

# University of Southern Maine SUMMER SESSION 2010

## Cultural Landscape of Greece

A Russell Scholars Global Campus Course – Open to all  
May 25 - June 17, 2010 (includes travel days)

### RSP 340 -- 6 CREDITS

This summer, explore the "Cultural Landscape of Greece"! Students will be introduced to the multi-faceted nature of this intriguing country. Although ancient Greece was the birthplace of our western civilization, Greece today is a modern, emerging European nation and the site of the 2004 Summer Olympic Games. In this course, led by Mary Snell and Irwin Novak, students will spend three days in the bustling capital of Athens, but spend most of their time on the quieter island of Lesbos. Here they will live in the city of Mytilene, an official Sister City with Portland, Maine. Daily they will share meals in their pensione, or in seaside or city cafés; and take field trips all over the island to ancient sites, villages, archeological and art museums, and beaches. In class they will learn about the physical and societal framework of the culture through lectures on human geography, geology, cultural traditions, the impact of



tourism, environmental issues, and regional politics - all given by faculty from USM, with additional lectures by University of Aegean faculty and other professionals. In this writing intensive class, students will be expected to complete daily assignments, keep daily journals and make other visual records of their experiences. There will be two exams and a final project. Beyond the academic credit earned and knowledge learned, students will take away lasting memories and friendships, forged in the dazzling light and warm of the people they will meet.



Class of 2008 at the Acropolis

### Faculty

**Mary Snell, MFA**, is the Director of the *USM/Aegean Arts & Cultural Exchange* and president of the *Hellenic Society of Maine, Inc.* She is a freelance writer and poet; and at USM, is a summer instructor and the promotions director for the School of Music. She lived in Greece from 1973 to 1975 and now spends each summer on the Island of Lesbos.

**Professor Irwin D. Novak, Ph.D.**, professor of Geology, Department of Geosciences at USM, has led numerous classes in Greece over the past decade, specifically his *Environmental Geology* class. His recent research focuses on geomorphology from space with special emphasis on Greece and the Aegean region. He directs *USM's Hellenic Initiatives*.

### Program Costs

The cost for the program will be approximately \$4800, which includes airfare to and from Athens/Lesvos – Portland; tuition for six credits; housing in Athens and Lesbos, in-country travel, and field trips. Food is not included. Financial Aid and scholarships are available. Please apply early to ensure availability. For more information check the web page at: <http://www.usm.maine.edu/SummerSession/> call the Summer Session office: (207)780-5072.

**Note:** Out of state students pay in-state tuition for these short-term travel programs.



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