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DEADLINE: January 9, 2023

The Summer Seminars of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens are 18-day programs that focus on specific cultural themes, historical periods, or geographical regions. The Seminars are led by exceptional scholars of Classics and related fields. Under their direction, participants study texts, visit archaeological sites and museums, and engage with expert guest speakers in order to deepen their understanding of Greece's landscape, history, literature, and material culture.

For Summer 2023, the two seminars are:

The Archaeology of Caves in Greece: Cult and Life through the Ages (June 5 to June 23, 2023)

Participants will investigate life and cult stretching from the Paleolithic period to today, through archaeological and anthropological research focusing on caves. The course examines caves as living entities that actively shape local cultures as centers of cult, active arenas of archaeological exploration, nodes of complex economic and religious landscapes, and major archaeological sites doubling as tourist attractions with a major impact on local economies. Attention will be paid to caves as carstic phenomena that have attracted various forms of human action (habitation, exploitation, cult, refuge, shelter) for millennia. The seminar will visit several caves as well as significant nearby sites and museums (e.g. Delphi, Athenian Acropolis). Taught by Professors Amy and Nassos Papalexandrou (University of Texas at Austin).

Locating Ancient Gender and Sexuality (July 3 - July 21, 2023)

This seminar examines discourse about gender and sexuality within distinct cultures of ancient Greece, articulated through association with cities, sanctuaries, and liminal spaces. The program is structured through a comparative framework, studying social systems across space and time: analyzing Athens and its rivals of the classical period, Sparta, Corinth and Thebes. Literary traditions will be brought into conversation with archaeological evidence and the landscapes of Greece. Taught by Professors Kate Gilhuly and Bryan Burns (Wellesley College).

Internationally known scholars of Greek history, art, and archaeology will participate as guest lecturers in both seminars. Students are expected to give on-site reports, which they will prepare in their home libraries before the program begins. Committed to presenting a comprehensive view of Greece's rich history and archaeology, these seminars involve long days and extensive walking, often over uneven terrain, in the hot Mediterranean summer, where many days over 30°C can be expected.

Eligibility: Enrollment is open to graduate and advanced undergraduate students, as well as to high school and college/university teachers of classics and related subjects. Each seminar is limited to twenty participants. The language of instruction is English.

Cost: The fee for each 2023 Seminar is \$2,750. Fee includes tuition, room for the entire 18-day period, partial board in Athens, travel within Greece, and museum and site fees. International airfare, most meals outside Athens and weekends in Athens, and incidental expenses are the participant's responsibility. Financial aid is available in the form of ASCSA scholarships, awarded on the basis of academic merit; and many classical organizations also offer funding opportunities. More information at <https://www.ascsa.edu.gr/programs/summer-session/ss-scholarships>.

Application: Applicants will complete an online application, for which they will submit scans of academic transcripts (unofficial transcripts are acceptable) and arrange for the online submission of two letters of recommendation by the application deadline, January 9, 2023. All applicants will be notified in February 2023. More information and online application form are available through the website at: <https://ascsa.submittable.com/submit/115820/ascsa-summer-seminar-application-18-day-sessions>

For more information on the seminars, view the website at <https://www.ascsa.edu.gr/programs/summerseminars> or email ssapplication@ascsa.org.

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