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European Law and Governance School

Course Catalog and Student Handbook

BA in European Law and Governance Studies



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Introduction

In the present, evermore globalized era, there is without any doubt, a need for homogenized curricula at a European level and a need for institutions that can offer students qualifications, knowledge and skills that are recognized across national borders. Aiming to be continuously at the forefront of research and education, the **European Public Law Organization (EPLO)** has created a higher education institution under the name of “European Law and Governance School” (ELGS), which constitutes the materialization of this need.

The **European Law and Governance School** is founded upon the belief that the European Union plays a crucial role in ensuring global stability, promoting democracy, and the overall progress of mankind, and that the core values of the European Union must be upheld while it strives for better integration. The ELGS also believes that the key source of hope and the only path to successful integration is through the proper education and training of the youth of Europe.

Thus, the Vision of the ELGS is to create a generation of youth that will identify themselves as Europeans, that will serve Europe, and that will disseminate the idea, culture and values of Europe throughout the world.

Inspired by the values that lie at the heart of the European Union, such as fundamental rights, the free movement of professionals, goods and services, and the creation of a single market system, as well as by the challenges and opportunities created by these policies, the ELGS has identified the need to create *a new form of education that is Pan-European in character*. This education must start at the undergraduate level in order to create and prepare the next generation of legal and governance scholars to work within the fast-evolving European and International institutional structures.

The idea was initially conceived by **Professor Giuliano Amato**, Former Prime Minister of Italy, member of the Board of Directors of the EPLO. To that effect, in 2008 the “**Group of Rome**” was constituted around him and comprised of the most esteemed professors and practitioners. The Group met regularly to discuss the various strategic and operational aspects of the project.

As the time passed, the project matured enough for the Board of Directors of the EPLO



to decide in 2009 to create an EPLO agency called the “European Law and Governance School”, thus providing it with all the necessary tools and empowerment needed to achieve its objective.

The inaugural launching of the School took place with the first symbolic meeting of the Board of Trustees at the premises of the European Parliament in the spring of 2013.

The further development of the School followed while 2015 marked the initiation of the Schools’ programs.



Points of Contact/Who's Who

The European Law and Governance School (ELGS) is supported by resident and international teaching staff, with established reputations in their areas of expertise in both academia and the professional worlds.

Considering the reforms made within the European Higher Education Area that facilitate the recognition of knowledge and skills across Europe, as well as the EU programs designed to mobilize and unite the youth of Europe, the ELGS has combined these values, policies, standards and efforts to create an entirely new form of European tertiary-level education that is holistic, integrated and interdisciplinary in its approach, and which starts from the undergraduate level up until the Executive level, thus covering the needs of legal and governance academics and professionals at all stages of their journey.

Designed by a body of internationally recognized and acclaimed European academics and practitioners, the programs of the ELGS offer a supranational approach to law and governance studies in the EU, and provide students with a great degree of flexibility and mobility.

The ELGS will welcome both EU and non-EU citizens that wish to be educated on the legal and governance systems of the EU, as well as its policies, culture, and many languages.



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You can reach the Sounion campus, located approximately an hour away from Athens, by car or public transportation by taking the KTEL ATTIKIS bus line with direction to Sounio (this bus is usually orange with a “SOUNIO-ΣΟΥΝΙΟ” indication on it). Bus stop is located in Filellinon.

Street, Sintagma Square, in the Athens center. Ask the bus driver to make a stop at “Legraina”. For more information, you may contact KTEL customer service at (+30) 2108808080.

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Academic Calendar

16/10/2017	(Monday)	First Day of Classes for Semester 1
28/10/2017	(Saturday)	Greek National Holiday- School Closed
22/12/2017	(Friday)	Last Day of Classes before Winter break
08/01/2018	(Monday)	Classes Resume after Winter break
26/01/2018	(Friday)	Last Day of Classes for Semester 1
29/01/2018	(Monday)	Semester 1 Exam Week
05/02/2018	(Monday)	Semester 1 Break
26/02/2018	(Monday)	First Day of Classes for Semester 2
25/03/2018	(Sunday)	Greek National Holiday- School Closed
02/04/2018	(Monday)	First Day of Spring Break- School Closed
16/04/2018	(Monday)	First Day of Classes after Spring Break
01/05/2018	(Tuesday)	Greek National Holiday- School Closed
28/05/2018	(Monday)	Greek National Holiday- School Closed
08/06/2018	(Friday)	Last Day of Semester 2 Classes
11/06/2018	(Monday)	Exam Preparation Week
18/06/2018	(Monday)	Semester 2 Exam Week
22/06/2018	(Friday)	End of Academic year 2017-2018



Programs Offered

LLB in EU Law

BA in European Governance

BA in European Law and Governance Studies

LLM in EU Law

MA in Governance

Master of Studies

Master of Philosophy

PhD



BA in European Law and Governance

This uniquely designed and cutting-edge three year taught undergraduate degree program, also known as the ELGS degree, lies at the heart of the mission of the ELGS, which is to offer students an in-depth and interdisciplinary look at key issues of law and governance in the European Union. The program provides students a comprehensive understanding of the world of law and of contemporary governance, with a focus on the European Union. Moreover, this program will grant students the opportunity to develop critical skills and valuable professional experience that will prepare them for life after graduation.

This pioneering program fills a gap in education about the EU, its laws, and how it is governed by providing students with a unique interdisciplinary background that will allow them to comprehend its complex reality and interrelated aspects. Students should choose to follow the first two years of the LLB in EU law program and the last year of the BA in EU Governance program, or vice versus. This grants students the option of personalizing their studies as much as possible, depending upon what they hope to do in their future careers.

The BA in European Law and Governance Studies is created and supported by the expansive ELGS International Faculty network of over 100 legal and governance scholars and practitioners worldwide, the ELGS' Partner Universities across Europe and the world, and the EPLO. Importantly, students of the program will be granted access to attend EPLO events on key themes in EU law and governance and to interact with renowned EU leaders and decision-makers. Students graduate with a clear understanding of the most up-to-date scholarly research in the field of EU Governance, as well as the practical applications of the theoretical knowledge, and a solid professional network to support them in their career after the ELGS.

This degree is ideal for students that:

- seek positions in European and international institutions and bodies
- aim to be national public administrators that work on an EU and international level



- aim to pursue a career in the areas of public policy, public affairs, civil society organizations, and related sectors
- are interested in further studies and specialization in governance, public policy, politics, and international relations
- desire to be legal advisors working at cross-border levels within the EU

Program Benefits

This program enables students to better understand the current context, framework and long-term objectives of the EU in its mission for the full integration of member states, and also enables students a great degree of flexibility, mobility and personalization of their studies. Through the many partnerships of the ELGS, students can further specialize in any of the specific subject areas of the program.

Additionally, students will need to serve as interns in return for course credits, thus gaining invaluable on-the-job experience and building a professional network to support them after graduation. By the end of this program, students will be able to understand the origins of EU legal integration, its systems and framework, where the challenges lie, and where more work needs to be done.

Program Content

The BA in EU Law and Governance Studies is a three- year taught degree program, earning a total of 180 ECTS credits. Courses are led by key theorists and practitioners in their fields, and delivered through classic lectures and interactive tutorials. Some courses will also integrate other teaching methodologies where appropriate, such as seminars, site visits to various public and private offices, as well as group presentations. Students must successfully complete 18 compulsory modules and 10 optional modules, which include skills courses and an internship.

Courses

Year 1

Compulsory Modules

1. GEN101.1 Skills Course: Research, Writing and Presentations
2. LAW102.1 Modern History of Europe and the Evolution of Legal and Political Systems



3. LAW106.1 Introduction to Legal Systems and Legal Reasoning
4. GOV105.1 Intro to Politics
5. LAW108.1 EU Law I: Institutions, Governance and Basic Principles
6. GOV205.1 Introduction to International Relations
7. GOV207.1 Western Political Thought
8. GOV102.2 Comparative Federalism

Year 2

Compulsory Modules

1. LAW206.1 EU Law II: Internal Market and Competition Law
2. GEN202.1 Research Methods in Political Science: Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis
3. GOV206.1 Comparative Public Policy
4. LAW209.1 EU Law III: The EU Area of Freedom, Security and Justice
5. GOV202.1 Introduction to Public Administration and Public Law
6. GOV208.1 International Political Economy

Year 3

Compulsory Modules

1. LAW306.1 International Economic Law
2. LAW302.1 EU and Global Administrative Law
3. GOV305.1 Governance, Interests and Policy Networks
4. GOV306.1 Europeanization: Potential Limits to Integration

Indicative Elective Modules

Students can select elective courses from the elective modules of the LLB in European Law and the BA in Governance programs



Admissions

Academic Requirements

Prospective students for the BA in European Law and Governance Studies in who have completed their high school studies with top honors in one of the EU Member States and meet requirements to apply to university in their home country are invited to apply. Additionally, students holding an internationally recognized high school degree (ex. International Baccalaureate) that have received top honors are invited to apply.

Students having completed their high school studies at an institution based in a country outside of the EU that have participated in a program that is not recognized internationally, are also invited to apply, but they may be requested to submit additional documents upon the decision of the Faculty Board. Due to the international nature of the program and the student body, grading equivalencies will be determined by the Faculty Board.

Language Requirements

All courses of the program will be taught in the English language, with the exception of specialized optional modules. As a result, students originating from non-English speaking countries must evidence their level of English language skills in accordance with the following:

- TOEFL Internet based, 80
- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency, C
- Other internationally recognized tests with equivalent marks may be accepted, upon decision of the Faculty Board

Students intending to study at a partner institution as part of their studies, or to undertake an internship in a language other than English will be asked to clearly demonstrate their ability to attend courses and work in the relevant language.

Students from all over the world are admitted following a rigorous application process which consists of two-phases. Students must first submit their application and once they have done so, candidates considered for admissions will be invited to an interview.



To apply for a program, students must first review the application form and its requirements to ensure the collection of appropriate material. By the time they have gathered all documentation they should proceed with payment of the onetime application fee either at the relevant online portal or at via a bank transfer. Students should always add their surname, initial letter of their first name and Degree title in the deposit description. They can then proceed with their application which can only be conducted online and submit it along with the supporting documentation, listed below. All support documents must be in electronic format and uploaded to be sent with the application, except for the 2 reference letters, which should be emailed directly from Referees to LLB admissions at BAelgs@elgs.eu . Students may be invited to be interviewed. Link to the application process [here](#).

At a glance, the application must include:

1. Completed online Application Form in English
2. Photograph (scanned and uploaded)
3. High School Transcript (scanned and uploaded)
4. Certificate of Proficiency of English (if non-native speaker, scanned and uploaded)
5. High school Degree in English (scanned and uploaded)
6. Personal Statement (400-600 words)
7. Scholarship Statement (400-600 words, if applicable)
8. 2 Reference Letters (To be sent directly from Referee to BAelgs@elgs.eu)
9. 2 Academic Writing Samples (uploaded)
10. Application fee of 50€ (non-refundable)

Deadline

Application process for Session 2017-8 has been initiated since November 15, 2017 and will remain open until **June 22, 2018** . Classes start on **October 15, 2018**.



Performance and Assessment

a. Taught courses

Several modes of assessment are used in taught courses to test students' achievement; performance in class, written or oral assignments and projects, essays, and examination papers.

I. Performance in class

Lectures are conducted in such a way as to encourage student participation and interaction. This is why it is very important that students should have prepared themselves before each lecture, by having reviewed the reading list for the specific unit. Students are required to attend all classes and are allowed to miss no more than 10 percent of class hours of each course. Any absences in addition to this should be communicated to the administrative offices of the ELGS in advance in order to obtain the approval of the Provosts.

II. Assignments and projects

Students may be given assignments and requested to work on presentations and projects, either alone or as members of small groups. Such assignments, presentations and projects are normally presented before the class, either during a lecture or on other arranged hours. Assignments, projects and presentations are marked on a scale of 1-100.

III. Essays

Teachers may request from students registered in their course to draft essays on specific points and/or questions relating to the subject-matters covered by the module. Normally, essays should not be lengthier than 2.000 words each, unless otherwise decided by the teacher of the module. Essays submitted to teachers after the deadline set for submission will not be considered, unless the student has reasonable grounds justifying the delay. Essays are marked on a scale of 1-100.

IV. Exams

i. Undergraduate examination procedures are as follows:



Students of the undergraduate courses will sit at exams at the end of each semester. Some weeks before the examination, the administration of the School sends out a notice with further details of the examination process, the location and the conduct of examinations, confirming dates and the timetable of examinations and indicating the likely date of release of the results. Normally, the results of all examinations are released some weeks later, on a date of which students are notified.

Each examination normally lasts for three hours. The material (statutes, codes, etc.) that students will be allowed to have with them in the examination room, if any, may vary depending on the module. Details of this are notified in advance. The form of the examination may also vary depending on the module. It may either be in the form of multiple-choice examination paper(s), a choice of questions (including “problem questions”) of which students will be asked to address a number, or all, or it may be a combination of both the above. In the event of handwritten exams, students must ensure that their handwriting is legible. If an examiner is unable to read what a student has written, the student may be required to have his/her script typed out in the presence of a qualified invigilator, at the student’s own expense.

If a student thinks his/her performance in an examination will be or has been affected by factors such as illness, s/he should notify the teacher of the module, who’s also in charge of its exam. The teacher will communicate the matter to the respective Provost, and make the appropriate recommendation, if s/he deems that the case made by the student is grounded.

Students are marked on a scale of 1-100. Written work, presentations, projects, assignments are also marked on a scale of 1-100.

At the undergraduate level, 20% of students final grade is awarded on the basis of student’s overall performance (including active participation, performance on assignments, projects, presentations etc, quality of written work, like essays etc), while 80% is awarded on the basis of the final exams.

Students are marked on a scale of 1-100. The grades are as follows:

- 91% and above=excellent



- 76-90% =distinction
- 66-75%=good
- 50-65% pass
- Below 50%=fail.

Students achieving a grade of 91% and above (hence, a mark of “excellence”) will be eligible for a scholarship, which may consist of a fee waiver, reduced pricing for accommodation, and/or other financial facilitations (student loan by the School, etc.). Decisions on awarding scholarships, fee waivers, and any other type of financial facilitation to “excellent” students shall be taken by the Faculty Board, in accordance with the provisions of the present Regulation.

Students who fail in the annual exams in less than half of the modules for which they are assessed may be granted leave to be re-examined. Leave to be re-examined is given by the PUS. In order to give such authorization, the PUS takes also into consideration the overall performance of the student, his/her performance in essay work, participation in class etc. (hence, the PUS, in order to take the decision to allow a student to give the exams again, asks for the opinion of lecturers).

Re-examinations are normally scheduled before the commencement of the next academic year. A three-member panel, appointed by the Provost upon the recommendation of the Faculty Board conducts the exams.

For each of the failed modules that the student may be allowed to be re-examined in, the student has to pay 10% of his/her annual fees.

Students, who fail in more than half of the modules taught in either the first or the second of their three-year-long courses are not allowed to pass to the next year, and are requested to repeat the year. Students of the third year may be allowed to be re-examined in all their failed modules, even if they are more than half of the ones taught during the academic year, by decision of the PUS, provided that they pay 50% of their annual fees.



Tuition and Aid

Tuition for both EU and International students for the BA in European Law and Governance Studies program for the academic year of 2017-2018 is **9,900€**.

Please be advised that there are other direct and indirect costs related to attendance, in addition to tuition fees, such as books, supplies, accommodation and living expenses which must be taken into consideration by students when applying.

Scholarships are available for a select number of students and take into consideration merit. If you are interested in receiving a scholarship, the appropriate box should be selected on the application form and a 400-600 word personal statement must be submitted, outlining the ways in which you satisfy the criteria.

Other Institutions that offer financial aid are:

John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation supports both undergraduate students in Greece and postgraduate students from Greece and abroad during their studies.

The Onassis Foundation The Foundation has established various scholarships programs for Hellenes and Foreigners

Sylvia Ioannou Foundation Scholarships for Postgraduate and Doctorate studies.

The Executive Committee of the EPLO take decisions on the financial assistance granted to students, namely: - the number, duration and level of scholarships for taught and research degree programs. Scholarships may be in the form of fee waivers, financial assistance or otherwise. - the number and duration student grants and loans, as well as the amount to be made available for this purpose each year, - any other financial assistance scheme. The awarding of a scholarship to a candidate is made by the Deputy Director of Education, following a decision of the Executive Committee, after having received the opinion of the Provosts and the Faculty Board on the academic merits of the applications of each candidate. Decisions are communicated by the administration office of the School, and are announced together with the final results of the admission process. For students already registered in the ELGS who have scored a



mark of 'excellence' in the exams, the awarding is announced after the end of the examination period. Grants, loans and any other type of financial assistance that may be awarded to applicant students will be communicated by the administration office of the School. In deciding on the award of scholarships, grants, loans or any other type of financial assistance available, the executive committee takes into particular consideration - the academic performance of the applicant student, or the educational/academic profile of the applicant candidate, - the general social conduct of the applicant student/candidate, - the substantiation of the request –and the need for assistance- made by the applicant student/candidate.



Accommodation

EPLO Guest House

The ELGS offers accommodation, meal and transfer packages for international or non-commuting participants. For students who require assistance with accommodation and transportation kindly contact info@elgs.eu for more information on the EPLO Guesthouse facilities. The EPLO Guesthouse, located at the EPLO in Sounion (Legrainia area), is comprised of 11 double occupancy bedrooms with bathroom, a common usage fully equipped kitchen and open-air sports courts and gardens all facing the Aegean Sea.

For the students staying at the Guest House of the EPLO, kindly communicate your arrival date and time to the secretariat as soon as possible. If you are interested in learning about the cost of the guest houses, please contact the secretariat for availability and prices.

Students may nevertheless choose to make their own accommodation and transportation arrangements. A full list of real estate agencies in Athens is available at the Yellow Pages site www.xo.gr. Useful listings of apartments are the following:

- <http://www.homegreekhome.com/en/homepage>
- <http://www.tospitimou.gr/en/index.jsp>
- <http://property-greece.spiti24.gr/>

Apart from the location, prices depend largely on the age of building and the floor (usually range between 3 and 7 story buildings).

Students may also need to find short term accommodation in the center of Athens. Usually, most of them choose to live in shared apartments, studios or hostels. Find hereafter some available options for you to start your search. The ELGS cannot be held responsible for the quality of the suggested options as these have not been examined:



- [Stay in Athens.com](http://StayinAthens.com)
- [Student and Travelers' Inn](http://StudentandTravelersInn.com)
- Hostels.com
- HostelWorld.com

With regards to hotels the EPLO normally cooperates with the following:

Sounion Area

- [Eden Beach Resort Hotel](http://EdenBeachResortHotel.com)
- [Alexander Beach Hotel](http://AlexanderBeachHotel.com)

For students not staying at the EPLO Guest House and who wish to take advantage of the daily transfer of the EPLO van, kindly inform the secretariat as soon as possible. The van will pick up students in the morning from a central point in Athens and will depart from the EPLO each evening at 17:00 and return to the drop-off point in Athens. The monthly cost for this service is 50 euros.

Meals

Throughout the duration of classes in Legrainia, students will be responsible for their own lunch arrangements. To facilitate you, we have provided below a list of several tavernas near the EPLO.

Tavernas in Legrainia

- **To Mezedopoleio** 64th km Athens-Sounion Ave., +30 2292051690. Variety of seafood dishes, as well as meat and fresh salads.
- **I Marida** 64,5th km Athens-Sounion Ave., +30 22920 51221 Fresh fish, seafood and Greek specialties.

Facilities

All ELGS students will benefit from the use of facilities provided by the EPLO. This includes:

I.T. facilities: Students are able to access a free Wi-Fi network.

Library and Study Facilities: Students are able to access the EPLO's library and the Reading room of the EPLO in Legrainia from Monday – Friday 9:00am-17:00. Food and drink are not allowed in these areas and cell phones must be turned to silent.

Office: Other office facilities, such as photocopying, phone services, etc. will be made available to ELGS students upon request, subject to charge, and depending upon availability. Please consult the Secretariat for more information.

Extracurricular Activities: The EPLO is pleased to organize an array of extracurricular activities for students throughout their stay. Please ask for additional information from the Student Affairs Officer.



Health & Safety

In order to have access to necessary health care, tourists from member states of the European Union (EU) wishing to visit Greece must be holders of the European Health Card (EHIC) or any other legal Community document issued by their competent social security agency. You can find more information about the EHIC [here](#). In these cases, the necessary treatment in Greece is provided by:

- Social Security Institute Health Units (polyclinics) or doctor's offices in the region;
- Regional clinics (former rural clinics) or the Health Centers of the National Health System; and
- the outpatients' departments of the hospitals on contract

In order to have access to necessary health care, tourists from countries other than the member states of the European Union wishing to visit Greece must consult their social security agency for information before travelling. In case of emergency call:

- Ambulance Service: 166
- SOS Doctors: 1016
- Duty Hospitals and Clinics: 1434
- Pharmacies: 1434
- Open Line for alcohol drug Addiction: 210 36 17 089
- Poisoning First Aid: 210 77 93 777
- Police: 100
- Tourist Police: 1571



Visa Information

Greece is a Member-State of the European Union and has ratified the Schengen Agreement. Citizens traveling inside the E.U. just need to display their police I.D. Card without the need of a passport. However, a passport is necessary for a number of other transactions, such as currency exchange, purchases, etc. Visas are not required by citizens of Member-States of the Schengen Agreement. During their stay in Greece, visitors with a visa must also have suitable insurance coverage for emergency medical or other needs. You will need a visa/entry clearance if you are a national of a country requiring a visa to visit Greece. Please refer to the link below, for all necessary information: <http://www.mfa.gr/en/visas/visas-for-foreigners-traveling-to-greece/>

To assist with the visa application process, the EPLO – as an International Organization – will provide a Visa Support Letter, once the admission procedure has been completed. The Visa Support Letter will contain the following information:

- Full name and date of birth of the person
- Passport number, date of issue and date of expiry
- The start and finish dates of the School

The Visa Support Letter will be sent to you by email once the payment and the whole admission procedure is completed. We can also arrange for the original letter to be sent to you by courier (at a charge of 25 €). Please check with the Greek Embassy in your country if you need to provide the original letter or if an emailed copy is sufficient. If you do require the courier service, please note it down in the specific area on the booking form. It is important to note that, depending on the country, visa applications can take up to 20-25 working days (or 3-4 weeks).



Practical Information for Mobile Students

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

With an urban population of more than 4 million people, Athens is the capital of Greece and the 4th most populous capital in the E.U. with a large, modern mass transit system to serve the needs of residents and visitors that consists of:

- City buses
- Electric trolley-buses
- Athens Metro
- Athens Tram, and
- Athens Suburban railway.

Athens is connected to even the remotest destinations through the Athens International Airport, ports of Piraeus, Rafina and Lavrio, national railway network operated by TRAINOSE and, long-distance bus network KTEL. The KTEL is used by our undergraduate students who wish to travel from/to Athens to/from our Sounion premises. The KTEL from Athens to Sounion will take an hour approximately (for details refer to the transfers section below).

When using Athens Public Transport, you are obliged to hold a valid ticket or travel card. Tickets and cards are valid for the transport mode and time period printed on them. All tickets have to be validated in the validating machines upon boarding (buses, trolleybuses) or walking to the platforms before boarding (tram, metro). You should demonstrate your validated ticket or card upon request to the authorized fare inspectors together with the relevant supporting documents certifying your right to free or reduced transportation cost.

Failure to display a valid ticket results to a fine which is 60 times the price of the ticket (regular ticket € 1,40 or reduced € 0,60), i.e. € 84,00 for those who are obliged to use regular ticket and € 36,00 for those eligible for reduced ticket.

From 2017 a new electronic ticketing system has been introduced in the Athens public transport network, replacing the older paper tickets and cards.



There are 3 types of Athens Transport tickets:

- The Ath.ena Ticket can be charged and recharged varying from a “90-minute ticket for all modes” to 5-day tickets. Airport transfer tickets and 3-day tourist tickets are available as well. The Ath.ena Ticket can be bought from and recharged at all Athens transport ticket offices as well as any automatic ticket issuing machine. Half-priced Ath.ena Tickets are only available from Athens transport ticket offices.
- The anonymous Ath.ena Card which is a plastic rechargeable card that can be used again and again.
- The personalized Ath.ena Card which is a plastic rechargeable card that can be used again and again. It bears the photo and name of the passenger it belongs to. To issue a personalized **Ath.ena Card**, a Greek ID card and an AMKA certificate is required. For non-Greek citizens, personalized **Ath.ena Cards** can be issued with a passport.

MOVING AROUND

The EPLO Kolonaki premises is located in the center of Athens, in the area of Kolonaki, a short walk from [Evangelismos metro station](#).

The EPLO Plaka premises is just a few minutes’ walk from the [Monastiraki metro station](#).

The EPLO premises in Sounion is located 64 km away from the Athens city center (an hour away by car), and 35 km away from Athens International Airport (half an hour away by car).

You can reach the Sounion premise with public transportation by taking the KTEL ATTIKIS bus line with direction to Sounion from a number of bus stops at the center of Athens. The bus is orange and the sign indicates “SOUNIO-ΣΟΥΝΙΟ”. Ask the bus driver to make a stop at “Legraina”. The bus stop is located near the entrance of the premises. The bus from Athens leaves on an hourly basis during the summer. Visit the website www.ktelattikis.gr for further information about the bus timetable.



From the airport to the city center

Once you have reached the Eleftherios Venizelos International Airport, you can easily reach the Athens city center. There are three ways available in order to get to the Center of the city:

By Bus: all buses depart from the Arrivals Level between exit 4 and 5. Bus tickets are sold at the info/ticket-kiosk (located outside the Arrivals between Exits 4 and 5), or onboard (ask operator) at no extra cost. The ticket is €6.00.

Four routes are available:

X93: Kifissos KTEL (long-distance buses) Station – Airport

X95: Syntagma (Core of Athens) – Airport

X96: Port of Piraeus – Airport

X97: Elliniko Metro Station – Airport

By Metro: the trip from the Airport to Syntagma station (Athens city center) lasts about 40 minutes with the blue line directed to Aghia Marina. The ticket is €10.00, payable only by cash.

By Taxi: taxis available at the designated Taxi waiting area located at Exit 3 of the Arrivals Level. A taxi from the airport to the city center costs a flat rate of €35 from 5:00 a.m. to midnight, and €50 from midnight to 5:00 a.m. Having said that, the prices can be subjected to changes.



Sports

As you will notice upon your arrival, Legrainia is a small coastal village that of course does not offer the same amount of facilities and attractions as Athens does. But you can still have a great time herein a peaceful environment, close to the sea and nature. The EPLO Campus is located at the seaside, only steps away from the Aegean Sea with an outdoor open theater and a garden of 30.000 square meters. It is only 4 km away from the ancient Temple of Poseidon in Cape Sounion. Students can spend their free time practicing their favorite sports at the campus' facilities, as well as by swimming and participating in water sports at the many nearby beaches and coves, engaging in outdoor activities such as bike riding or running, and spending time with friends in the evening and on weekends at the nearby town of Lavrio.