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About Greece

Greece, known as Hellas, is a country with a rich cultural heritage and a prominent place in history as the birthplace of democracy, Western philosophy, and science. Located in Southeast Europe at the crossroads of Europe, Asia, and Africa, Greece offers a captivating blend of sunny weather, picturesque landscapes, and a Mediterranean climate, making it an ideal study abroad destination.

While Greece is renowned for its tourist attractions, it offers much more to foreign students who choose to study there. As a member of the European Union, Greece uses the Euro as its currency. However, the cost of living in Greece is relatively low compared to many other EU member states, making it an affordable option for international students.

Greece has undergone a significant economic transition in recent years, positioning itself as a burgeoning tech hub. The country is investing heavily in innovation, attracting foreign direct investments and creating a conducive environment for entrepreneurship and technological advancements. This transformation is not only shaping the economy but also influencing the field of education and research in Greece.



Furthermore, Greece is actively embracing the green industrial revolution, emphasizing sustainable development and environmental consciousness. This commitment to eco-friendly practices aligns with the global movement towards a greener future. Studying in Greece at this time provides students with the opportunity to contribute to these efforts and be part of the country's sustainable initiatives.

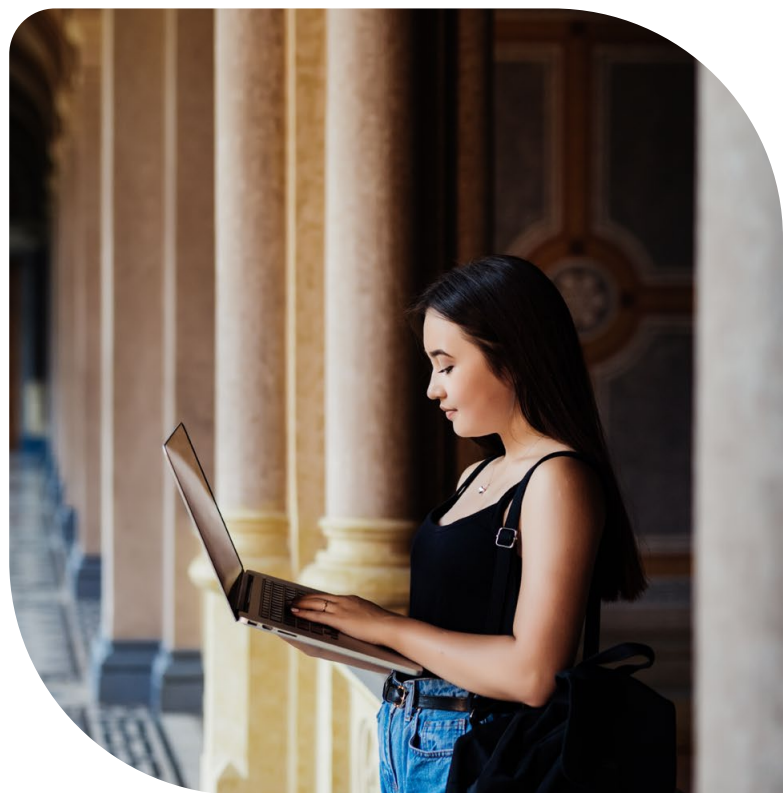
Living in Greece as a foreign student offers a unique experience. The country's cultural heritage and vibrant lifestyle provide a rich backdrop for personal growth and exploration. Students can immerse themselves in Greek traditions, visit historic landmarks, and indulge in the country's renowned cuisine.



Greek universities and higher education institutions are known for their academic excellence and research contributions. As a foreign student, you can expect a world-class education and access to a wide range of international programs taught in English. From theoretical fields such as archaeology, history, and classics to scientific disciplines like medicine, biology, physics, and technology-focused subjects such as IT, computer science, engineering, and telecommunications, there is a diverse array of study options available.

In addition, Greece actively participates in the Erasmus+ program, which promotes student and faculty mobility, international collaborations, and the development of joint study programs. Through Erasmus+, Greek students have the opportunity to study abroad, while international students can come to Greece and experience its culture and education system. This program fosters cross-cultural understanding, enhances language skills, and broadens perspectives.

Living in Greece as a foreign student is not just about academics; it's also about the vibrant student life and the Mediterranean lifestyle. Greek universities offer a vibrant student community with various extracurricular activities, clubs, and societies. Students can engage in cultural events, sports, and social gatherings, fostering a sense of belonging and creating lifelong friendships.





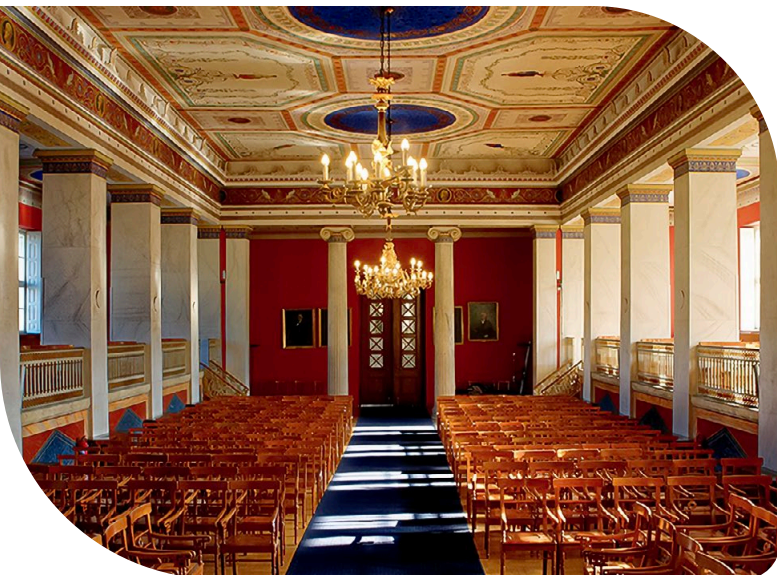
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Higher Education Landscape in Greece

Greece has a rich tradition of academic excellence, with world-class universities and renowned academics. The country's higher education landscape consists of 24 public universities, including 4 polytechnic schools, that are at the forefront of research in various fields.

Qualifications obtained from Greek higher education institutions are highly valued by educational institutions and employers worldwide. Greece's attractive climate, stunning natural beauty, vibrant cities, captivating culture, and Mediterranean lifestyle make it an ideal destination for international students.

In recent years, Greece has been actively repositioning itself on the global academic map by focusing on the internationalization of higher education. State universities in Greece facilitate student and faculty mobility, promote the development of international study programs, foster collaborations and partnerships with international higher education institutions, and establish an increasing number of international degrees, joint and dual study programs, short-term courses (including summer and winter schools), and internships.



Greek universities offer a wide range of international study programs, with the number constantly expanding. International students have the opportunity to choose from a diverse array of disciplines, ranging from theoretical fields such as archaeology, history, and classics to scientific fields like medicine, biology, physics, and ecology, as well as technology disciplines including IT, computer science, engineering, and telecommunications, among others.

Moreover, Greek universities provide short-term courses such as summer and winter schools, study abroad programs, inter-university joint programs, internships, and other educational and research opportunities for international students. These initiatives and study options reflect a

modern and international outlook, signaling the transition of Greek higher education to a new era characterized by innovation, extroversion, and openness.

In conclusion, the higher education landscape in Greece offers a wealth of opportunities for both domestic and international students. With its world-class universities, sought-after qualifications, focus on internationalization, and diverse study programs, Greece is well-positioned to attract students from around the world. The country's commitment to innovation, collaboration, and providing a global academic experience makes it an exciting and promising destination for higher education.

30 US Universities to Explore Academic Cooperation in Greece

By Paolo Triani | October 23, 2022



30 US Universities to Explore Academic Cooperation in Greece. Credit: Greek Reporter

A delegation of thirty US universities will arrive in Greece in early November to explore the potential of new collaborations with Greek public universities and to build on existing collaborative programs.

The aim is to enable students from both sides to interact with each other, and professors from Greek universities to interact with their counterparts among other institutions.

Greek, Chinese universities launching joint program

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■ Apostolos Lakasas

In a reflection of the government's drive for a more outward-looking educational architecture, a Greek and a Chinese university are launching a joint study program.

US universities to start new collaborations with Greek counterparts

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A large delegation comprising of professors from the USA is expected to arrive in Athens in early November in order to explore new collaborations with the Greek public universities and to make official the existing ones.


A visit that has been characterized from both sides 'is heralds for the two countries' cooperation with the deepening of the US-Greek relations and in the field of education.

Specifically, over 20 rectors, deans and professors are expected to arrive in Athens representing 30 universities from USA.

"It is a really historic visit. It will be the largest delegation of US universities to another country and this is very important," said the cultural attaché of the US Embassy in Greece, Andrea Cressi Quaresima to ANSA.

Columbia University Announces Global Center in Athens

By Stephania Makri | November 8, 2022



Columbia University is launching its 10th Global Center in Athens. Credit: Press Office of the Hellenic Republic

The President of Columbia University in New York, Lee Bollinger, announced the foundation of an International Education Center in Athens on Sunday, November 6. The news came as part of a delegation of 30 leading US Universities currently visiting Greece.

GENERAL NEWS

US-Greece Ties and Higher Education Topic of D.C. Roundtable

February 12, 2023
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WASHINGTON: The American College of Greece (ACG) is organizing a public discussion on "Education as a Pillar of Growth and US-Greece

ERASMUS+ Program

The ERASMUS+ program is an initiative of the European Union aimed at promoting international mobility and cooperation in the field of higher education. It provides students, teachers, and staff with opportunities to study, train, teach, or volunteer abroad, fostering cross-cultural exchanges and collaboration among European and partner countries. Here is a detailed overview of how the ERASMUS+ program works:

1. Objectives and Scope

The ERASMUS+ program has several key objectives:

- Enhancing the quality of higher education through international cooperation.
- Promoting mobility and enabling participants to gain new skills and experiences.
- Fostering intercultural understanding and European identity.
- Strengthening cooperation and capacity-building among higher education institutions.
- Supporting policy reforms and innovation in education.

2. Participating Countries

The ERASMUS+ program involves 33 participating countries, including the 27



European Union member states, as well as Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, North Macedonia, Serbia, and Turkey. In addition, the program may have partnerships with institutions in other non-EU countries.

3. Eligibility and Application Process

Eligibility for the ERASMUS+ program varies depending on the type of mobility and the participating country. Generally, students enrolled in higher education institutions, teaching staff, and administrative staff can apply for ERASMUS+ mobility activities through their respective institutions. The application process involves coordination between the sending and receiving institutions, which establish partnership agreements and coordinate the mobility arrangements.

4. Mobility Activities

The ERASMUS+ program offers various types of mobility activities, including:

- Student Mobility for Studies: Allows students to study abroad at a partner institution for a period of 3 to 12 months,

with credits earned during the mobility period recognized by the home institution.

- Student Mobility for Traineeships: Provides students with the opportunity to gain work experience through internships or placements in companies, organizations, or research centers abroad.

- Staff Mobility for Teaching Assignments: Enables teaching staff to deliver lectures or conduct training activities at a partner institution in another country.

- Staff Mobility for Training: Offers professional development opportunities for administrative and teaching staff through training events, workshops, or job shadowing in another country.

5. Funding and Support

The ERASMUS+ program provides financial support to participants to cover travel, subsistence, and other related costs. The funding amount depends on factors such as the destination country, the duration of the mobility period, and the cost of living in the host country.



Additionally, there may be additional support available for students with disabilities, students from disadvantaged backgrounds, and students with dependents.

6. Recognition and ECTS Credits

One of the key features of the ERASMUS+ program is the recognition of mobility periods and the academic work completed abroad. Students who participate in ERASMUS+ mobility activities can have their credits and qualifications recognized by their home institution, ensuring that their study or training abroad contributes to their overall academic progression.

7. Impact and Benefits

The ERASMUS+ program has a range of benefits for participants and institutions, including:

- Academic enrichment through exposure to different teaching methods, research environments, and interdisciplinary approaches.
- Personal development through increased intercultural competence, language skills, and adaptability.

- Enhanced employability and career prospects, with mobility experiences valued by employers.
- Strengthened institutional partnerships and collaborations, leading to knowledge-sharing and the exchange of best practices.

In conclusion, the ERASMUS+ program plays a crucial role in promoting international mobility and cooperation in higher education. By providing funding, support, and recognition for mobility activities, it enables students, teachers, and staff to gain valuable experiences, develop intercultural skills, and contribute to a more connected and globally-minded higher education community.





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Promoting Internationalization:

Joint Programs between Greek, UK, and US Universities

In recent years, Greece has prioritized the internationalization of its higher education system by removing bureaucratic barriers and facilitating academic and student mobility. Through bilateral and multilateral agreements with several countries, Greece has actively promoted educational cooperation and synergies in the academic and research fields. Notably, joint or dual degree programs have gained significant attention, particularly with UK universities in the post-Brexit era.

UK-Greece Strategic Partnership in Education

In 2021, the Greek Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, the British Council Greece, and the British Embassy in Athens launched the UK-Greece Strategic Partnership in Education. The objective of this partnership is to support universities from both countries in identifying and fostering collaborations with their counterparts. These collaborations encompass various forms, including joint and dual degree programs, distance learning initiatives, summer programs, academic and student exchanges, and other learning opportunities.

A conference held in Athens last March highlighted the efforts of Greek and UK universities to develop joint degrees certified by both institutions. In the post-Brexit era, these joint programs have the potential to attract local and international students to Athens due to lower fees and a lower cost of living. Most of these programs are designed as postgraduate programs, targeting not only Greek and other students from Southeastern Europe but also students from distant countries such as China, India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh. Professor Christos Michalakelis, president and co-founder of Study in Greece, the official



project promoting Greece as an international education destination, emphasized that Greece offers excellent quality studies at relatively low costs, combined with the benefits of a Mediterranean country. The country's favorable weather conditions, rich cultural heritage, hospitable people, and talented youth further contribute to its appeal as an educational destination. Additionally, Greece's status as a stable and safe EU member state, situated at the crossroads of Europe, Asia, and Africa, adds to its allure.

Interest in the program has been expressed by all higher education institutions in Greece, as well as 61 universities in the United Kingdom, including several prestigious Russell Group universities such as Imperial College London, Durham University, University of Warwick, University of Exeter, University of Glasgow, University of Leeds, University of York, University of Nottingham, University of Liverpool, and Cardiff University.

Education as a Strong Bond and Global Exchange

Education has long been one of the strongest bonds between Greece and the UK. Attracting international students to Greece not only strengthens this bond but also contributes to mutual understanding among people and cultures while fostering the exchange of ideas in the academic and research fields. In today's interconnected world, interaction and exchanges play a crucial role in academic communities and countries. Through these synergies, Greece can enhance its reputation and position in the global academic community, bolstering its presence on the international stage.

Furthermore, the joint programs between Greek, UK, and US universities align with the goals of promoting mutual understanding, cultural exchange, and academic collaboration in an increasingly globalized and interconnected world. These initiatives facilitate the exchange of ideas, knowledge, and best practices among academic communities, fostering innovation and intellectual growth.

The partnerships between Greek universities and esteemed UK and US institutions not only provide students with access to high-quality education but also create opportunities for research collaboration and joint projects. By leveraging the expertise and resources of each participating institution, these joint programs offer a comprehensive and enriching educational experience that prepares students for success in diverse and dynamic global environments.

The benefits of these joint programs extend beyond academic development. Students who participate in international collaborations gain valuable intercultural



competencies, language skills, and a broader perspective that enhances their personal growth and future career prospects. The opportunity to study and collaborate with peers from different cultural backgrounds fosters tolerance, diversity, and global citizenship.

Moreover, joint programs contribute to the reputation and standing of Greek universities in the international academic community. By partnering with prestigious UK and US institutions, Greek universities enhance their visibility, attract talented faculty and students, and foster a culture of excellence and innovation.

The joint programs also serve as a catalyst for socioeconomic growth. The presence of international students contributes to the local economy, as they engage with local businesses and services, fostering entrepreneurship and cultural exchange. Additionally, the knowledge and skills gained through these programs can be harnessed to address local and global challenges, stimulating economic development and social progress.

Existing English-Taught University Programs in Greece

Greece currently offers a variety of English-taught university programs, with 140 postgraduate programs and two bachelor's degree programs available. These programs are offered by esteemed universities such as the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Athens University of Economics and Business, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, University of Crete, International Hellenic University, University of the Aegean, University of Peloponnese, and the University of Macedonia. They cover a wide range of academic disciplines, including Humanitarian Studies, Classics, Medicine, Business Administration, and Shipping.

The number of English-taught programs in Greece is expected to grow in the near future. Many Greek universities have already applied for funding and support from the Greek government to develop new English-language programs. These



programs are anticipated to be ready for students either in the next academic year (2022-23) or the following year (2023-24), according to Apostolos Dimitropoulos, Secretary General for Higher Education at the Greek Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs, as mentioned during a conference.

Partnerships with US Universities

Building on the successful collaboration between Greek universities and 29 top US universities, which is facilitated through the International Academic Partnership Program (IAPP) operated by the Greek Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs in partnership with the International Institute of Education (IIE), Greek universities are expanding their collaborations with US institutions.

The University of Athens, for instance, is co-organizing an Intensive Summer Course on Migration and Refugee Studies in Greece with Harvard University's FXB Center for Health and Human Rights. The university also collaborates with Boston and Yale Universities to organize a Summer Course in Classical Greece and a Center for Excellence for Environmental Sciences and Public Health, respectively.

In addition, the National Technical University of Athens hosts a summer school in cooperation with Columbia University from New York. Greek researchers from Johns Hopkins University and Ionian University are working together to address the epidemic of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders in Greece. Furthermore, the University of Piraeus is organizing the first MSc in American Studies program in

Greece in collaboration with New York University's Center for Global Affairs (CGA). Athens University of Economics and Business collaborates with Kelley School of Business at Indiana University, and Aristotle University of Thessaloniki partners with Stockton University.

These partnerships with US universities facilitate academic exchanges, joint research projects, and the development of specialized programs, enriching the educational opportunities available to students in Greece.

In conclusion, Greece's English-taught university programs offer a wide range of disciplines and provide international students with access to high-quality education. The collaborations between Greek universities and US institutions further enhance the academic landscape, fostering knowledge exchange, research cooperation, and the development of innovative programs. These partnerships contribute to the internationalization of Greek higher education and provide students with valuable cross-cultural experiences and global perspectives.



Conclusion

In conclusion, studying in Greece offers students a unique and enriching educational experience. With its rich cultural heritage, vibrant academic environment, and increasing emphasis on internationalization, Greece has become an attractive destination for higher education.

The country's English-taught university programs, joint programs with top European and US universities, and participation in initiatives like the ERASMUS+ program demonstrate Greece's commitment to providing students with a global perspective and diverse learning opportunities. By studying in Greece, students can benefit from high-quality education, access a wide range of

academic disciplines, engage in cross-cultural exchanges, and develop valuable skills for their future careers.

Furthermore, Greece's welcoming and affordable lifestyle, along with its strategic location at the crossroads of Europe, Asia, and Africa, adds to the appeal of studying in the country. The opportunities for cultural immersion, the pleasant Mediterranean climate, and the chance to explore breathtaking landscapes and historical sites all contribute to a well-rounded educational experience. As Greece continues to strengthen its collaborations with international institutions and expand its educational offerings, students can expect even more opportunities for academic and personal growth. Overall, choosing Greece for higher education opens doors to a world-class education, cultural exploration, and a transformative journey of self-discovery.



List of Private Schools

Thessaloniki

Andreadis School (Nursery-Kindergarten-Primary with English Academy): <https://www.andreadis-school.gr/>

French Academy of Thessaloniki: <https://efth.gr/fr/>

Adamantios School (Nursery-Kindergarten-Primary, English-French-German):

<https://www.adamantios.org.uk/splash.html>

Kalamari School Greek-French High School (English-French-German): <https://www.kalamari.gr/index.php>

Fryganiotis School (Nursery-Kindergarten-Primary-High School, English-French-German):

<https://www.fryganiotis.gr/>

Aristotelio College (Nursery-Kindergarten-Primary-High School, English): <https://www.aristotelio.edu.gr/web/>

German Academy of Thessaloniki: <https://www.dst.gr/die-schule/?lang=el>

English & French College of Thessaloniki: <https://www.delasalle.gr/>

American College of Thessaloniki (Kindergarten-Elementary-High School): <https://anatolia.edu.gr/el/elementary>

American College of Thessaloniki (Bachelors/Masters): <https://www.act.edu/>

St. Apostolos Paulos School (Nursery-Kindergarten-Primary-High School, English): <https://eap.edu.gr/>

Hellenic College of Thessaloniki (Nursery-Kindergarten-Primary-High School, English):

<https://hellenic-college.gr/nhpiagogeio/>

Protypa Ekpaideftiria of Thessaloniki (Nursery-Kindergarten-Primary, English-French-German-European Language Program): <https://www.protypa.gr/>

Arsakeio School of Thessaloniki (Kindergarten-Primary-High School, English-French-German):

<https://www.arsakeio.gr/gr/>

The Key Creative School (Kindergarten, English): <https://www.thekeycreativeschool.gr/program/nipiagogeio>

American International School (Kindergarten-Primary-High School): <https://www.pinewood.gr/>

Montessori School of Thessaloniki: <https://www.montessorianiagogi.gr/>

Athens

Arsakeio School of Athens (Kindergarten-Primary-High School, English-French-German):

<https://www.arsakeio.gr/gr/>

Doukas School (Kindergarten-Primary-High School, English-French-German): <https://doukas.edu.gr/>

Hellenic-French School of the Ursulines (Nursery-Kindergarten-Primary-High School): <https://www.ursulines.gr/>

Anagennisi School (Kindergarten-Primary-High School, English-French-German): <https://anagennisi.edu.gr/>

I.M. Panagiotopoulos School (Kindergarten-Primary-High School, English-French-German):

<https://impanagiotopoulos.gr/>

Lampiri Schools (Kindergarten-Primary-High School, English): <https://lampiri-schools.gr/>

Ellinoaggliki Agogi (Kindergarten Primary-High School, English): <https://ellinoaggliki.edu.gr/>

Platon Schools (Kindergarten-Primary-High School, English): <https://platon.gr/>

Sygxroni Paideia (Primary-High School, English-French-German): <https://esp.edu.gr/>

Athina High School (English-French-German): <https://www.athina-sch.gr/school/>

Byron College British International School (Kindergarten-Primary-High School): <https://www.byroncollege.gr/>

Leontios English-French School (Kindergarten-Primary-High School): <https://leonteios.edu.gr/>

Ellinogermaniki Agogi (Kindergarten-Primary-High School, English-French): <https://www.ea.gr/en/>

Lakoniki School (Kindergarten-Primary-High School, English-French-German): <https://www.lakoniki-fragi.gr/>

Philippine School in Greece: <https://psg.edu.gr/>

St. Paulos Greek-French School (Kindergarten-Primary, English-French):
<https://www.efsp.gr/dimotiko/xenes-glosses>

Mavrommatis School (Kindergarten-Primary, English-French): <https://mavrommati.com/>

Lakoniki School (Kindergarten-Primary-High School, English-German): <https://www.lakonikisxoli.gr/>

Kanasis School (Kindergarten-Primary-High School, English-French-German): <https://www.kanasi.edu.gr/>

Chatzivei School (Kindergarten-Primary-High School, English-French-German): <https://xatzivei.gr/el>

Neue School Athen Greek-German School (Nursery-Kindergarten-Primary): <https://www.neueschuleathen.gr/>

Armenian Schools: <https://armenikoskyanousstavros.gr/aks-kai-armenika-sxoleia/>

Montessori School of Athens: <https://www.montessoriani.gr/RegisterPupil>

Avgouleas School (Kindergarten-Primary-High School, English-French-German-Chinese):
<https://www.avgouleaschool.gr/>

Hellenic-American Athens College: <https://www.athenscollege.edu.gr/en/>

Palladio School (Kindergarten-Primary-High School, English): <https://www.palladio.edu.gr/>

Kessariss School (Kindergarten-Primary-High School, English): <https://www.kessariss.edu.gr/el/>

Protipo Athinwn (High School, English-French-German): <https://protipo-athinon.edu.gr/>

Geitonass School (Kindergarten-Primary-High School, English-French-German): <https://www.geitonass.edu.gr/>

British School in Athens: <https://www.slc.gr/entire-school/pli-rofories-sta-ellinika>

Xenopoulos School (Kindergarten-Primary-High School, English-French-German): <http://www.xenopoulos.gr/>

Costeas-Geitonass Shool (Kindergarten-Primary-High School, English-French-German-Spanish): <https://cgs.gr/>

Erasmios Greek-German School (Kindergarten-Primary-High School, German-English): <https://erasmios.gr/>

International School of Athens (Kindergarten-Primary, English): <https://isa.edu.gr/>

International School of Piraeus (Kindergarten-Primary, English): <https://www.isp.edu.gr/el>

Stavraki School (Kindergarten-Primary, English-French): <https://www.stavrakischool.gr/>

St. Catherine's British School (Nursery-Kindergarten-Primary-High School): <https://www.stcatherines.gr/>

Dandolina School (Nursery-Kindergarten, English): <https://www.dandolina.gr/>

Jeanne D'Arc Greek-French School (Kindergarten-Primary-High School): <https://ellinogalliki.gr/>

Moraitis School (Kindergarten-Primary-High School, English-French-German-Spanish):
<https://moraitis.edu.gr/school/educational-stage/sholeio>

List of Greek Universities

National and Kapodistrian University of Athens: <https://en.uoa.gr/>

National Technical University of Athens: <https://www.ntua.gr/en/>

Athens School of Fine Arts: <http://www.asfa.gr>

Agricultural University of Athens: <https://www2.aua.gr/en>

Athens University of Economics and Business: <https://www.aueb.gr/en>

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki: <http://www.auth.gr/en>

Panteion University of Social & Political Sciences: <https://www.panteion.gr/en/>

Harokopio University of Athens: <https://www.hua.gr/index.php/en>

University of West Attica: <https://www.uniwa.gr/en/>

University of Piraeus: <https://www.unipi.gr/>

University of Macedonia: <https://www.uom.gr/en>

University of Patra: <https://www.upatras.gr/en/>

University of Ioannina: <https://www.uoi.gr/en/>

Democritus University of Thrace: <https://duth.gr/>

University of Crete: <https://www.tuc.gr/>

Technical University of Crete: <https://www.tuc.gr/el/archi>

University of Thessaly: <https://www.uth.gr/en>

University of The Aegean: <https://www.aegean.gr/>

Ionian University: <https://ionio.gr/en/>

University of Peloponnese: <https://www.uop.gr/en/>

Hellenic Open University: <https://www.eap.gr/to-eap/>

University of Western Macedonia: <https://www.uowm.gr/en/>

International Hellenic University: <https://www.ihu.gr/en/enhome>

Hellenic Mediterranean University: <https://www.hmu.gr/en>

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