

What Can I Do With a Certificate in Hellenic Studies?

HELLENIC STUDIES

The Hellenic Studies Program is an interdisciplinary program that seeks to promote knowledge and interest regarding Hellenism, its history, language and literature both in Greece and in the Diaspora. Although the importance of ancient Hellenic history is recognized, the program focuses on the modern period of the culture and strives to highlight its significant contributions to historical events and scientific progress. By choosing Hellenic Studies, students will be able to apply the skills derived from multidisciplinary study of a rich and distinguished tradition of language and culture, fundamental to Western civilization.

WHAT SKILLS HAVE YOU DEVELOPED WITH YOUR DEGREE?

While the academic knowledge you acquire through your BA may be directly applicable to some careers, the general skills you gain with an Arts degree are the most valuable to employers. These skills are not limited to course work, and may be gained through paid and/or volunteer work both on and off campus. The knowledge and skills gained through work experience, volunteering and extra-curricular activities are relevant to future work.

Communication Skills

The ability to communicate ideas clearly and efficiently in a variety of mediums (written, oral, visually, and electronically).

The ability to discuss and effectively communicate issues pertinent to Greek society such as language, culture, geography, political systems, economy and history.

Information Management

The ability to locate, gather, and organize information using appropriate technology and information systems.

Problem Solving

The ability to use critical thinking skills to evaluate and solve problems demonstrating the ability to be creative and innovative in identifying solutions.

Teamwork Skills

Able to work effectively within a group.

Demonstrates the ability to lead or support the group while monitoring the success of a project and identifying ways to improve it.

Personal Management Skills

The ability to plan, design, and carry out a project or task from start to finish, with well-defined objectives and outcomes.

The ability to work effectively and independently under deadlines.

WHERE CAN YOU GO FOR MORE INFORMATION?

Career Services is your one-stop shop for more information. Through our workshops, one on one career and work search advising, and groups, you'll have access to information, resources and career and peer educators to help you no matter what stage of planning you are in, from exploring your interests to practicing for an interview, we can help.

For the self-directed, our on-line and print self-help resources covering topics from career exploration to researching careers to conducting a targeted work search are easily accessible. Check us out!

Visit the CSI—our blog with articles, job postings, employers and events on campus, and tips from the Career Services staff!

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Come to the Maggie Benston Centre and go down to the lowest level. You will find us there Monday to Friday 9:00am to 4:30pm. Check out our blog for the latest articles, tips and news!

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What are some of your Career Options?

The following is a non-exhaustive list of career options. Some of them may require further education than a certificate program in Hellenic studies.

DIRECT Career Options:

A Certificate Program in Hellenic Studies will serve as a credential for getting any of the following career choices as the skills required are similar to the skills acquired throughout your Hellenic Studies program.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICER

Works for organizations that support the preservation and celebration of cultural heritage. Coordinates and assists with the planning, promotion and encouragement of programs that further public awareness of, accessibility to, participation in, and support for artistic and cultural development.

FESTIVAL PROMOTER AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Coordinates and provides administrative support to festival coordinators, committees and juries. Updates and maintains festival databases including volunteer, merchant, artist, display artist, craft market and donor lists. Researches community patterns for program and funding.

GREEK COMMUNITY EDUCATOR

Plans and conducts outreach presentations to the public on various issues concerning current social and political concerns in Greek society. Researches materials and provides visual aids to supplement speech. Works for non-profit organizations or special interest groups.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Organizational administration; analyzes, preserves, displays, and interprets historical material; publicizes programs; researches and produces presentations and exhibits. Works for museums of history and for historical exhibition projects that might be related to Hellenic culture and society.

HISTORICAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Does historical analysis of Hellenic culture and society, studies policy issues, prepares analytical reports, coordinates interdisciplinary studies. Works for "think tanks", universities, public research agencies.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COORDINATOR

Creates, implements, and coordinates a service to a community. May involve fund raising for a charity, overseeing a scholarship fund, operating a service-oriented program or facility, etc. Employers include nonprofit corporations, social service agencies, and the public affairs sections of commercial businesses.

LESS DIRECT Career Options:

Knowledge of Hellenic Studies may be less pertinent to these positions and the degree alone in Hellenic Studies may not serve as a credential for employment.

EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

Evaluates manuscripts, reviews and edits copy, coordinates photography, illustrations, and graphics, secures copyrights and permissions to quote copyrighted material. Works for book publishers.

FILM RESEARCHER/COPYWRITER

Reviews scripts, checks for factual and technical accuracy, requires copy, assists in creating storyboard representations of scenes. Relevant coursework or prior experience preferred. Works for entertainment, documentary, educational, and industrial film producers.

FREELANCE WRITER

Writes for publications on an assignment basis for a negotiated fee, usually after submittal of a query letter proposing ideas for articles or stories. Typically works as an independent contractor.

CULTURAL COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMUNICATION COORDINATOR

Designs, prepares and distribute promotional materials, creates activities and season programs, creates registration forms and publicity materials, develops contact list. Assists with the implementation of the programs.

INDIRECT Career Options: On the surface, the following career options may not appear to have much to do with the Hellenic Studies program. Yet the primary skills required in these careers are significantly related with some of the skills a student of Hellenic Studies acquires.

INTERNATIONAL AND EXCHANGE STUDENT COORDINATOR

Provides services to international students including orientation, health insurance, advising, study permit assistance, referrals to student services, and general advising on various issues. Other responsibilities include coordinating international opportunities for domestic students, such as study-abroad programs, study tours, internships, and student exchange programs.

SOCIAL POLICY RESEARCHER

Develops social programs, social legislation, or proposals based on demographic, social and economic analysis and the evaluation of pilot projects.