

THE HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES

'UNDERSTANDING ANCIENT IDEAS AND COMMUNICATING MODERN IDEALS'

The British School at Athens is delighted to invite PG students and professionals to a new course that offers the opportunity to explore the ancient roots of the modern Olympic Games and to communicate them appropriately to their target audience.



The course travels backward through history, beginning with the modern Olympics of Paris 2024 and Athens 2004, then “digging down” through the modern Olympic revival of 1896, to arrive at the traditional origin of the Games at Olympia in 776 BCE.

In addition to lectures and seminars led by the course directors, this one-week residential course will draw on a variety of experts, such as leading academics and sport professionals, who will use lectures, on-site instruction, and hands-on tasks to highlight pedagogy and best practices in teaching, and critically communicating the links between the ancient and modern Olympic Games.

The fee is £600, and the course limited to 10 places. A number of BSA-administered bursaries may be available for students, which will be assigned on the basis of merit and need.

Course dates: 24 February – 2 March 2025

Application deadline: Friday 29 November 2024

A provisional programme and instructions how to apply can be found on the BSA website <https://www.bsa.ac.uk/courses/history-and-philosophy-of-the-olympic-games/>