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BULLETIN

THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF CLASSICAL STUDIES AT ATHENS MEDIEVAL GREEK SUMMER SESSION AT THE GENNADIUS LIBRARY, SUMMER 2009

The Gennadius Library of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens announces the 2009 summer session focused on the teaching of Medieval Greek.

Founded in 1881, the American School is the most significant resource in Greece for American scholars in the fields of ancient and post-classical studies. One of the two major research libraries of the School, the Gennadius Library, which houses 115,000 volumes and archives, is devoted to post-classical Hellenic civilization, and will offer a month-long Summer Session for Medieval Greek at the Intermediate Level from June 29 to July 28, 2009. The objective is to familiarize students who have a sound foundation in Classical Greek with Medieval Greek language and philology by exposing them to primary sources, different kinds of literary genres, paleography and epigraphy as well as bibliographic and electronic tools, drawing on the resources of the Gennadius Library. The program will also include site and museum visits. The session will have 12 members. The two Professors leading the session are Professor Alexander Alexakis, University of Ioannina and Professor Eustratios Papaioannou, Brown University.

STRUCTURE

The month-long program will include daily analysis and translation of Byzantine texts; paleography; introduction to the bibliography of Byzantine philology and electronic resources; introduction to the collections of the Gennadius Library; visits to area museums and libraries including the Byzantine, the Benaki, and the Epigraphy Museums and the National Library; visits to sites, museums, and monuments outside Athens including Corinth, Mistra, Thessaloniki, Hosios Loukas, and Boetia; and individual tutorial and assignments for each student determined by his/her specific needs and field of study. The language of instruction is English.

ELIGIBILITY

The program is offered at the intermediate level, and will be geared to qualified students enrolled in a graduate program in any field of Byzantine studies in any university worldwide. A minimum of two years of college level Classical Greek (or the equivalent) is required. If there are available spots, college professors in any university worldwide, who have no access to the instruction of Medieval Greek in their home institutions may also be considered. *A diagnostic test (available electronically) may be administered to finalists before the final selection of students is made.*

ACADEMIC CREDIT

The American School is not a degree-granting institution. No grades are given for its programs, nor are transcripts provided. An optional final exam at the end of the program may be provided if requested, and the directors will write a letter to the participant's home institution, if requested, recommending that credit be granted, provided that the student has satisfactorily participated in the program and passed the final exam.

COSTS

The fee of \$3,000 covers the entire month in Greece. This includes tuition, lodging for the entire period, domestic travel within Greece, and museum and site fees. International airfare to and from Greece, meals, and incidental expenses are the participant's responsibility. One or two scholarships may be available, pending funding, for the full amount of the fee, awarded on the basis of academic merit.

Rates and fees are subject to change.

APPLICATIONS

Submit application, curriculum vitae, two letters of recommendation (one from the academic advisor and one from a Greek language teacher) on-line on the ASCSA web site at www.ascsa.edu.gr. Transcripts for undergraduate and graduate study should be submitted to:

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DEADLINE: JANUARY 15, 2009.

The selection results will be announced March 15, 2009.

ASCSA GENERAL INFORMATION

Members are reminded that collecting antiquities, however small, is strictly forbidden by Greek law. Never pick up anything at any archaeological site, not even a single sherd. Violations will result in expulsion from the School.

The School is committed to providing a safe, secure working and living environment for its students, staff, and researchers. Any discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, age, sex, sexual orientation, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, or disability will not be tolerated. Such action should be reported immediately to the Director of the Gennadius Library or to Director of the School.