



## THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF CLASSICAL STUDIES AT ATHENS

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### **MEDIEVAL GREEK SUMMER SESSION AT THE GENNADIUS LIBRARY, SUMMER 2015 Deadline: January 15**

The Gennadius Library of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens announces the 2015 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 over 120,000 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 30 to July 29, 2015. 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 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 Epigraphical Museum and the National Library; visits to sites, museums, and monuments outside Athens including Corinth, Mistra, Thessaloniki, and Hosios Loukas; and individual tutorials and assignments for each student determined by his/her specific needs and field of study. The language of instruction is English. Plan to arrive on June 29 and depart on July 30.

#### **Eligibility**

The program is offered at the intermediate level, and will be geared to twelve qualified students enrolled in a graduate program in any field of late antique, post-antique, Byzantine or medieval studies at any university worldwide. A minimum of two years of college level Classical Greek (or the equivalent) is required. If there are available slots, 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. Upon request, an optional final exam at the end of the program may be provided and the directors will write a letter to the participant's home institution, recommending that credit be granted, provided that the student has satisfactorily participated in the program and passed the final exam.

### **Costs and Scholarships – Pending Funding**

In previous years, a generous grant from the A.G. Leventis Foundation has made possible up to 12 full scholarships for the Medieval Greek Summer Session. These Leventis Foundation scholarships, which are awarded by the ASCSA on the basis of academic merit, typically cover the costs of tuition and fees, lodging for the entire period, travel with the program within Greece, and museum and site fees. International airfare to and from Greece, meals, and incidental expenses are the participant's responsibility.

### **Applications**

Submit online application, *curriculum vitae*, two letters of recommendation (one from the academic advisor and one from a Greek language teacher) on the ASCSA web site at [http://www.ascsa.edu.gr/index.php/admission-membership/gennadius\\_library\\_summer\\_session/](http://www.ascsa.edu.gr/index.php/admission-membership/gennadius_library_summer_session/). Students are required to submit academic transcripts, scanned from the originals issued to the candidate in legible pdf format, as part of the online application. Application fee is US\$25.

Web site: [www.ascsa.edu.gr](http://www.ascsa.edu.gr)

or <http://www.ascsa.edu.gr/index.php/gennadius/medieval-greek-summer-session>

E-mail: [application@ascsa.org](mailto:application@ascsa.org)

The selection results will be announced March 15.