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European Law and Governance School

Course Catalog and Student Handbook

PhD



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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.

EPLO in Athens

2-4, Polygnotou St.

Athens, Plaka

GR 10555

16, Achaiou St.

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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



PhD

The ELGS PhD is a degree program lasting a minimum of 3 years which enables students to conduct independent research in the fields of Legal Research, Governance Studies, or on an interdisciplinary topic. It 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, as well as a solid professional network to support them in their career after the ELGS.

Full time residency is not a requirement for this degree, but students may be required to attend several training sessions throughout the program which will be held at the EPLO premises in Greece. The first training session will introduce students to advanced research methods, while consecutive sessions focus on tutoring and teaching skills. Students are also expected attend classes, seminars, and lectures, as designated by their supervisors, and to be actively involved in presenting their research findings at conferences throughout Europe and the greater world. Upon completion of the program students will deliver up to a 100,000 word thesis.

While this program encourages mobility and flexibility, students are expected to be devoted full time to their PhD studies. Students that are employed should be able to demonstrate balance work and study and be able to deliver their thesis within the established period of time.

Program Benefits

The ELGS PhD program is a modern program of the highest academic standard, which has been designed with flexibility and mobility in mind. Successful applicants will be assigned a supervisor, based upon their academic interests, from the renowned International Faculty Network of the ELGS.



The International Faculty Network is comprised of professors and practitioners from throughout the world, which enables students to conduct research on a wide-range of topics, in many countries and in roughly 10 languages.*

**Dependent upon the availability of a suitable supervisor*

Program Content

The structure and content of the program can be found below:

Courses

Year 1

- Students admitted as Probationary Research Students (PRS)
- Attend 2 week orientation program in mid-October at Sounion (25 hours of classes in research methods, statistical methods, presentation preparation, public speaking)
- Assign supervisor and devise work program
- Attend classes and conferences as determined by supervisor
- Meetings with supervisor
- Qualifying Test (10,000 word paper on research proposal, Title, Draft Outline)

Year 2

- Successful students from 1st year progress from PRS to PhD status
- 2-day training on 'How to be a tutor' at Sounion (optional)
- Assist in undergraduate and postgraduate tutorials of the ELGS (for resident students)
- Attend classes and conferences as determined by supervisor
- Attend PhD Conference (Year 2 or 3)
- PhD Students submit confirmation Test

Year 3

- Tutorship
- Attend classes and conferences as determined by supervisor
- Attend PhD Conference (Year 2 or 3)
- Students granted leave to supplicate
- Delivery of Thesis
- Thesis Defense



Admissions

Academic Requirements

Students from all over the world may be admitted following a rigorous application process. Prospective students for the PhD should have a first or second class master's degree in law, political sciences, or in a relevant field of the social sciences. 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 taught elements of the program will be conducted 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, Score of 90 or above
- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency, Grade B or above
- Any other internationally recognized test with equivalent marks
- Students intending to conduct their research in a language other than English must demonstrate their level of the relevant language skills.

Referees to PhD admissions at PhD@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. The second stage may consist of an interview. Only students that go through the first selection stage are 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 the first Monday after October 1st. 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 will 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.

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 (normally, the interview).

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.

Candidates should expect to hear from the ELGS within a month from submitting their complete admission request (application form and all supporting material). Candidates, whose applications have been selected, will be contacted in order to arrange for the interview. On exceptional cases, as well as for ELGS graduates applying for an ELGS postgraduate degree, students may be admitted without an interview.

b. Stage (b): The Interview

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.

At a glance, the application must include:

1. Completed online Application Form in English
2. Photograph (scanned and uploaded)
3. Application Fee of 50 euros
4. Most Recent Academic Record (scanned and uploaded)
5. Proof of English language skills if not native English speaker (TOEFL 90, Cambridge Proficiency grade B)
6. Proof of proficiency of language that thesis will be written in, if not native speaker
7. 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.
8. Scholarship Request 400-600 words (optional)
9. 2 Reference Letters (if employed, one must be from current employer) 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.
10. Research Proposal 1,500 words
11. 2 Academic Writing Samples on relevant topic (Master’s thesis accepted)

Deadline

Applications are open for submission.



Performance and Assessment

The doctorate requires a thesis of up to 100.000 words, including footnotes and bibliography. It should be completed in three years. This period may be extended – the student must request such extension and justify the reason; the application for extension is made to the Provost- to no more than an additional 2 years. A supervisor is appointed by the PGS, taking into consideration possible requests made by the student in the admission form and the availability and workload of Faculty members. The Provost submits his/her recommendations to the Faculty Board, and after obtaining its opinion, issues the decision on the supervisor. There is no minimum or maximum requirement for student-supervisor meetings. It could also be made from a distance. A student may also be appointed with more than one supervisor, depending on the availability and the students' research proposal. There is no fixed number of meetings between a student and his/her supervisor. The regularity of their meetings is left to be determined, on the basis of the academic needs of the research work, by the supervisor and the student. Meetings may also be conducted with the use of remote communication instruments (video-conferences etc). Complaints about supervisors are addressed to the PGS. Students enrolled in the PhD course shall be registered as Probationary Research Students (PRS). Transferring from PRS to PhD status requires successful completion of the qualifying test, the requirements of which are a 10.000 words paper related to the research proposal of the student and a research proposal statement, consisting of the title and the structure of the research proposal/thesis. Both the paper and the statement are assessed by a three member panel, one of which (presiding) is the student's supervisor. The student's supervisor makes a recommendation on the other members of the panel to the PGS, who takes the decision. Panel members are selected on the basis of the expertise on the subject matter of the assessed research work. They may also be experts that are not members of the Faculty. The panel decides either to approve the transfer to PhD status, or to recommend changes in either the paper or the statement or both, based on a delayed report that the panel writes. The panel may also decide to interrupt the research work of the student, and not suggest re-submission of either the paper or the statement or both.



In such cases, the student is dismissed. No research student, registered in whatever course, may be allowed to PhD status, or to obtaining his/her degree, without having completed the Research Methodology course. Students who may wish to change their research title or structure after having been admitted to the PhD status must apply for it to the PGS who decides, taking into consideration the academic quality of the new research title and structure –most notably its contribution to advancing research on a particular matter- and the availability of alternative supervisor(s), in case a change of supervisor is also required. PhD students are requested to pass the confirmation test at the end of their 1st year at PhD status. For the confirmation test, a PhD student is requested to submit the title and the structure of the thesis, and give a detailed account of what each part deals with (and justify it), as well as a statement of progress of the work, stating how much of the work has been done. The confirmation test (like the qualifying test) is assessed by a 3- member panel, one of which (presiding) is the student's supervisor. The student's supervisor makes a recommendation on the other members of the panel to the PGS, who takes the decision. Panel members are selected on the basis of the expertise on the subject-matter of the assessed research work. They may also be experts that are not members of the Faculty. The panel decides either to confirm the student's PhD status, or to recommend changes in either the paper or the statement or both, based on a delayed report that the panel writes. The panel may also decide to interrupt the research work of the student, and not suggest re-submission of either the paper or the statement or both. In such cases, the student is dismissed. Students having been given leave to supplicate by their supervisor should submit draft copies of their research work to the Faculty Board and to the appointed members that will constitute the viva (oral assessment) panel. All members may make comments, suggestions for corrections and/or additions, and exchange opinions with the supervisor of the candidate. The period intervening between the submission of the draft thesis and the actual date of the viva should not be less than three (3) months. Not later than twenty (20) days before the date of the viva, the draft thesis will be kept at the Faculty secretariat, and will be available to everyone to access it.



A supervisor is appointed by the PGS for every research student (PhD, MPhil, MSt). The PGS submits his recommendations to the Faculty Board, and after obtaining its opinion, decides on the supervisor. There is no minimum or maximum requirement for student-supervisor meetings. It could also be made from a distance. A student may also be appointed with more than one supervisors, depending on the availability and the students' research proposal. The deadline for submissions of the written work (the thesis) is the last day of the vacation which follows the semester in which the thesis is due to be submitted. Three bound copies, printed or typed, have to be submitted to administration office of the ELGS. The thesis must state the number of words to the nearest hundred, and the number so stated must be within the prescribed word limit. The order of the thesis should be: title page, abstract, table of contents, table of abbreviations, table of cases, table of statutes, tables of other primary legal sources, table of diagrams and tables, main body of thesis, any appendices, bibliography. An index is not required. If there is one, it must come after the bibliography. There must be an abstract of the thesis, of about 300 words for PhD theses, 200 words for MPhil theses and 150 words for MSt theses. The abstract must contain no footnotes. The abstract must appear immediately after the title page. Every thesis must contain a table of contents. The table of contents must state the titles of the chapters and their principal sub-divisions. The table of contents must be indexed to the pages where the chapters and first-level sub-headings begin. If required, a table of abbreviations should follow the table of contents. Every thesis which mentions cases and statutes must contain separate tables of cases and statutes. Unless there are very few cases and/or statutes, separate jurisdictions should be listed in separate sections. The tables must be indexed, so that each entry shows on what pages the case or statute in question is mentioned. A bibliography listing secondary sources (articles, books, monographs etc) in alphabetical order must appear at the end of the thesis. It should include all such sources cited in the thesis. It need not be indexed. All footnotes and appendices are included in the word count. The abstract, the table of contents, the table of cases, the table of statutes, the bibliography, any headers or footers, and any index are not included in the word count. The thesis must use A4 paper, be word-processed using size 12 font on one side of the paper only, with a margin of 32 to 38 mm on the left hand side. Variations of font size



may be used for headings, sub-headings, and footnotes. The lines in the main text must be double spaced (8mm). The thesis must be bound in a soft or hard cover. All research students (PhD, MPhil, MSt) are required to pass the final oral examination (viva), after having submitted their research work. The viva is conducted before a panel of academics (both resident and international staff of all academic ranks) which includes the student's supervisor that should have no less than 5 and no more than 10 members. The panel membership is decided by the PGS, depending on the subject of the thesis under examination and the relevance of the academic staff to the discipline. All panel members may make comments, suggestions for corrections and/or additions, and exchange opinions with the supervisor of the candidate. The viva shall be public, and every member of the School (academic, administrative staff, students), as well as individuals not affiliated to the School may attend the proceedings, in such manner that does not disturb the assessment process. If the panel decides that the presence of public disturbs the proceedings, it may order for the public to vacate the viva room. The viva panel has the following options, with respect to the grading of the theses: excellent research work, distinguished research work, satisfactory research work. Theses, after all corrections are made, are submitted to the Library of the EPLO and of the participating Universities. Theses deemed by the viva (assessment) panel as meriting the grade of "excellent research work" will be published by the School, at the School's expense.



Tuition and Aid

Application fee of 50€

1. Tuition fee per year for full time students 13,800€ per year
2. Accommodation fees as per availability and request

All students must be able to provide evidence of sufficient funding to cover the cost of their tuition fees throughout the duration of the program. If you have obtained funding from an outside source, please indicate this in your application. Please note that there are a limited number of scholarships available each year, which are select based upon merit. In the event that you are interested in being considered for a scholarship, please submit a scholarship request in the amount of 400-600 words. For more information on Scholarships please visit the relevant page under Admissions tab.

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.

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.



Accommodation

EPLO GuestHouse

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 (Legraina 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 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** 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.