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# **European Law and Governance School**

## **Course Catalog and Student Handbook**

### **MA in Governance**



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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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## **Location**

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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.

### **EPLO in Athens**

2-4, Polygnotou St.

Athens, Plaka

GR 10555

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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

## **MA in Governance**

This one-year taught degree program offers students an in-depth look at key issues of Governance, and enables students to choose from a variety of elective courses addressing the most pressing themes being discussed throughout Europe.

The MA in Governance is a rigorous academic program combining a strong politics and governance core with a variety of choices including international relations, economics and public policy. Migration, terrorism, climate change, economic stability, and international crime – these are all examples of social challenges that local, national and international organizations in the public sector are facing and trying to manage. It is a curriculum aiming to prepare students for the more complex and interrelated world. No country or company is «an island» these days – they are all affected by political, societal and economic trends, national and international policies, governmental and non-governmental actors. The program equips students with a broad knowledge basis to prepare them for a future not just in the government or party politics, but also as knowledgeable and able actors in international organizations, the third sector or even private sector. We offer a unique opportunity to study public policy and governance in the context of a political science and international relations program. This setting strengthens the link between policy problems and ongoing social and political developments and the courses will enable you to analyze social challenges from different perspectives, and understand the different roles, perceptions and interests of relevant actors.

### *TO WHOM IT IS ADDRESSED*

It is ideal for students with first degrees in the political and/or legal sciences who desire or require in depth knowledge in key themes related to governance, with a special focus on the EU, for their professional advancement.

Students should note that this program can be a first step towards a research degree in the field of governance studies, specifically the MPhil or PhD.

## *PROGRAM BENEFITS*

The MA in Governance is 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 renown EU leaders and decision-makers. Students graduate with a clear understanding and awareness of the most up-to-date scholarly research and best industry practices, as well as a solid professional network to support them in their career after the ELGS.

The list of available courses is as follows:

## *COURSES*

### Compulsory

GOV401.1 Governance and Public Policy-Making (ECTS 7.5)

GOV402.1 International Institutions and Global Governance (ECTS 7.5)

GOV403.1 Research Methods for Governance Studies (ECTS 7.5)

GOV404.1 European Integration and EU Governance (ECTS 7.5)

GOV406.1 Public Administration and New Public Management (ECTS 7.5)

GOV405.1 Globalization, Regionalism and Global Governance (ECTS 7.5)

### Optional

GOV402.2 Good Governance and the Fight Against Corruption (ECTS 7.5)

GOV403.2 Environmental Governance and Sustainable Development (ECTS 7.5)

GOV401.2 Comparative Politics and Governments (ECTS 7.5)

GOV404.2 Europeanization: Theory and Practice (ECTS 7.5)



## ECTS CREDITS ALLOCATION

The MA in Governance is a one-year taught degree program with a thesis requirement, earning a total of 90 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 site visits to various public and private offices, as well as group presentations. Students must successfully complete 6 compulsory modules and 2 – 4 optional modules, followed by a 15,000 word thesis.



## **Admissions**

### *APPLICATION PROCESS*

Referees to MA admissions at [ma@elgs.eu](mailto:ma@elgs.eu).

Admission at both the undergraduate and the postgraduate level follows a two-stage process. Firstly, interested students are invited to submit their application in accordance with the terms of the program they are applying to. Where necessary, an interview with candidates may be arranged. The second stage consists of an interview. Only students that go through the first selection stage may be invited for an interview. Admission procedures shall be open for all interested candidates from December 1st, with a view to being enrolled for the academic year that commences in mid-October. Admissions deadlines generally occur two times a year, with the early application period running from December until March, and the regular application period running until June of the year of entrance to the program. Exceptions to this may be made by the Provosts. Interviews normally take place during the end of spring and early summer months. Early applicants may be invited to an interview before the end of spring. In order to be compatible with the various high school and university systems throughout the world, admission requirements for students to apply to both undergraduate and graduate programs will differ depending on the country in which the prospective student acquired his/her high school degree (for students applying for the undergraduate course) and/or his/her University degree. In general, to be considered eligible to apply, prospective students must have finished high school with a title of studies allowing them to be considered for being enrolled in a university or postgraduate program in their country of origin and/or residence, or in any other European Union Member State. Prospective students who have obtained their high school and/or University degrees from a Member State of the European Union (EU) will be automatically eligible to apply. Prospective students who have obtained their high school and/or University degrees from a State outside the EU (third country) may be requested to submit additional documents to certify their previous studies, although this will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Admission procedures and rules apply also to candidates of part-time courses and



distance-learning schemes of each School and these will be outlined on the website of the ELGS. Applications for both undergraduate and postgraduate courses are reviewed by admissions committees established by the Faculty Board. The decision of the committee will take into consideration each candidate's overall profile and his/her academic performance, as well as the available number of incoming students. This decision will be communicated to each candidate within one month of his/her completion of the admission process. a. Stage (a): Submitting the application. All candidates, for all available courses, are first invited to complete the relevant application form, available in electronic format on the ELGS website. Applicants should complete all parts of the application form, and provide information about their educational background, their professional and/or research experiences, their interests. Together with the application form, candidates must submit the following supporting documents/material:

the application must include:

1. Completed online Application Form in English
2. Photograph (scanned and uploaded)
3. Most Recent Academic Record (scanned and uploaded) Applicants will be requested to provide copies of their high school and university studies. They may also submit additional documents of participation in educational, research and training courses (seminars, research projects, etc).
4. Certificate of Proficiency of English (if non-native speaker, scanned and uploaded)
5. Law Degree (if applicable, scanned and uploaded)
6. Personal Statement (400-600 words) Candidates are requested to draft and submit a letter, explaining why they have chosen the School and the specific course, what they expect to gain out of studying at the ELGS, and why they think they meet the criteria for selection and the standard for graduation. The "motivation" letter should normally not exceed 600 words.
7. Scholarship Statement (400-600 words, if applicable)



8. 2 Reference Letters (To be sent directly from Referee to [ma@elgs.eu](mailto:ma@elgs.eu)) A maximum of two (2) references should be submitted as supporting material. Persons providing references can either send the documents to the ELGS in closed envelopes with their signature written across the seal, or, they can send them via email directly to the administrative offices of the ELGS.
9. Thesis Proposal (350 words)
10. 2 Academic Writing Samples (uploaded) Candidates for taught postgraduate courses of the ELGS are requested to submit up to two (2) samples of written work, on any subject-matter falling within the broad area of legal and/or governance studies, depending on the School that candidates apply for.
11. Application fee of 50€ ( non-refundable)

Stage b: The Interview is conducted by at least two members of the Faculty Board, appointed by the Provost for Undergraduate or Graduate Studies. Normally, interviews should not last more than half an hour. Candidates should be prepared to address questions of a general nature, relating to their motivation and study choices, as well as specific to the course for which they apply, the confirmation of their preparedness for attending the course and their educational qualifications. Within one month from their interview, students will be notified whether they have been admitted to the ELGS course they have applied for.

### *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.

### *ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS*

Students from all over the world are admitted following a rigorous application process. Prospective students for the MA in Governance should have a first or second class undergraduate degree in political sciences, law or a relevant field of studies, or another

Master's degree in a relevant field. High caliber students with a background in a different field of studies or a particularly competitive profile with evidence of relevant professional experience and long-term dedication to the field will also be considered. Due to the international nature of the program, degree equivalencies will be determined by the Faculty Board.

### *LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS*

All courses of the program will be taught in the English language. 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, 90
- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency, B
- Any other internationally recognized test with equivalent marks

Students intending to study at a partner institution for their second semester must clearly demonstrate their ability to attend courses in the relevant language of instruction at the host university they are interested in attending.



## **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.

#### Exams



Postgraduate examination procedures are as follows:

Postgraduate examination procedures are as follows: Students are evaluated throughout the duration of their course (participation in class, essays etc). In addition, students have to present themselves to semester exams, after the completion of each semester, covering the material taught during the specific exam. Students receive grades on a scale of 1-100. Written work (exam papers, essays etc) is marked on the scale of 1 to 100. For the calculation of the student's grade for the diploma program earning 60 ECTS credits, performance in the semester exams represent 60% of their grade and class participation represents 40% of their grade. For the calculation of the student's grade for the programs earning 90 ECTS credits, performance in the semester exams represent 60% of their grade, the assessment of their dissertation represents 30% of their final grade, and class participation represents 10% of their grade. Grades: 91% and above= excellent 76-90% = distinction 66-75%= good 50-65%= pass Below 50%= fail Written work (exam papers, essays etc) is marked on the scale of 1 to 100. Students who fail at the semester exams may be given a second chance to be reexamined, after having received the accord of the Provost of Postgraduate Studies. In order to give such authorization, the Provost takes also into consideration the overall performance of the student, his/her performance in essay work, participation in class etc (hence, the Provost, in order to take the decision to allow a student to give the exams again, asks for the opinion of lecturers). Students will have to pay a fine equivalent to 5% of annual fees for each module that must be undertaken in order to be admitted to stand for re-examination. Students must also complete a dissertation, which must not exceed 15,000 words, including footnotes, tables etc. Students must submit their dissertation proposal/description and title (no more than 1500 words) to the PGS during their induction week (week before the taught course begins). If the PGS approves and accepts the student's proposal for a dissertation, s/he appoints a supervisor. If s/he does not approve and accept the dissertation, s/he invites the student to submit another proposal before the second week of the first term the latest. If the dissertation is not submitted in a timely manner or is graded with a "fail", the Provost may grant the right to the student to (re)submit the dissertation before the 10th of December of the ongoing



calendar year. A fine of which will be proposed by the Deputy Director of Education and which may not surpass 20% of the annual fees. Students who have successfully completed a Master's degree are eligible to apply for the degree of MPhil or are allowed to apply for transfer to PRS status. In order to transfer, students must file an application to the Provost of Postgraduate Studies not later than the completion of the final exams. The Provost presents the application before the Faculty Board that decides on the student's request.



## **Course Mobility**

Students having enrolled in any of the ELGS taught Master programs are allowed to transfer to the Joint Master Degree program or Double Degree program. In order to transfer, students must file an application to the PGS not later than the completion of the final exams. The PGS presents the application before the Faculty Board that decides on the student's request.



## **Tuition and Aid**

Tuition for both EU and International students for the MA in Governance program for the academic year of 2017-2018 is 11,850 euros.

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](mailto: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](http://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 storey buildings).

Students may also need to find short term accommodation in the center of Athens. Usually, most of them choose 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](#)
- [Hostels.com](#)
- [HostelWorld.com](#)

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

#### Sounion Area

- [Eden Beach Resort Hotel](#)
- [Alexander Beach Hotel](#)

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 Legraina, 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 Legraina

- **To Mezedopoleio** 64<sup>th</sup> km Athens-Sounion Ave., +30 2292051690. Variety of seafood dishes, as well as meat and fresh salads.
- **I Marida** 64,5<sup>th</sup> 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. We will be happy to assist you in case you face any difficulties in obtaining 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](http://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, Legraina 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.