



International Semester

(European initiative for the exchange of young military officers, inspired by Erasmus)

Organized by Hellenic Army Academy in Vari (HELLAS)
22 Feb – 11 Jun 2021

Administrative Information

1. Participants

Participants are cadets/students/young military officers with:

- Basic knowledge on English (B2 Level)
- Adequate Physical condition
- Basic competencies in Leadership and Communication,
- Basic knowledge of Computers
 - Social media
 - Military rules
- Awareness of
 - National armed forces
 - Own culture

2. Costs

The international participants who will choose to stay in the Academy's facilities, will be offered accommodation and meals free of charge.

Each room in the Academy can accommodate 4-8 persons.

No course fee is required.

3. Transportation

Participants are requested to make their own travel arrangements to and from Athens International Airport.



The Hellenic Army Academy will provide free transportation from the International Athens Airport to the Academy and back. The participants will be met at the Arrival Hall of the International Athens Airport according to the flight schedule by a representative from the Hellenic Army Academy who will hold the “**HELLENIC ARMY ACADEMY**” sign.

Prices for using taxis are approximately 15 EUR from the International Athens Airport to the Hellenic Army Academy. Another option is to use public airport buses:

All bus routes are available 24 hours a day - 7 days a week.

Buses depart from the designated area at the arrivals level (between Exit 4 and Exit 5)

The buses leave every 30 to 60 minutes depending on the route. For the exact departure times of each route click on the blue links below

[X96](#) or [X97](#) buses depart from the International Athens Airport with direction to the Piraeus Port and Elliniko metro subsequently. The stop for the Hellenic Army Academy is called “Scholi Evelpidon”.

The [cost](#) is €6 one way.

4. Uniform/Dress Code

Arrival/Departure and Sightseeing: Civilian clothes

Opening/Closing Ceremony: Best Uniform

Courses: Service Uniform

5. Registration

Please use the attached application form (if you do not know your flight data at this stage you can send them later on) and send it to POC. Last date for registration is **Monday 28 December 2020**.



6. Point of Contact

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7. General Information about Hellas

- Language

The official language is Hellenic.

- Local Time

Hellas is in the Eastern European Time Zone - EET (UTC +2). The Eastern European Summer Time - EEST (UTC +3)

- Climate & Weather

The climate of Hellas is primarily Mediterranean, featuring mild, wet winters and hot, dry summers. This climate occurs at all coastal locations, including Athens, the Cyclades, the Dodecanese, Crete, the Peloponnese, the Ionian Islands and parts of the Central Continental region.

The mountainous areas of Northwestern Hellas (parts of Epirus, Central Hellas, Thessaly, Western Macedonia) as well as in the mountainous central parts of Peloponnese feature an Alpine climate with heavy snowfalls. The inland parts of northern Hellas, in Central Macedonia and East Macedonia and Thrace feature a temperate climate with cold, damp winters and hot, dry summers with frequent thunderstorms. Snowfalls occur every year in the mountains and northern areas, and brief snowfalls are not unknown even in low-lying southern areas, such as Athens.

Summer in Athens is usually hot with temperatures around 35°C. Winters are wet and mild varying from 0°C to 14°C. Spring in Hellas starts on the 21st March and is mostly characterized by warm and sunny weather.

- Currency / Exchange

The currency in Hellas is Euro. All banks operating in Hellas offer foreign currency services and quote the exchange rates of the Euro against all major



foreign currencies daily. Major foreign currencies can also be exchanged at the exchange offices in the city.

- ATMs and Credit Cards

All major banks in Hellas have automatic teller machines (ATMs) in most towns and larger villages. All major credit cards are accepted almost everywhere.

- Electricity supply

Electrical sockets (outlets) in Hellas usually supply electricity between 220 and 240 volts AC. Electrical sockets (outlets) in Hellas are one of the three European standard electrical socket types: The "Type C" Europlug, the "Type E" and "Type F" Schuko. If your appliance's plug doesn't match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter in order to plug in.

- Smoking

Smoking is prohibited at all public areas and indoor public places. There are smoking areas at the Academy campus, in restaurants and night clubs.

- Opening hours

Shops usually open around 09:00 and close around 15:00. Depending on the day shops open again from 17:30 till 21:00. Large Shopping Centres stay open till 21:00.

Banks are open on workdays (Monday to Friday) usually between 08:00 and 14:30.

Restaurants and cafes have varying opening hours, but most of them close at midnight on workdays (Monday to Friday).

- Driving side

Driving is on the right-hand side of the road. All the international road traffic signs are in use and placed on the right-hand side of the roads and highways. At roundabouts, priority is given to vehicles coming from the right side.

- Emergency number

Police:	100
Fire and rescue:	199
Ambulance (Life emergency):	166
SOS, emergency call:	112
Dial Code for Hellas:	+30



8. Links

Hellenic Ministry of National Defence:

<http://www.mod.mil.gr/mod/en/>

Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

<http://www.mfa.gr/en/>

The Hellenic Army Academy:

<http://sse.army.gr/en>

European Security and Defence College:

<http://www.emilyo.eu/>

City of Athens:

<https://www.cityofathens.gr/en/>

Weather Forecast for Athens

http://www.meteo.gr/meteoplus/cf-En.cfm?city_id=1

9. Covid-19

Please have in mind that Regulations concerning countries allowed entry are subject to change when renewed assessments are made based on epidemiological data from country of origin, but the guidelines which apply in order to travel to Greece for now are:

Travelers visiting Greece by air from **Bulgaria, Romania, the United Arab Emirates, Malta, Sweden, Belgium, Spain, Albania** and **North Macedonia**, will be allowed admission into Greece **only by presenting a negative Covid-19 test result**. The test must be taken **72 hours before arrival**.

Entry into Greece is **banned for non-European citizens** (non-EU Citizens) with the following **exceptions**: Australia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Korea, Thailand, Tunisia, Uruguay and the United Arab Emirates (requiring test results).

Passengers traveling to Greece by air from **Israel** will be allowed admission **only with a negative Covid-19 test result**. Testing should be done with PCR method up to 72 hours before arrival.

All travelers on international flights to Greece are required by law to complete the **mandatory Passenger Locator Form (PLF)** online, which can also be done one day before arrival;

Travelers will receive a confirmation email upon submission of the PLF.

Travelers will receive the PLF with their unique Quick Response (QR) code on the day of their scheduled arrival in Greece (at midnight) and will be notified via email (the QR code will be provided in a link in the confirmation email).



Travelers boarding or embarking on the previous day of the arrival will be allowed to do so upon showing the confirmation email, since they will receive their QR code during their flight or voyage.

Before boarding flights, airline companies are required by law to ensure (a) the PLF submission confirmation at least one day before the flight b) the QR code and PLF in print or on mobile phone.

Airlines that fail to comply will be responsible for the repatriation of passengers at the expense of the company.

According to the HCAA aviation notice, Greeks belonging to repatriation programs are excluded from the above guidelines.

It should be noted, that RT-PCR test result certificates should be **written in English** and bear the name and passport/national ID number of the traveler. The laboratories performing RT-PCR testing should be: national reference laboratories, national public health laboratories, or private laboratories which are accredited from the respective national accreditation authorities.

***ATTENTION:** All guidelines reported have been obtained by the Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority (HCAA) and are subject to change based on the evolution of the coronavirus pandemic, government decisions, and European Union directives. For updated information, please visit <http://www.hcaa.gr/en/> or contact Hellenic Army Academy's Erasmus Office.

It is strongly recommended that all visitors download the Visit Greece app (GDPR compliant) for free, prior their arrival in Greece.

