

# PERROTIS COLLEGE

THESSALONIKI, GREECE

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## Study Abroad Handbook

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Perrotis College faculty-led group enjoying the Panathenaic Stadium in Athens

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## Who we are

*"I believe in a permanent agriculture, a soil that grows richer, rather than poorer, from year to year. I believe that tillers of the soil are stewards of the land and will be held accountable for the faithful performance of their trust."*

– Dr. John Henry House, American Farm School Creed, 1910

*"The American Farm School is a fine example of people to people approach to mutual aid."*

– Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States, 1958



Aerial Photo: AFS/ Perrotis College campus

**Perrotis College's** beautiful campus is a dynamic fusion of its historic past and vibrant present. A green oasis surrounded by a semi-urban environment, the college is situated on the eastern edge of Greece's second largest city, Thessaloniki. Today's campus is a physical manifestation of its bi-national character, **Learn-by-Doing** teaching philosophy, and commitment to sustainable living.

It is the oldest American educational institution founded in Greece. The campus has grown from 1904's first 50 acres to its current size of 280 acres serving all academic divisions.

The School's founder, Dr. John Henry House, was a practical idealist who believed in educating the whole individual: **the head, the hands, and the heart**. After more than a century of implementing the founder's vision, the institution today remains dedicated to the dynamic fusion of theory and practice in all levels of agricultural education that has become our hallmark.

Today this vision has advanced into major educational divisions which include the Primary School, Secondary School, **Perrotis College of Agriculture, Environment and Life Sciences**, and Adult Education and Research Program.

**Perrotis College** is also recognized as a national leader in adult education, with more than 600 participants taking part in courses such as cheese-making, wine-making, beer brewing, organic gardening, bee-keeping, and much more.

Perrotis College is introducing a **School of Graduate Studies**, which will award Masters Degrees in 5 different areas of concentration related to Agricultural Science. The School of Graduate Studies, which will welcome its first class of students in the fall of 2017, will complement the College's existing BSc. program by providing the next tier of educational opportunities to students of the College as well as outside applicants.

## Location

Thessaloniki is the home of Perrotis College. It is a hidden gem in Greece, and we are proud of its long history & rich culture. Thessaloniki is a port city known for its charm and vibrancy and for being a melting pot of cultures. A youthful energy fills the city due to the large number of students residing in the area.

As you walk into the city center, you realize that you are within blended worlds: classical Greek, Byzantine drama, a modern fast-paced city. Everyone who visits Thessaloniki falls deeply in love with this true heart of Greece, for its short distances, its character, and its rocking night life!

### Did you know?

- ✓ Thessaloniki is 2,300 years old. It was founded in 315 BC
- ✓ The population is approx. 1 million people, and a little over 150,000 of them are students
- ✓ Thessaloniki has more cafés and bars per capita than any other city in Europe!
- ✓ Thessaloniki is a major center of education for Greece. Two of the country's largest national universities are located in central Thessaloniki: Aristotle University and the University of Macedonia.
- ✓ Like a true college town, university students set the mood for life in the city center
- ✓ According to Lonely Planet's listings, Thessaloniki is the world's 5th best "Ultimate party city"

### Here's a quick overview of what you will experience during your stay with us:

During the week, besides earning credit towards your degree by taking classes in an international setting, you can work or conduct research projects on our educational farm or take part in volunteer projects with local and international community service organizations. ***You will grow personally, academically, & professionally through these opportunities.***

On weekends, you can travel through Greece, soaking up the Mediterranean sun on the beach, exploring picturesque mountain villages and medieval monasteries, reliving ancient Athens, and testing your limits by climbing Mt. Olympus or sailing the Aegean. ***You will develop an open mind by interacting with locals; you will make new friends & create long-lasting memories.***



Statue of Alexander the Great by the waterfront, downtown Thessaloniki



## Accreditation

All transferable courses awarded by Perrotis College are ECTS-credits which are validated by the Cardiff Metropolitan University, Wales.

Perrotis College Study Abroad Department aims to enhance and provide more study abroad opportunities to USA students. For this reason, we have a USA School of Record Agreement with Warren Wilson College. All study abroad students will receive their transcript from WWC.

At the same time, Perrotis College is undergoing the NEASC Accreditation process to be fully recognized as an independent US-accredited higher education institution.



Halkidiki, a beautiful peninsula right next to Perrotis College

Birds-eye view of Aristotle Square, the heart of downtown Thessaloniki



## Academic Programs

**Dates:**

Term	Start Date	End Date	Total Weeks	Minimum courses/credits per Term
Fall Term 2017	September 25	December 22	13	4 courses (12 credits)
Spring Term 2018	January 29	May 18	16*	4 courses (12 credits)
Summer Term 2018 Project Research Program (PRP)	May 21	June 29	6	1 course (3 credits)

\*Includes Greek Easter Holiday + 1 study week

	Terms Available	Total Weeks	Optional Credits Obtained
Internship Program	Fall Term	13	✓
	Spring Term	16	✓
	Summer Term	6	✓

**Application Deadlines:**

Term	Date
Fall Term 2017	August 1
Spring Term 2018	December 22
Summer Term 2018	April 10

## Agriculture & Environmental Science

The Agriculture & Environmental Science Program offers four 3-credit courses (12 credits in total). Students may take additional courses if they wish to do so for an extra charge.

### **Fall & Spring Terms:**

To ensure a well-rounded education during your stay in Greece, international students are required to include these cultural offerings in their selected courses:

- Greek Cultural Experience Course
- Service Learning Course

The remaining courses are selected from the following course list:

### **Fall: Sept. 25 – Dec. 22**

1. Learning Methods
2. Management
3. Agricultural Marketing
4. Principles of Microbiology & Chemistry
5. Environmental Technology & Agricultural Machinery
6. Introduction to ICT Systems for Agriculture & Environment
7. Research Methods/ Statistics
8. Principles of Precision Agriculture & Environmental Sustainability
9. Introduction to Livestock
10. Plant Physiology
11. Post-Harvest & Olive Processing
12. Precision Agriculture Applications
13. Horticultural Science
14. GIS in Agriculture & the Environment
15. Sustainable Rural Development

### **Spring: Jan. 29 – May 18**

1. Viticulture
2. Crop Nutrition & Soil Fertility Management
3. Entomology
4. Introduction to Agro-Environmental Systems
5. Agricultural Economics
6. Waste Management
7. Environmental Soil Science
8. Field Crop Production
9. Principles of Genetics & Plant Breeding
10. Olive Production Systems
11. Greenhouse Technology & Management
12. Ecological Agriculture
13. Soil & Water Resource Management

**\*\*All course descriptions & lead professor CV's are sent upon request**

## **Food Science & Technology**

The Food Science & Technology Program offers four 3-credit courses (12 credits in total). Students may take additional courses if they wish to do so for an extra charge.

### **Fall & Spring Terms:**

To ensure a well-rounded education during your stay in Greece, international students are required to include these cultural offerings in their selected courses:

- Greek Cultural Experience Course
- Service Learning Course

The remaining courses are selected from the following course list:

### **Fall: Sept. 25 – Dec. 22**

1. Introduction to Biochemistry
2. Biochemistry
3. Nutrition
4. Greek Palate (Cuisine)

### **Spring: Jan. 29 – May 18**

1. Dairy Technology
2. Contemporary Nutrition
3. Greek Palate (Cuisine)

**\*\*All course descriptions & lead professor CV's are sent upon request**



## **Agro-Business & Food Business Management**

The Agro-Business & Food Business Management Program offers four 3-credit courses (12 credits in total). Students may take additional courses if they wish to do so for an extra charge.

### **Fall & Spring Terms:**

To ensure a well-rounded education during your stay in Greece, international students are required to include these cultural offerings in their selected courses:

- Greek Cultural Experience Course
- Service Learning Course

The remaining courses are selected from the following course list:

### **Fall: Sept. 25 – Dec. 22**

1. Learning Methods
2. Management
3. Marketing
4. Principles of Food Science for Managers
5. Business Environment
6. Principles of Law
7. Research Methods
8. Consumer Behavior & New Product Development
9. Corporate Social Responsibility
10. Maintenance & Inventory Management
11. Project Management
12. Accounting
13. International Business Management

### **Spring: Jan. 29 – May 18**

1. Learning Methods
2. Management
3. Marketing
4. Principles of Food Science for Managers
5. Business Environment
6. Research Methods
7. Consumer Behavior & New Product Development
8. Intro to Agro-Environmental Systems
9. Entrepreneurship
10. Current Issues
11. Strategic Management
12. Business Management

**\*\*All course descriptions & lead professor CV's are sent upon request**

## Alternative Tourism

The Alternative Tourism Program offers four 3-credit courses (12 credits in total). Students may take additional courses if they wish to do so for an extra charge.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

*\*The Alternative Tourism Program will only run if there are at least 5 students participating. Students interested in this program should declare it, & we will notify them whether or not it will run during the term they will attend or alternatively inform them to choose other courses.*

### **For Fall & Spring Terms:**

To ensure a well-rounded education during your stay in Greece, international students are required to include these cultural offerings in their selected courses:

1. Greek Cultural Experience Course
2. Service Learning Course

The remaining courses are selected from the following course list:

### **Fall: Sept. 25 – Dec. 22**

1. Introduction to Alternative & Sustainable Tourism Trends
2. The Tourism Industry
3. Introduction to Water Environment Sports
4. Destination Planning & Development
5. Leadership & Soft Skills
6. Advanced Water Environment Sports
7. Incident & Crisis Management

### **Spring: Jan. 29 – May 18**

1. Wilderness Travel Hiking
2. Legal & Ethical Aspects of Travel & Tourism
3. Introduction to Mountain Environment Sports
4. Accessible Tourism
5. Advanced Mountain Environment Sports

**\*\*All course descriptions & lead professor CV's are sent upon request**

## Project Research Program (PRP)

### Description:

The Project Research Program (PRP) prepares students for work in the real world addressing tangible issues. Success today requires more than knowledge – equally important are effective problem-solving skills. Perrotis PRP gives students the opportunity to hone these skills, offering meaningful life experience through original research in a team-based format. Perrotis PRP students work on important issues and find practical solutions while living in Greece and experiencing the cultural wealth our country has to offer.

### **Here is how our Summer PRP Program works:**

For each PRP Term our faculty offer guided research opportunities in the following fields:

- Entrepreneurship
- Food Technology
- Food Business
- Entomology
- Environmental Science
- Tailor-made projects of your choice (must be pre-approved by Professors)

**\*\*Sample Proposed Project-Research descriptions are sent upon request**

### Summer Term (PRP):

Students interested in studying during the **Summer Term** will receive **3 credits** for their research project that will be executed with the help of a research Supervisor within a 6-week time frame.

In addition, students have the option to choose the following course:

- The Greek Cultural Experience Course

### The Experience

Each team member will share his/her ideas and experiences as they formulate a team strategy, enhancing collaborative work skills for future professional challenges. Each member will learn how to learn from others while making long-term friends with similar interests. Depending on the research subject and team design, the project will entail a combination of: classwork, lab work, experiential learning in local companies, hands-on field work, and interaction with the Greek community. Completing the experience is a formal presentation of the project to an audience of peers and professionals – another set of skills each member will exercise!

And the good news is that learning isn't only professionally targeted. Each student will get to experience the best of Greece – its people, food, natural beauty, and rich heritage. Explore Aristotle's birthplace, mountaineer Mt. Olympus range, visit centuries-old monasteries, or sail the Aegean – all such experiences are possible.

## **Internship Program**

The Study Abroad Department of Perrotis College offers two types of Internship positions during the Fall, Spring and Summer Terms:

- 1) Research Internship (solo, unpaid)
- 2) Work Internship (solo, unpaid)

The positions are designed to immerse participants in the practical work environment of one or more departments, to demonstrate the kinds of skills and knowledge base needed in the specific field, and to provide each intern/researcher with a stimulating, rewarding experience.

### **Research and Work Internships can be carried out in various positions on our 160-acre campus:**

- ✓ Selected AFS/Perrotis College departments
- ✓ One of our Educational Farm Departments (horticulture, poultry, dairy)
- ✓ The outdoor AgroCenter
- ✓ The College educational laboratories for research in chemistry, biology, horticulture, plant propagation, soil science or agronomy
- ✓ Life Sciences Laboratory, which includes facilities for new product development
- ✓ The European Biological Control Laboratory, which is currently being used to conduct research projects for the USDA.

Both types of internships are 25-30 hours per week of research/work or related activities in the department where the project is carried out, unless the intern is also taking courses for credit. In these cases, the amount of time dedicated to research/work can be reduced to as little as 15 hours weekly.

All position placements are made according to student qualifications and interest, as well as department needs.

### **Fall & Spring Term:**

Students interested in the internship program (work or research) during the Fall & Spring Terms have the option to receive 3-credits for their internship by paying the required per-credit hour fee.

In addition to their internship and for extra cost, students can also select to study 1 or more courses from one of our academic programs or the Greek Cultural Enhancement Course:

- Greek Cultural Experience Course
- Agriculture and Environmental Science Program
- Food Science and Technology Program
- Ag- Business & Food Business Management Program
- Alternative Tourism Program

### **Summer Term:**

Students interested in the internship program (work or research) during the Summer Term have the option to receive 3-credits for their internship by paying the required per-credit hour fee.

In addition to their internship, for extra cost, students can also select to take the following course:

- The Greek Cultural Experience

**\*\*Sample internship positions are sent upon request**



Students working @ the campus Green House



Students working @ the campus vineyard



Students selling freshly grown vegetables  
to staff from our educational farm & fields

## Program Fees & Costs

Programs	Duration	Fees per student	Includes	Optional Activities & Costs
<b>Fall &amp; Spring Term</b>	13 weeks- fall 16 weeks- spring	<b>\$8,660</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Room &amp; Board</li> <li>✓ Tuition: 4 courses (12credits)</li> <li>✓ Administration Fee</li> <li>✓ Health Insurance</li> <li>✓ Local Cultural Excursions</li> <li>✓ 4-Day Discovering Athens Trip</li> <li>✓ Mt. Olympus Excursion</li> </ul>	Additional Course (s) <b>\$790</b>

Programs	Duration	Fees per student	Includes	Optional Activities
<b>Summer Term Project Research Program (PRP)</b>	6 weeks	<b>\$3,270</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Room &amp; board</li> <li>✓ Tuition: 1 course (3credits)</li> <li>✓ Administration Fee</li> <li>✓ Health Insurance</li> <li>✓ Supervised Research Fee</li> <li>✓ Local Cultural Excursions</li> <li>✓ Mt. Olympus Excursion</li> <li>✓ 1 Day Sailing Trip - Halkidiki</li> </ul>	Additional Course (s) <b>\$790</b>
				4-Day Discovering Athens Trip <b>\$600</b>
				4 Day Sailing Voyage (Visiting Skopelos, Skiathos & Alonissos islands) <b>\$900</b>



## Program Fees & Costs- continuation

Programs	Duration	Fees per student	Includes	Optional Activities
<b>Fall &amp; Spring Internship Program (work or research)</b>	13 weeks- fall 16 weeks- spring	<b>\$6,500</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Room &amp; board</li> <li>✓ Supervised Internship Fee</li> <li>✓ Administration Fee</li> <li>✓ Health Insurance</li> <li>✓ Local Cultural Excursions</li> <li>✓ 4-Day Discovering Athens Trip</li> <li>✓ Mt. Olympus Excursion</li> </ul>	Internship 3-Credit Course <b>\$790</b>
				Additional Course (s) <b>\$790</b>

Programs	Duration	Fees per student	Includes	Optional Activities & Costs
<b>Summer Internship Program (work or research)</b>	6 weeks	<b>\$3,270</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Room &amp; board</li> <li>✓ Supervised Internship Fee</li> <li>✓ Administration Fee</li> <li>✓ Health Insurance</li> <li>✓ Local Cultural Excursions</li> <li>✓ Mt. Olympus Excursion</li> <li>✓ 1 Day Sailing Trip to Halkidiki</li> </ul>	Internship 3-Credit <b>\$790</b>
				4-Day Discovering Athens Trip <b>\$600</b>
				4 Day Sailing Trip (Visiting Skopelos, Skiathos & Alonissos islands) <b>\$900</b>

## **Faculty- Led Groups**

Perrotis College staff work closely with universities in setting up a program that suits the interests and needs of students, faculty, and the stateside institution. Once the home university identifies program length, time of year, and courses, we assist in arranging appropriate services and support. Because the College runs its own degree program for Greek and international students, as well as a lively, diverse study abroad and internship program, we can offer many opportunities to visiting faculty and students. These include arranging for additional credit courses, homestays, service-learning projects, research and work internships, and a variety of excursions, tours, and field trips.

Below you will find what we offer:

**The Campus:** The 165-acre campus, located in a green suburb just six miles east of downtown Thessaloniki, offers a quiet, green, safe environment. Since most of the students reside on the school grounds, as do a majority of staff and their families, the campus atmosphere resembles that of a small Greek village. Yet the school is a short 10-minute drive from Thessaloniki's international airport and 15 minutes from the city center. One of the largest shopping centers in Southeastern Europe is a 15-minute walk from campus. Health facilities are nearby, as are excellent recreational and sports facilities. The Chalkidiki peninsula—famous for its beaches, resorts, and the medieval monasteries of Mt. Athos—begins a half-hour drive south of the school. And an hour to the west is Mt. Olympus, the mythical home of the Greek gods and popular destination for hikers from around the world. Other sites of interest close by are Stageira (birthplace of Aristotle), Vergina (tomb of Alexander's father, Philip II), and, at the foot of Mt. Olympus, the ancient city of Dion. With easy access to air, rail, and sea links, the campus serves as an ideal base for exploring mainland and island Greece.

**The City:** Founded in 315 BC, Thessaloniki is a modern, bustling city, the second largest in Greece, and the major seaport for Southeastern Europe. The city, a former Cultural Capital of Europe, has become famous for its cuisine, open air markets, Byzantine churches, and lively student population (Aristotle University, the country's largest public university, is located in the city center).

**Campus Residence Facilities:** As a residential school, Perrotis College hosts visitors year round in comfortable, convenient residential facilities. Selected as a "representative sustainable building" for the 2011 EcoWeek International Conference on Urban Communities & Green Architecture, 'Aliki Perroti' student facility uses environmentally friendly building materials, innovative design features, and state of the art technology to create living spaces that facilitate both individual privacy and community interaction.

**Office Space and ICT Access:** Wireless Internet access is available in the residence halls as well as in all classrooms, offices, and the Library. Visiting faculty are provided office space, PC, and other IT access, and audio visual equipment for teaching purposes. Video and skype conferencing facilities are also available. **Sports Facilities:** Visiting faculty and students have access to an outdoor soccer field, tennis courts, and campus gymnasium which houses a weight room and newly refurbished basketball court.

**Library:** The campus Library maintains a collection of over 8000 books, CD-ROMS and DVDs, and subscribes to 45 journals as well as to the Emerald Management 95 and Science Direct databases. It provides students and faculty with reference services, audio-visual and photocopying services; reading

carrels, two computer labs, a conference room, and an amphitheater. Access to the Library collections is available through the Online Public Access Catalogue.

**Teaching & Research Facilities:** In addition to classrooms, teaching facilities include two conference rooms, an amphitheater, and a multipurpose room; laboratories for chemistry, biology, horticulture, plant propagation, soil science and agronomy; and an outdoor AgroCenter. The newly completed Life Sciences Laboratory includes facilities for new product development in connection to our Food Science & Technology major, and the European Biological Control Laboratory, which is currently being used to conduct USDA research projects.

**Educational Farm:** The Farm is divided into Dairy, Poultry, and Horticulture departments. The Dairy unit Holstein-Friesian herd has been the industry leader in productivity and quality of milk since 1935, when the institution first introduced pasteurized milk to Greece. Our newly completed dairy produces what is considered the best milk in Greece, as well as cheese and yogurt. The Poultry unit uses the latest scientific methods to produce and market Omega-3 eggs, turkeys, broilers and day-old chicks. The Horticulture unit includes greenhouses and nurseries; a vineyard and winery; olive trees, and extensive experimental field crops.



Lincoln University in front of the White Tower, Thessaloniki

Butler University: hike on Mt. Olympus



Texas A&M: enjoying 1-Day cruise to the Saronic Islands

## Residence Hall

All of our international students live on campus, and we love it every time we hear their reactions: *“Wow, it's like living in a 5-star hotel!”*

The Aliko Perroti Student Residence Hall was **built in 2010** with top-notch modern facilities. In keeping with the philosophy and values of the institution, the building's design and construction materials optimize energy and water-use efficiency. Always keeping in mind the comfort and security of each member our community, the three-story building is a great contribution to Perrotis College, and we are proud to house our students here!

### Some cool facts:

- All rooms are **suite-style**, meaning that in each suite there are 2 bedrooms, 1 common living room area and 2 separate bathrooms
- All rooms have access to **individual balconies or terraces** that are designed to ensure protection from the sun in the summer while allowing the sun to enter in the winter months.
- The building is **three stories high** and 4,000 square meters
- The dormitory houses up to 96 students
- All construction materials were selected for their **suitability** to the local climate and their classical aesthetics. Emphasis was given to the use of highly efficient and recyclable thermal and water insulation materials.
- There is a **multi-purpose public space** to accommodate educational, cultural, and recreational events and gatherings.
- During construction, archaeological findings of a water system from the late Roman Empire were discovered and have been preserved both inside the building and outside the southeast walls of the building.
- There is a relaxing **roof garden** where you can enjoy a beverage and good conversation!

### Campus Amenities

- Laundry facilities: free of charge - you only pay for your own detergent
- Free WiFi in all areas on campus, including the dorm rooms
- Café – snack bar
- Dining hall/ cafeteria
- Athletic facilities: Soccer field, basketball court, tennis court & weight room
- ATM
- Indoor public space used for entertainment
- Campus Store: sells authentic, campus-produced food products like yogurt, milk, eggs, cheese, & wine





Perrotis College: Residence Hall

Suite Room



Common Area

## **Student Testimonials**

*“Thessaloniki is a great city with a lot of history, and I am so glad I came. The program is the perfect amount of time to learn about the culture and take some amazing trips.”* -

**Alexander Bahrami (Virginia Tech, Summer 2017, Business Information Technology)**

*“Studying in Thessaloniki at Perrotis College was a life changing event for me. Seeing many different cultures, people, and customs was amazing and at times frustrating. But, being able to adapt has made grow as a person and opened my eyes to other parts of the world outside of the USA. I would highly recommend it to any student that is interested in experiencing something very different”* . - Connor Bollum (Iowa State University, Spring 2017, Agricultural Business)

*“Being a student at Perrotis College was a gift for me ...the people, the opportunities, the respect, the devotion, the cutting edge facilities - this place has redefined education!”* – Miltiadis Roidis (Greece, Graduated 2017: BSc-Agro-Environmental Systems Management)

*“Perrotis College has been a truly unique experience for me: hands-on learning in a dynamic international environment!”* – Tamara Kichukova (FYROM, Graduated 2017: BSc-International Business)



## Contact us



**We would love to hear from you!**

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