

Greece

Advising Center Network

The Fulbright Educational Advising Centers at the Foundation's Offices in Athens and Thessaloniki provide the general public with accurate, unbiased information about the full range of accredited US higher education institutions. Each year, Fulbright EducationUSA advisers offer a number of presentations on US undergraduate and graduate studies, and financial aid opportunities at various high schools and universities in Greece.

Recent Trends: US Study ▼ -4.9%

- ▶ The number of Greek undergraduate students who wish to study in the US seems to be leveling off, mainly due to the opportunities offered in Greece, as well as in other EU countries where no or minimal tuition is charged.
- ▶ While engineering is still the most preferred field of study among Greek students who go to study in the US, business administration is closing in, especially on the graduate level. Other popular fields of study include law, architecture, and computer science.
- ▶ Increasingly more and more medical doctors are interested in residency programs at US hospitals.
- ▶ Common sports for student-athletes: soccer and basketball.

Resource Links

The Fulbright Foundation in Greece: www.fulbright.gr
 Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs: www.ypepth.gr
 EKEP NRCVG: www.ekep.gr/english/education/main.asp

Education System Overview

	Secondary Education	Higher Education (Bachelor's Degree)
Language of instruction:	Greek	Greek
Years of study required:	6 years (3 years Junior high school + 3 years High school)	4-5 years
Grading system & US equivalent:	Grading Scale: 1-20 (10 is pass)	Grading Scale: 1-10 (5 is pass)
Scholarship for US studies:	Students and advisers rely on the EducationUSA Weekly Update and the www.educationusa.state.gov/finaid.htm resource link	

Upcoming Events 2008-2009

The Fulbright Foundation will again host its Annual University Fair in Athens where representatives of US institutions will have the opportunity to present their academic programs directly to interested Greek students.

Partnering with EducationUSA Greece

US international education experts are welcome to contact the educational advisers in Greece to discuss their participation in the University Fair, and/or other project ideas for 2008/09.

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Program Highlights 2007

9th International Exhibition on Education 2007: United States as Country of Honor

The United States of America was featured as the Country of Honor in "Education 2007" in Maroussi, Halexpo Palace, March 1-4, 2007, under the auspices of the Ministry of Education, the General Secretariat for Youth, and the Municipality of Athens. This was a joint effort between the Fulbright Foundation and the US Embassy in Greece. American institutions promoted their programs and met with approximately 2,000 visitors at the US Pavilion. Fulbright Foundation Advisers offered parallel informational events and were available to answer specific questions.



12th US University Fair

On October 12, 2006, the Foundation organized the 12th US University Fair, which took place at the Athens Holiday Inn Hotel. Representatives from 34 US Colleges and Universities participated in the Fair, and approximately 500 students, parents, and teachers visited the event. The Fulbright Foundation published a catalogue with information about the participating educational institutions.

Focusing on Outreach

The Foundation's advisers visited a number of university campuses in 2007 and offered presentations on graduate and undergraduate studies in the US. One example of a very successful outreach program is the annual "Open House" event, which is offered in Athens and Thessaloniki during International Education Week.



Key EducationUSA Partners

- ▶ US Embassy in Athens
- ▶ American Consulate in Thessaloniki
- ▶ Greek University and Technological Educational Institution career officers
- ▶ Private high school counselors

Country Statistics	2006	2007
Number of students in the US:	2,088	1,986
Total number of center inquiries (including webhits):	23,000	20,000