is conducted.
If you want something new, you have to stop doing something old.

– Peter Drucker
Study Abroad English & Communication at ACT

General Information
BA in English with concentrations in Communication and New Media or Language and Literature

The program offers a synthesis of traditional and contemporary course content in Communication, Media, Literature, Linguistics and Writing. We emphasize a creative and analytical approach to learning, where the classic becomes relevant and texts meet technology. Classes are small and our faculty is highly qualified.

Why study English and Communication at ACT?
Gain vital knowledge in the subject areas of media, communication and culture while living in a new culture.
Develop a multi-disciplinary approach to classic and contemporary literature through the lens of cultural studies.
Understand the impact of social and new media in education, communication and the working environment through theory and practice.
Learn about literature in a stimulating, cultural atmosphere.
Enhance your conceptual, creative and analytical skills by engaging in projects on and off campus.
Become a perceptive reader, a critical thinker and an effective communicator by studying literature or media, the basics of journalism and the power of images.

Learning-in-ACTion
Experience what you learn by joining the Thessaloniki International Film Festival, the Documentary Film Festival and local TV offices or by joining the RadioACTive team and the Photojournalism Group on campus.

Service Learning Practicum (SocSc 399)
Take this 3-credit course that combines theoretical in-class sessions and real-life, on-location case study projects.
While at ACT, experience community engagement through placements in local community NGOs, agencies and organizations that provide services related to healthcare, education, environmental conservation or citizenship and social activism. The key principle underlying these activities is the co-construction of knowledge through student collaboration.

Sample of courses offered at ACT.
(Please consult the ACT webpage for course offerings in specific terms.)

LANGUAGE & LITERATURE
• English 220- Introduction to Twentieth Century Poetry and Drama
• English 221- Short Fiction/The Novella
• Hum 246- Introduction to American Cultural Studies
• English 268- Women and Literature
• English 273- Introduction to Linguistics or English 360- Literary Theory
• English 120- Introduction to Literature
• English 259- Contemporary World Literature
• English 340- Comparative Literature
• English 350- Advanced Writing/Writing for Social Change
• English 275- Sociolinguistics or English 380- The Business of Literature

COMMUNICATION & NEW MEDIA
• Comm 127- Communication, Culture and Society
• Comm 217- Media in Transition
• English 300- Image/Text/Culture
• Comm 317- Communicating through New Media
• SocSc 399- Service Learning
• Comm 227- Media Theory
• Comm 233- Introduction to Journalism
• Comm 333- Communication Design
• Comm 327- Communication Research Methods
• Anthr 349- Intercultural Communication
Education opens our eyes, our ears, tells us where delights are lurking, convinces us that there is only one freedom of any importance whatsoever, that of the mind.

–Iris Murdoch
General Information
According to the United States Department of Commerce, the growth of STEM-related jobs (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) over the last 10 years was three times that of non-STEM fields.

Why Study Computing?
We live in a digital world. Whether a problem revolves around engineering, science, or business, inevitably, the solution will have “computing” at its core. Today, the modern living room contains more computing power than was used to land Neil Armstrong on the moon in 1969! The “search engine” has now become a ubiquitous presence in our personal and professional lives. Just a few years ago one would have required armies of researchers and days of work to compile and organize what can be done today just by typing a word and pressing the return key. Businesses and organizations of all types and sizes increasingly depend on computers to collect, organize and analyze data for better decision making. Computing is a professional field with an oversupply of jobs throughout the length of its existence.

Why Study Computing at ACT?
Computing is about developing codes and software, but it takes more than keystrokes to build an idea into a “product”, it takes collaboration, teamwork and understanding other disciplines and their needs. It also calls for both managerial and technical skills. Furthermore it requires creativity and the ability to lead. ACT’s Computing curriculum is a rigorous and challenging program that provides students not only with the theoretical background, but also with the practical skills needed by organizations and companies in all fields. The program also has a strong business component, familiarizing students with all areas of business, enhancing their postgraduate study options, and preparing them for a truly successful career.

We offer two degrees in the area of Computing. A BSc in Computer Science addressing the theoretical aspects of Computer Science and a BSc in Business Computing focusing on applications of Computer Science. Courses are offered in the areas of Software Development and Engineering, Database Design and Programming, Web Development and Programming, Networks, Robotics, Mobile Application Programming and Gaming.

ACT’s computing and business courses are taught by seasoned professionals who can provide an inspiring, project-based approach to computing.

In addition, the college’s specialized, state-of-the-art IT facilities and computer labs, the Niarchos Technology Center, the CISCO Networking laboratory, the Microelectronics-Robotics laboratory and the new Fabrication Lab, are fully available to students in the program. This exceptional infrastructure enhances the learning experience and our unique and highly international campus.

Learning-in-ACTION

Makers Society:
This student club serves as a meeting space for inventors, engineers, technology-oriented artists and entrepreneurs. Club activities foster cross-disciplinary collaboration, design of novel software and devices, as well as the exchange of valuable science, technology and team work design skills. Members of these society work on practical hands-on-projects, such as building Drones and other programmable machines.

Company Visits:
Students are exposed to the real life application of academic concepts through visits that are relevant to the IT academic field at locations that specialize in topics such as Software Development, ERP Development and Web Development.

Faculty Led Research Projects:
Students have the opportunity to work alongside faculty on projects such as Robotics, Environmentally related topics or ongoing research projects.
... leadership tomorrow depends on how we educate our students today -- especially in science, technology, engineering and math.

–United States President Barack Obama

Sample of courses offered at ACT. (Please consult the ACT webpage for course offerings in specific terms.)

- CSC 230 - Programming in C++ and Matlab
- CSC 151 - Quantitative Computing
- CSC 107 - Multimedia I
- CSC 306 - Advanced Web Development
- CSC 450 - System Analysis and Design
- CSC 310 - Computer Architecture
- CSC 300 - Mobile Application Programming
- MATH 120 - Calculus I
- SEA 101 - Introduction to Sea Sailing*
- CSC 322 - Computer Networks
- CSC 206 - Web Development
- CSC 325 - Distributed Applications
- CSC 330 - Introduction to Mobile Robotics

- CSC 320 - Mobile Computing
- CSC 321 - Operating Systems
- MATH 220 - Discrete Mathematics
- STAT 205 - Statistics I
- SEA 101 - Introduction to Sea Sailing*
- CSC 219 - Video Game Design with Unity and Blender
- CSC 130 - Introduction to electronics and robotics programming
- SEA 101 - Introduction to Sea Sailing*

* Each semester the Division of Science and technology offers the course Introduction to Sea Sailing, which teaches offshore sailing at the level of Coastal Skipper. Opportunities exist to practice what is learned in a skippered or bare-boat trip in the Northern Greece, Chalkidiki peninsulas and/or islands.
Go Greek in Greece

Participate in a on-of-a-kind opportunity to explore what it really means to “Go Greek”. Join students from various chapters around the U.S. for a 3 week, 3 credit hands-on experience. During the three weeks, you will have the opportunity to engage in and out of the classroom through a course called Humanities 120: “Understanding Greek Life and Culture”, participate in service projects and travel to:

- Mt. Olympus
- The Royal Macedonian Tombs in Vergina
  (the burial place of King Philip II, father of Alexander the Great)
- Athens & Delphi (2 nights)
- Greek Island (2 nights)
- Byzantine Museum
- White Tower
- Chalkidiki Beach Day
- Gerovasileiou Winery Tour and Tasting

Learn more at www.act.edu/gogreek

ACT Sailing Academy

For the past 12 years ACT has been active in offering to its students opportunities to sail at sea and learn how to operate offshore sailing boats as well earn a Coastal Skipper license. Students attending sailing courses at ACT (as listed below) can earn both academic credit and a License/Certificate

Coastal Sailing Skipper (Course & License):

Students that participate in this course will learn how to operate an open-sea sailboat (36 + ft) and after successful completion of the on-board and theoretical lesson and besides the academic credit, they will be able to receive an international sailing license. This license will allow you to skipper a boat on your own. This is a full, first sea sailing course as you would be able to take in the US or other countries.

The syllabus includes, amongst others, the topics of: Sail Techniques & Maneuvers, Anchorage, Navigation, Rules of the Road, Rope work, safety & Emergency, Rules of the road, Meteorology.

Note: The ACT course fulfilling the above is: Sea Sail 101: Introduction to Sea Sailing

Learn more at www.act.edu/Sailing

Racing Sailing Certificate:

This course is aimed at those students who aim at something more intense, vigorous and demanding than a simple cruise, and certainly for all those thrilled by the adrenaline kick once in control of the elements, the sea and the wind!

The syllabus involves hours of practice in boat handling, trimming, racing rules and race tactics. All crews participate in the local Sailing Championship of Thessaloniki while also given the opportunity to further participate in significant racing events during the summer such as the Aegean Regatta, The Aegean Rally, The Greek National Offshore Championship and the North Aegean International Sailing Week Cup.

Note: The ACT course fulfilling the above is: Sea Sail 201: Introduction to Racing Sea Sailing

Learn more at www.act.edu/Sailing
The Summer Oracle Certificate (4-week)

Why become an Oracle Certified Professional by studying at ACT?
The demand for professionals in information technology (IT) is high, and the competition for jobs is intense. Individuals, experienced or new to the profession, need to know what skills make them attractive to employers. Employers look for ways to distinguish employees and prospective employees who have the solid foundation of skills needed for effective performance. The Oracle Certification Program helps the IT industry make these distinctions by establishing a standard of competence in specific job roles. An Oracle Technical Certification is a valuable, industry-recognized credential that signifies a proven level of knowledge and skill.

Why earn your Oracle Certification at ACT?
ACT is one of the few European institutions that is now associated with Oracle Academy, and is offering official Oracle certificates in SQL and PL/SQL. The courses are taught by an instructor with over 20 years of programming experience with Oracle and MySql. Students can combine a solid education with a culturally enriching stay in the most beautiful and vibrant city of SE Europe.
Learn more at www.act.edu/oracle

TEFL Certification
Today, a TEFL Certificate is a minimum requirement for Teaching English as a Foreign Language in most countries, including Greece and Southeastern European countries. Join our specialized TEFL Training course that covers English teaching techniques and methodologies.
www.act.edu/tefl

Certificate Program in Hellenic Studies
Grasp the opportunity to gain a broader understanding of the rich heritage of Hellenism, both ancient and modern, and earn a Certificate in Hellenic Studies. Courses are taught by leading practitioners throughout the academic year and during the summer session. The program consists of three academic courses and one language course.

Choose your courses among the following:
• History 231, 232, 301, 331
• Greek 101, 104, 201, 202
• Humanities 204, 209
• Politics 207
• Art History 121, 220, 221, 224
• Music 120

Earn certifications while studying at ACT!
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