**FLINDERS UNIVERSITY – MODERN GREEK**

**Three-week in-country programme in Crete, Greece (6-24 July, 2020)**

Following our previous highly successful in-country programmes in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 we are pleased to announce the dates for the sixth in-country programme for Modern Greek students and not only. The programme will take place on the beautiful island of Crete (University of Crete, Rethymno), from 6 to 24 of July 2020.

The Crete in-country programme is organised by the Modern Greek Department at Flinders University, in collaboration with the Centre of Intercultural and Migration Studies, University of Crete. The programme includes four hours tuition daily delivered by staff of the University of Crete, experienced in teaching Modern Greek as a foreign/second language.

On completion of the programme students will receive credit – equivalent to a topic - towards their degree, provided they have been enrolled in LANG3500 Special In-Country Studies Topic or equivalent in 2020.

**TOTAL COST**

*Base Costs*

* Return airfares to and from Crete, you will have to make your own travel arrangements.

*(****If you book early you will get a better deal)***

* **Approx. 950 Australian dollars, depending on the exchange rate, which includes:**

1. Accommodation: single bedrooms for three (3) weeks at the University of Crete dorms.
2. All teaching materials supplied.
3. Transfer from and to the airport in Heraklion. Approx. 6.00pm on Sunday 5th July and 8.00am on Saturday 25th July 2020.(depending on departures)
4. Two (2) full day cultural excursions e.g. Knossos, Chania, Preveli, the allied cemetery etc.

*Additional Costs*

* Please allow money for meals (lunch is available during the week in the University canteen at a very reasonable price, 3-5 Euros per lunch).
* Transfer fares between the city of Rethymno and the University campus (taxi/bus). A taxi is approx. 5 euros and a bus 1.2 Euros (0.6 Euros student concession ticket). Please note that busses to and from the university are not very frequent (every hour) as July is the summer holiday period.
* Any other personal expenses e.g. entertainment etc. (optional)

**WHO CAN APPLY**

* Students currently studying Modern Greek through Flinders University.
* Students who have completed at least one Modern Greek Language topic at post matriculation level.(36 units, GPA of 4.00 and above)
* Students who have completed a Modern Greek Culture topic and have prior knowledge in Modern Greek Language (have completed some formal studies in the Modern Greek Language).
* Students studying Modern Greek at other tertiary institutions: Due to important administrative requirements, you will be required to: a)obtain permission from your institution for the topic to be recognised as part of your degree (Major, Minor or Elective) and b)enrol in LANG3500 Special In-Country Studies Topic (Flinders Uni. Topic), cross-institutionally.
* Any student with prior Modern Greek language knowledge will be considered.

**Up to 15 students/participants will be selected by the Modern Greek Section at Flinders University.**

**HOW TO APPLY**

Please complete the attached application form and forward it to one of the following email addresses:

[maria.palaktsoglou@flinders.edu.au](mailto:maria.palaktsoglou@flinders.edu.au) or [antonis.litinas@flinders.edu.au](mailto:antonis.litinas@flinders.edu.au),

* Applications must be submitted by 15 March 2020.
* The successful applicants will be notified by 31 March 2020 and a deposit of $200 will be probably required by 30 April 2020.
* Flights must be booked by 31 May 2020 to secure your place in the programme (flights must arrive in Heraklion preferably **no later than 5pm on Sunday 5 July 2020**).

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**STUDENT PRIZE**

The *Jordanis Maragozidis Prize*

A prize of 300 AUD will be awarded, after the completion of the in-country programme, to the student with the highest marks.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact: Dr Maria Palaktsoglou (82015960), Mr Antonios Litinas (82012047) or

at a later stage, visit our website <http://www.flinders.edu.au/ehl/languages-studies/departmental-sections/modern-greek/studying-abroad/studying-abroad_home.cfm>

**SUPPORTED BY:**

**Panarkadian Association of South Australia,** 1 Clifford Street, Torrensville, SA 5031

and

**Travel Professionals,** 117A-117E Henley Beach Road, Mile End, SA 5031

ph.: 8352 4444

APPLICATION FORM

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| **Name** |  |
| **Email address** |  |
| **Phone** |  |
| **Modern Greek Topic enrolled in Semester 2, 2019** |  |
| **Modern Greek Topics completed** |  |
| **Please tick the appropriate** | **Modern Greek major Modern Greek minor** |
| **Signature** |  |
| **Date** |  |

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or submit a hard copy Room 3114, Social Sciences North Building, Flinders University.

**Students’ feedback from previous years in-country programme in Crete.**

*The Crete trip was a great and unique experience. We learnt a lot about the Greek language and culture from the university classes. However, exploring the beautiful city of Rethymno and talking to the friendly locals taught us things about Greece that you won't get from a classroom. I would encourage all Modern Greek students to consider this program. It has changed my life!*

***Student 1***

*The Crete educational program, gave me the opportunity to improve my skills in the Greek language. The teachers were very helpful and nice. Other students at Rethymno University are also very helpful and friendly. Without a doubt in my mind, one of the best experiences of my life, and will try my hardest to do it again next year!*

***Student 2***

*The 3-week in-country program was truly the most amazing experience for me! I absolutely loved every minute of this trip as it allowed me to form strong friendships with the other students and gave me the chance to immerse myself into the Greek culture through food, language, music and history. With the help of the wonderful teachers at the university, I was able to strengthen my skills in the Greek language. I highly recommend this trip to anyone studying Greek!*

***Student 3***

*The in Crete programme was overall an amazing experience. I learnt a lot about the history and culture of Crete as well as enjoyed the island's beautiful beaches, views and tasty food!*

***Student 4***

*Studying at the University of Crete was an incredible experience that I will never forget. It allowed me to improve my Greek and make new friendships. I became immersed in the Cretan culture through exploring the small town of Rethymno, talking to locals, and trying amazing foods.*

***Student 5***

*The Rethymno University campus provided the perfect location with breathtaking views overlooking the old town of Rethymno and the Sea of Crete beyond. The high quality teaching, friendly locals and abundance of delicious food made for a very enjoyable three weeks. I would highly recommend the in-country program to any student who may be considering it for next year. It was a fantastic, eye opening experience!*

***Student 6***

*The 3 week in-country programme in Rethymno, Crete, was truly the greatest time of my life.*

*Being immersed in both language and culture studies was the greatest possible way to really learn and grow.*

*The moments that the magical Greek lifestyle, Cretan summer, dancing, music, nature and my new little family gave me will remain with me for the rest of my life … and I ‘m waiting for the day I return home (in Crete)!*

***Student 7***

*The Crete in-country programme is a fantastic opportunity for Modern Greek students. The high quality of teaching, coupled with the immersion into the local culture, is a great learning experience. The Rethymno campus provides a beautiful setting for the programme and a good insight into the life of university students in Greece.*

***Student 8***

*The experience itself was amazing and I will forever cherish the memories made. It was a good way to make new friends with the students from Australia and the locals in Crete. I was able to really embrace and take in the Greek Culture. I feel like I really got the most out of it since I was studying the language, living at the uni and having lots of spare time to explore Crete. It helped me understand the culture more and pick up a lot of the language too.*

***Student 9***

*The trip was an amasing experience that I really enjoyed. I feel like my Greek really improved from being in Greece, and having class every day. Also, making a lot of new friends was an amasing aspect of the trip.*

*In class, Maria could have spoken more English, because at times it was difficult to understand what she was saying, and when asked to explain she would explain in Greek, which was confusing.*

***Student 10***

