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Student Visa Process for Greece

Do I Need a Student Visa?

If you have a U.S. passport:

- **For programs under 90 days:** No visa is required for tourism/study in the [Schengen Area](#) (including Greece).
- **For programs over 90 days:** You **must** apply for a **Student Visa** (also called a National Long Stay (or Type D) Visa).

If you have an EU (European Union) passport:

- You **most likely** do **NOT** need a Student Visa, even for programs longer than 90 days. Let ASA know if you hold an EU passport.

If your passport is from a non-U.S. or non-EU country:

- You **will** need a Student Visa for programs longer than 90 days, and possibly even for shorter programs. Contact ASA immediately if you have a passport from a non-U.S. or non-EU country.

Your Passport

- **The Greek Consulate will keep your passport** during the visa processing, so avoid international travel during the 3 months before your ASA program. If travel is unavoidable, contact ASA ASAP (617-327-9388) to coordinate.
- **Check your passport expiration:** Your passport must be valid for at least **4 months** beyond your return date from Greece. For example, if you return on **June 30, 2027**, your passport must not expire before **October 31, 2027**. If your passport expires before this date, renew it immediately.
- **Expedited passport processing:** If you need a new passport, we recommend expedited processing, which takes about 2-3 weeks. Regular processing can take 6-8 weeks, or longer.
- **Visa appointment requirements:** You must have your **valid passport** in hand before applying for a Student Visa. Make sure it's ready before the ASA application deadline, as you need it to secure your visa appointment.

Questions? We would be happy to assist you. Please email: hello@academicstudies.com

Applying for your **GREECE STUDENT VISA** (National Long Stay (or Type D) Visa)

****It's the student's responsibility** to apply for the visa. ASA cannot apply for you.

Where to Apply:

- **Student Visas are issued by the Consulate General of Greece.** There are 9 Greek Consulates in the U.S., each responsible for specific states. For example, the consulate in Boston serves MA, NH, RI, VT, ME. You must apply at the consulate corresponding to either your state of residence or state of study.
- Students who live and study in different consular jurisdictions may apply at one of TWO Consulates. Ex. If you study in NH and live in NY, you can apply for your visa at the Greek Consulate in Boston OR the Greek Consulate in New York City - your choice.
- **ASA will email you and let you know which Consulate(s) you can apply to.**
- **Check your Consulate website** for updates on requirements and appointments. Processing times vary by consulate and can take longer during peak periods.
- See page 13 for a list of Greek Consulates in the U.S.

Do You Need to Visit the Consulate in Person?

- **YES**, all students must attend a visa appointment in person unless the consulate instructs you otherwise. Parents or representatives cannot attend in your place but may accompany you. **You may need to travel a long distance (or even fly) to attend the in-person appointment. Check your consulate location and plan accordingly.**

When to Apply:

- Apply for your Student Visa **no more than 90 days before your departure** and/or **before you need your passport back**, if you have travel planned prior to your program.
- **You will be emailed suggested dates to make an appointment** - ASA must receive required visa letters from your Greek Institution for your visa appointment and this takes time!
We recommend a visa appointment date between 30-90 days prior to departure.
- Visa appointments are **by appointment only**, and **appointments fill quickly**, so do not delay in making your appointment!
- **No expedited processing:** The Greek Consulates do NOT offer rush processing. Ensure you allow ample time for your visa application to be processed before your departure for your program.

Visa Policies and Requirements

- **Required documents vary by consulate:** Always double-check your consulate's website for specific requirements, as documents may differ between consulates.
- **Work restrictions:** You *cannot* work in Greece on a Student Visa.

Steps for Student Visa Applicants

STEP 1: Make an appointment at the Greek Consulate you can go to ASAP: Once accepted to ASA, immediately book your visa appointment.

- Please note that each consular authority has its own procedure for scheduling appointments. Some utilize online booking platforms; others communicate with applicants via email or phone.
- **When communicating with a Greek consulate by email or phone**, please be prepared to share the following information so they are able to address your question promptly:
 - Your name
 - Where you live or go to school, so they are aware you live in their jurisdiction
 - Your citizenship status and if you are not a US citizen, what status you hold in the US
 - Your planned arrival date in Greece/departure date from the US
 - Look on the [ASA Athens Costs & Dates](#) area for program dates
 - State your Home University name and that you are a student enrolling for the XX term and XX year (ex. Spring 2027 or Fall 2027) semester at the American College of Greece.
 - A phone number that they can call you at to schedule your appointment—some consulates only contact applicants by phone
 - If you have any travel plans that could impact your ability to attend an appointment at the date/time they assign
- **If you are making an online appointment, new timeslots** typically become available during the last week or the first week of each month.

STEP 2: Get started on your FBI Background check: See #13, page 6 for more information. This will take a couple weeks to complete. This is a visa requirement for ALL Greek Consulates.

STEP 3: Notify ASA: Once you make a visa appointment, inform your ASA program manager of the date and consulate you are going to. We will need 2-3 weeks to prepare your ASA provided visa documents and send them to you.

STEP 4: Start preparing YOUR required documents! Review the Consulate's website and ensure you have all of the required documentation you need for a Student Visa - (Long term Visa) - study abroad over 90 days.

STEP 5: Go to your appointment and don't be late! If you have all of the documents (and photocopies) in the order as they are listed on the consulate's website, your appointment should only take 15-30 minutes.

STEP 6: Once you have your passport back, your visa will be glued inside it - it will say 'Θεώρηση/VISA' at the top and there will be the EU flag (blue with a circle of stars) in the upper left corner. **Upload a scan/picture of your visa into your [ASA Embark](#) portal.**

Required Visa Documents Overview

The documents you must provide for your visa application, along with the required format, **vary by consulate**. The list below includes the **typical required documents** and explanations of each, but **you must also check your consulate's website** for specific requirements and document formats.

*****All documents must be PRINTED, and you MUST provide a photocopy of ALL the documents.**

***** Please be aware that you will also be responsible for any fees associated with the application**, including consular fees, travel expenses, and additional documentation (e.g., background checks and medical certificates).

Required Documents:

1. Valid Passport

- Must be signed by you and valid for at least 4 months past the program end date.
- Must have at least two blank pages for the visa to be affixed.

Note: You **must leave your passport** at the consulate for the entire processing time (30-45 days) and cannot travel abroad during this time.

2. Clear, Legible Color Photocopy of Passport's Picture Page and Signature

- In a U.S. passport, these are two consecutive pages.
- Make sure you sign the passport *before* copying.

Note: Ensure the entire first two pages are visible and nothing is cut off.



3. Non-U.S. Citizens: Proof of Current U.S. Status

- Bring your original **green card** or **U.S. visa**, plus a clear, legible photocopy.
- Your green card or visa must be valid at least 3 months beyond your departure date from the Schengen Area.
- If your U.S. visa is in an old passport, bring a copy of the old passport's picture page.

4. APPLICATION FOR A VISA FOR A LONG STAY IN GREECE

- Download [this application form](#).
- You can fill this out electronically, print form, and then **sign by HAND**.
- Or, you can print out form and then fill it out legibly by hand in CAPITAL letters using blue or black ink ONLY.
- Refer to the enclosed **Visa Guide & SAMPLE** (pages 8&9) when filling out the application form.
- Fill out each page exactly as it is filled out on the sample with your appropriate information.

5. 1 Official Passport Sized Color Photo

- Photos must be recent, color, with a **white background**, and 2x2 inches.
- Note:** Do **not use** self-printed or casual photos; they must be official passport photos (most post offices, CVS, Walgreens, etc. offer passport photo services)

- Please note that the photo must be **glued** onto the application form. *Applications with stapled photographs will be rejected.*
6. **Proof of Residence in the Consular jurisdiction where you will be submitting your application.**
 - This is generally your driver's license/state ID or University ID card. If you do not have either of these, please confirm with the Consulate what documentation they will accept
 - The **ID must be lying flat during the scan, must be in color**, and cannot show any other object in the scan. This includes your fingers or a background that is not the scanner.
 - You generally do not need to submit a copy of the back of your ID.
 7. **ASA PROVIDES: Enrollment Letter from the American College of Greece**
 - This letter (on letterhead) is addressed to the Visa Office of the Greek Consulate confirming your admission to the Greek institution.
Note: ASA will provide you with an original copy of this letter. Notify ASA of your visa appointment date so the letter can be obtained on time.
 8. **ASA PROVIDES: Letter of Acceptance from ASA (Addressed to Consulate General of Greece)**
 - This letter confirms your participation in the study abroad program.
 9. **Enrollment Letter from your U.S. College/University**
 - This letter confirms your **full-time enrollment** and **good standing** at your U.S. institution and must state your **study abroad program** in Greece and the **dates** of the program.
Note: Obtain this letter from your college's Study Abroad or International Education Office and ensure it's on official letterhead.
 10. **ASA PROVIDES: Proof of International Health Insurance**
 - A letter from CISI Insurance that meets the consulate's requirements.
Note: ASA will provide this letter as coverage is part of your program fee. Students from the University of Minnesota- Duluth can obtain a similar letter from their home university.
 11. **ASA PROVIDES: Proof of Accommodation** (if required by the consulate)
 - This document verifies your housing in Greece for the duration of your program.
Note: ASA will provide this letter if required. The address on this letter may not be where you will actually live, but it is sufficient for visa purposes.
 12. **Medical Certificate**
 - Students need to submit a medical certificate issued by a doctor showing that the student does not suffer from a disease which may constitute a risk to public health, according to the WHO and the EU.
 - [A blank copy of this form is available here.](#)

- You can have this form completed/signed by your primary care provider or at your university health center.

13. FBI Background Check

- Print your results or provide your hard copy results from the FBI Background Check.
- You can access the application portal at [Identity History Summary Check](#).
- We recommend that you go through the online process as it is generally quicker.

14. Proof of Funds/Financial Means

- You must demonstrate that you or your financial sponsor has at least \$650 for each month you will be in Greece, totaling approximately \$2,600.
- There are **two options** for you to demonstrate this:
 - A **parent or legal guardian** can demonstrate full financial responsibility for the duration of your stay in Greece. If a parent/legal guardian is supporting you, must submit ALL of the following:
 - Notarized letter** in which a parent, legal guardian, relative or third party assumes full financial responsibility equal to at least the minimum monthly amount required per month of stay.
 - See Affidavit of support letter example** – fill in highlighted areas with correct information. Make sure to erase ALL highlights prior to printing.
 - This letter must be signed by the parent/guardian and **notarized**.
 - Copies of your parent, legal guardian, relative, or third party's **W2 forms for the past two years**.
 - Parent, legal guardian, relative or third party's **three most recent monthly bank statements**, which must include full name of party assuming financial responsibility and a final balance that shows at least \$2,600. Must be a statement - NOT the balance from an app screenshot. *The total amount can be in a checking and/or savings account.*
 - Applicants may also need **three months of credit card statements**. This requirement is dependent on consulate location.
 - Or**, the **student** can demonstrate full financial responsibility for themselves. The following documents are required:
 - Three most recent monthly bank statements**, which must include the applicant's full name and a final balance that shows at least \$2,600. Must be a statement - NOT the balance from an app screenshot. *The total amount can be in a checking and/or savings account.*
*****If the bank account is held jointly with a parent, please include a copy of the notarized letter of support found in the previous section.**
 - Copies of your W2 forms for the past two years**, if you have them.
 - Applicants may also need **three months of credit card statements**. This requirement is dependent on consulate location.

15. **Visa Processing Fee** - usually only money orders are accepted. Exact cash may be accepted by some consulates.

- Call or email the consulate for the exact amount. Make your money order out to the Consulate General of Greece in [City] and use the address of the consulate. **Visa fee is around €90/\$100.** Non-U.S. citizens may face different fees. You can purchase one at the U.S. Post Office, your bank, or some pharmacies.



16. **Confirmed Round-Trip Flight Itinerary**

- Some consulates may require this, and you must provide proof of **purchased round-trip flights** (U.S. to Greece and returning to U.S.).
- This must include all connections of your flight.

17. **Once your visa has been processed, you may have 2 choices to get your passport/visa back to you:**

- **IN PERSON:** You may be able to go in person and pick up your passport/visa at the consulate. **This is the recommended option.** You do not need to make another appointment to do so. At the end of your appointment, the consular will let you know what date you can return to pick up your passport/visa. Check consulate days/times you are able to do so.
- **OR, MAILED TO YOU:** You may have your passport/visa **mailed to you.** Some consulates may not allow you to pick up your passport/visa in person and require that you provide a **self-addressed, pre-paid United States Postal Service priority/express mail envelope with tracking number**, so they can return your passport by mail. Check your consulate's website for the appropriate instructions.
Note: Keep your receipt and tracking number for your records!



Important Student Visa Information

HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE GREEK VISA APPLICATION

Please use this information as a guideline to help you answer questions on the visa application. It is not intended to answer all the questions for you.

***Please make sure to list all dates as DD/MM/YYYY.**

***Please complete in CAPITAL letters.**

***No cross-outs or white-outs are permitted: If you make an error please complete a new form.**

***Enter N/A for any questions that do not pertain to you.**

#12: In case of Minors. **Write N/A.** You are not a minor.

#13: National identity number. **Write N/A.** This refers to a Greek ID.

#14: Type of Travel Document. **Tick "Ordinary Passport."**

#15-17: Refers to your passport number, date issued and expiry date.

#18: Travel Document Issued By: This is listed as the Authority on your passport.

#23: Current Occupation: **Write "Student."**

#24: Main purpose of journey: **Tick the box "Studies..."**

#25: Date of Arrival in Greece: ex: Fall: 09/09/20xx or Spring: 09/01/20xx (**please check the academic calendar attached to your acceptance email for your exact arrival dates**)

#26: Applicant's Greek address:

**28 Athanasiou Diakou
Aghia Paraskevi
15342
Athens, Greece**

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#47: Name of School: Write "The American College of Greece"

Address of School:

**6 Gravias Street GR-153 42
Aghia Paraskevi
Athens, Greece**

School telephone #: **+30 210 600 9800**

School email address: iss@acg.edu

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO SIGN YOUR APPLICATION WHERE INDICATED BY THE CONSULATE!

IF YOU PLAN TO ARRIVE IN GREECE EARLY OR LEAVE GREECE LATER THAN THE MOVE-OUT DATE YOU MUST SHARE THAT INFORMATION WITH THE CONSULATE SO THAT YOUR VISA REFLECTS THE CORRECT DATES. YOU CANNOT ARRIVE BEFORE YOUR VISA DATES OR STAY AFTER YOUR VISA HAS ENDED, SO IT IS IMPERATIVE TO SHARE THAT INFORMATION WITH THE CONSULATE.



APPLICATION FOR A VISA FOR A LONG STAY IN GREECE

**THIS APPLICATION FORM IS FREE OF
CHARGE**

Glue or paperclip your passport
photo here

PHOTO

1	SURNAME (FAMILY NAME) ¹		LAST NAME (as is on passport)	
2	FIRST NAME(S) (GIVEN NAME(S)) ²		FIRST and MIDDLE NAMES (as appears on passport)	
3	SURNAME AT BIRTH			
4	FORMER FAMILY NAME(S)			
5	DATE OF BIRTH (DAY-MONTH-YEAR)		Make sure to have your birthday as DAY-MONTH-YEAR	
6	PLACE OF BIRTH			
7	COUNTRY OF BIRTH			
8	CURRENT NATIONALITY			
9	NATIONALITY AT BIRTH, IF DIFFERENT FROM CURRENT:			
10	SEX	Must match passport	MALE	
			FEMALE	
11	MARITAL STATUS		SINGLE	
			MARRIED	
			SEPARATED	
			DIVORCED	
			WIDOW(ER)	
			OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	
12	IN CASE OF MINORS - DETAILS OF PARENTAL AUTHORITY/LEGAL GUARDIAN		SURNAME	
			FIRST NAME	
			ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM APPLICANT'S)	
			NATIONALITY	
13	NATIONAL IDENTITY NUMBER (WHERE APPLICABLE)			
14	TYPE OF TRAVEL DOCUMENT		ORDINARY PASSPORT	
			DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT	
			SERVICE PASSPORT	
			SPECIAL PASSPORT	
			OFFICIAL PASSPORT	
			OTHER TRAVEL DOCUMENT (PLEASE SPECIFY)	
15	NUMBER OF TRAVEL DOCUMENT	Travel Document = Passport Number		
16	DATE OF ISSUE OF TRAVEL DOCUMENT			
17	TRAVEL DOCUMENT VALID UNTIL			
18	TRAVEL DOCUMENT ISSUED BY			
19	APPLICANT'S HOME ADDRESS			
20	APPLICANT'S E-MAIL ADDRESS			
21	APPLICANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER			
22	RESIDENCE IN A COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE COUNTRY OF CURRENT NATIONALITY	NUMBER OF RESIDENCE PERMIT OR EQUIVALENT		
		RESIDENCE PERMIT OR EQUIVALENT VALID UNTIL		
23	CURRENT OCCUPATION	Student		

¹ In accordance with the data in the travel document.

² In accordance with the data in the travel document.

24	MAIN PURPOSE OF THE JOURNEY	RESIDENCE – FAMILY REUNION	
		RESIDENCE FOR EMPLOYMENT PURPOSES	
		STUDIES, RESEARCH, PRACTICAL TRAINING, VOCATIONAL TRAINING	
		RESIDENCE – COMPANY STAFF	
		RESIDENCE – INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ACTIVITY – INVESTMENT	
		ACCREDITATION	
		OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	
25	INTENDED DATE OF ARRIVAL IN GREECE		
26	APPLICANT'S ADDRESS IN GREECE	28 Athanasiou Diakou Aghia Paraskevi 15342 Athens, Greece	
A	DATA OF THE INDIVIDUAL RESIDENT IN GREECE IN CASE OF APPLYING FOR A RESIDENCE VISA FOR FAMILY REUNION		
27	SURNAME (FAMILY NAME) OF THE RESIDENT INDIVIDUAL IN GREECE	X	
28	FIRST NAME(S) (GIVEN NAME(S)) OF THE RESIDENT INDIVIDUAL IN GREECE	X	
29	DATE OF BIRTH OF THE RESIDENT INDIVIDUAL IN GREECE	X	
30	NATIONALITY OF THE RESIDENT INDIVIDUAL IN GREECE	X	
31	NUMBER OF THE RESIDENCE PERMIT OF THE RESIDENT INDIVIDUAL IN GREECE	X	
32	NUMBER OF PASSPORT OF THE RESIDENT INDIVIDUAL IN GREECE	X	
33	INDIVIDUAL RESIDENT'S ADDRESS IN GREECE	X	
34	INDIVIDUAL RESIDENT'S TELEPHONE		
35	INDIVIDUAL RESIDENT'S E-MAIL ADDRESS		
36	FAMILY RELATIONSHIP (OF THE APPLICANT WITH THE INDIVIDUAL RESIDENT IN GREECE)	SPOUSE	
		CHILD OF THE INDIVIDUAL RESIDENT	
		CHILD OF HIS/HER SPOUSE	
		OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	
B	DATA OF THE EMPLOYER OR THE COMPANY IN CASE OF APPLYING FOR A RESIDENCE VISA FOR EMPLOYMENT PURPOSES, INCLUDING SEASONAL WORK		
37	SURNAME (FAMILY NAME) OF THE EMPLOYER OR NAME OF THE COMPANY	X	
38	FIRST NAME(S) (GIVEN NAME(S)) OF THE EMPLOYER OR NAME OF THE COMPANY	X	
39	SURNAME (FAMILY NAME) OF THE CONTACT PERSON IN THE COMPANY	X	
40	FIRST NAME(S) (GIVEN NAME(S)) OF THE CONTACT PERSON IN THE COMPANY	X	
41	EMPLOYER OR COMPANY'S ADDRESS	X	
42	EMPLOYER OR COMPANY'S TELEPHONE		
43	EMPLOYER OR COMPANY'S E-MAIL ADDRESS		
44	GREEK RESIDENCE PERMIT OR GREEK'S IDENTITY CARD OF THE EMPLOYER OR OF THE CONTACT PERSON IN THE COMPANY		
45	COMPANY'S GREEK TAX NUMBER		
C	DATA OF THE EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT OR RESEARCH CENTRE IN CASE OF APPLYING FOR STUDYING OR RESEARCH PURPOSES, PRACTICAL TRAINING OR VOCATIONAL TRAINING		
46	NAME OF THE EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT OR RESEARCH CENTRE	American College of Greece	
47	ADDRESS OF THE EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT OR RESEARCH CENTRE	6 Grivas Street GR-153 42 Aghia Paraskevi Athens, Greece	
48	TELEPHONE OF THE EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT OR RESEARCH CENTRE	+30 210 600 9800	
49	E-MAIL ADDRESS OF THE EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT OR RESEARCH CENTRE	iss@acg.edu	

50	INTENDED DATE OF START OF STUDIES OR RESEARCH	13/09/27 (DAY-MONTH-YEAR)
51	INTENDED DATE OF END OF STUDIES OR RESEARCH	17/12/27 (DAY-MONTH-YEAR)
52	I am aware of and consent to the following: the collection of the data required by this application form and the taking of my photograph and, if applicable, the taking of fingerprints, are mandatory for the examination of the visa application; and any personal data concerning me which appear on the visa application form, as well as my fingerprints and my photograph will be supplied to the relevant authorities and processed by those authorities, for the purposes of a decision on my visa application. Such data as well as data concerning the decision taken on my application or a decision whether to annul, revoke or extend a visa issued will be entered into, and stored in the Visa Information System (VIS)³ for a maximum period of five years, during which it will be accessible to the visa authorities and the authorities competent for carrying out checks on visas at external borders and within the Member States, immigration and asylum authorities in the Member States for the purposes of verifying whether the conditions for the legal entry into, stay and residence on the territory of the Member States are fulfilled, of identifying persons who do not or who no longer fulfil these conditions, of examining an asylum application and of determining responsibility for such examination. Under certain conditions the data will be also available to designated authorities of the Member States and to Europol for the purpose of the prevention, detection and investigation of terrorist offences and of other serious criminal offences. The authority of Greece responsible for processing the data is: <i>Ministry of Foreign Affairs, C4 Directorate, 1 Vas. Sofias Ave. GR 10671 Athens, Tel.: +30.210.3684515, Fax: +30.210.3684180, Email: g04@mfa.gr</i> I am aware that I have the right to obtain notification of the data relating to me recorded in the VIS and to request that data relating to me which are inaccurate be corrected and that data relating to me processed unlawfully be deleted. At my express request, the authority examining my application will inform me of the manner in which I may exercise my right to check the personal data concerning me and have them corrected or deleted, including the related remedies according to the national law of the State concerned. The national supervisory authority (Hellenic Data Protection Authority, Kifisias str 1-3, 1st floor, GR – 115 23 Athens, Tel.: +30.210.6475600, Fax: +30.210.6475628, E-mail: contact@dpa.gr) will hear claims concerning the protection of personal data. I declare that to the best of my knowledge all particulars supplied by me are correct and complete. I am aware that any false statements will lead to my application being rejected or to the annulment of a visa already granted and may also render me liable to prosecution. I have been informed that possession of a visa is only one of the prerequisites for entry into the European territory of the Member States. The mere fact that a visa has been granted to me does not mean that I will be entitled to compensation if I fail to comply with the relevant provisions of Article 5(1) of Regulation (EC) No 562/2006 (Schengen Borders Code) and I am therefore refused entry. The prerequisites for entry will be checked again on entry into the European territory of the Member States.	
53	I AM AWARE THAT THE VISA FEE IS NOT REFUNDED IF THE VISA IS REFUSED	
54	PLACE	
55	DATE	
56	SIGNATURE (FOR MINORS, SIGNATURE OF PARENTAL AUTHORITY/LEGAL GUARDIAN)	

³ In so far as the VIS is operational.

[FAQs](#)

Why is the visa process necessary?

Each country, including Greece, requires a visa to ensure that international students can support themselves while studying. This is a reciprocal process—similar to the requirements for Greeks to study here in the U.S.

What if I am studying abroad for more than one semester?

If studying in Greece for more than one semester, additional documents may be required for your visa. ASA will provide guidance and/or consult your consulate's website for specific requirements.

What if I am a student under the age of 18?

Additional documentation is required for minors. ASA will provide guidance and/or consult your consulate's website for specific requirements.

I've called the Consulate, but they never answer the phone. What should I do?

Some don't accept calls, have limited hours, or won't answer visa questions by phone. Try calling at different times if you need to speak to someone. Email is usually the best option. Be patient, as replies may take several business days, and check your spam folder for their response.

What if my visa is denied?

100% of our students have been successful in getting a Student Visa. If you apply for your visa on time (recommended: 30-90 days prior to departure) and bring all the required paperwork, there should be no reason your visa won't be granted.

What happens if my visa is delayed?

Although it's rare, if your visa isn't ready by your departure date, you may need to delay your departure. Apply early to avoid this situation.

What is the average processing time for a student visa?

The average processing time for a student visa is 30-45 days (not counting mailing). **Greek Consulates do NOT have an expedited visa processing service.** You must apply on-time, or you risk not receiving your visa before your departure date.

What if my passport and visa are not returned prior to my departure date?

Students whose passports and visas have not been returned to them prior to their scheduled departure date will have to wait for their passport and visa to be returned to them before traveling.

What else do I need to do to stay legally in Greece?

After arrival in Greece, you must apply for a **residence permit** within 30 days. This costs around **€170/\$200** and is mandatory. ASA will assist you with this process after you arrive in Greece. You will need to bring some photocopies of some of the visa documents with you to Greece for this process. ASA will provide you with these details prior to departure.

List of Greek Consulates in the U.S.

- **Consulates may close for US and Greek holidays**, so verify their schedule in advance.
 - Visit the consulate's website for current information. Look for the **Visa Info** section to start your research.
 - **Visa in Greek** is **θεώρηση (theórisi)**. All consulates have slightly different procedures, so navigate the consulate's website you can apply at thoroughly.
 - [Contact details for Greek Embassy and Consulates](#)
 - [Link to the complete list of Greek Consulates in the US.](#)
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ATLANTA

Jurisdiction: **Georgia, Kentucky, South Carolina, Tennessee**

[CONSULATE GENERAL OF GREECE IN ATLANTA](#)

[Student Visa Information](#)

[Schedule a visa appointment](#)

BOSTON

Jurisdiction: **Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.**

[CONSULATE GENERAL OF GREECE IN BOSTON](#)

[Student Visa Information](#)

CHICAGO

Jurisdiction: **Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin**

[CONSULATE GENERAL OF GREECE IN CHICAGO](#)

[Student Visa Information](#)

HOUSTON

Jurisdiction: **Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands**

[CONSULATE GENERAL OF GREECE IN HOUSTON](#)

[Student Visa Information](#)

LOS ANGELES

Jurisdiction: **Arizona, California (Zip Codes 90001-93199), Colorado, Hawaii, New Mexico, South Nevada**

[CONSULATE GENERAL OF GREECE IN LOS ANGELES](#)

[Student Visa Information](#)

NEW YORK

Jurisdiction: **New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Connecticut**

[CONSULATE GENERAL OF GREECE IN NEW YORK](#)

[Student Visa Information](#)

SAN FRANCISCO

Jurisdiction: **Alaska, California (Zip Codes 93000 and up), Idaho, Montana, North Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.**

[CONSULATE GENERAL OF GREECE IN SAN FRANCISCO](#)

[Student Visa Information](#)

TAMPA

Jurisdiction: **Alabama, Florida, Mississippi**

[CONSULATE GENERAL OF GREECE IN TAMPA](#)

[Student Visa Information](#)

WASHINGTON DC

Jurisdiction: **Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia**

[CONSULATE GENERAL OF GREECE IN WASHINGTON DC](#)

[Student Visa Information](#)
