ACT a division of Anatolia College

Greek National Visas

PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION THOROUGHLY

The N.U.in Program

Most N.U.in students participating in the Greece program are required to obtain a national visa (D-type) from their local Greek Consulate before arriving in Greece. The visa process can be lengthy and students are encouraged to start the process right away. Please contact your local Greek Consulate directly to learn more about your allowed length of stay and visa application requirements. If you are from a country other than the US or Canada, contact your local Greek Consulate directly to learn about your allowed length of stay and visa application requirements.

Steps to Obtaining a Greek National Visa

- 1. Locate the <u>Greek Consulate</u> for your region and read the online steps for obtaining a National "D" Visa.
- 2. Download and complete the Greek National Visa Application Form from the Greek Consulate website.
- Call the Consulate where you will apply. Set an appointment AND verify the documents required*, fee amount, type of payment accepted and procedure for receiving your passport with the visa affixed.
 ALERT: The consulate may ask you to email them to make an appointment. The required documentation & process to apply for a visa varies among Consulates.
- 4. Collect all your documents and make a photocopy of everything for your records.
- 5. Take all documents to the Consulate and arrive a little early for your application appointment.
- 6. Pick up or receive your visa.

*Commonly Required Application Documents. Some or all of the following documents will be required in their original form. The consulate may request documents other than those listed on this form.

- Greek National Visa Application
- □ Letter of Acceptance from ACT in Greek
- Letter of Good Standing from your home institution (Please print a copy of your Northeastern University admissions letter).
- D Passport valid for at least 3 months beyond anticipated duration of stay and has at least 2 blank pages.
- FBI Identity History Summary Check (Background Check). You may use an approved channeler.
- Passport size <u>photographs that meet the standards</u>
- □ <u>Medical form</u>
- Comprehensive travel insurance stating that student is covered with a duration equal to, at minimum that of the visa issued covering the costs which may arise in case of repatriation for medical reasons, for urgent medical care and/or for emergency hospital care. The minimum coverage should be for €30.000. This insurance shall be valid for the entire Schengen area, in the case of a uniform visa, or for the territory of member state(s) concerned in case of a visa of limited territorial validity, and throughout the duration of the stay.
- □ Travel documents (flight tickets)
- Additional documents from ACT. Request these from Roula Lebetli, rleb@act.edu, as necessary.
- Proof of funds in the amount of at least 400E / month for the duration of stay in Greece. Bank or Credit card statements for the last 3 months if the student has his/her own bank account OR Signed Affidavit from the parent(s) that they are willing to cover the student's expenses during the semester abroad followed by 3 months' bank or credit card statements of the parents and/or W2 of the parent(s).
- Bank and credit card statements (or parents/guardians' if they are covering expenses)
- □ W2 forms for the last two years (or parents/guardians' if they are covering expenses)
- □ Application fee (confirm amount and type)
- Payment fee for returning your passport to you after the visa has been placed or self-addressed USPS Prepaid envelope for returning your passport to you (confirm with the Consulate)

Important Reminders

When you arrive into the Schengen Area, it is crucial to ensure that your passport is stamped with the date of entry. Visas are typically valid for a period of several months and up to one year. This document has been prepared based on the information provided by the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA). Northeastern University and ACT have no influence on the outcome of immigration applications and no ability to contact the MFA to inquire about an individual visa application or residence permit application, or expedite the process for an individual student. In addition, N.U.in employees are unable to provide advice to students or families concerning visa requirements and/or application processes. Students are responsible for completing their visa application correctly and in an effective manner and for obtaining a valid visa prior to the program start date. If the student cannot obtain a valid visa in time for the program start date, please refer to the N.U.in Withdrawal Policy and contact the N.U.in office to discuss next steps.