

The history and philosophy of the Olympic Games
Understanding ideas and sharing ideals
24 February – 2 March 2025

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Sunday 23 February. Arrival

19.00 Meet and greet at the BSA (personal introductions and topics of interest)
Group dinner (provided)

Monday 24 February. Introduction & orientation

09.00 Course introduction and tour of the BSA
09.45 Lecture & group discussion:
Ancient Olympics and their Modern Revival
What is unique about ancient sport?
11.00 **Coffee break** (provided)
11.30 Assignments and discussion of tasks
13.00 **Lunch break** (provided)
14.00 Visit the Panathenaic Stadium
The Revival from Zappas to Coubertin
Activity: ancient imagery in Olympic Posters
18.00 Keynote lecture: TBA

Tuesday 25 February. Ceremonies: building community through sport

09.00 The Acropolis of Athens
Cult and ritual on the Acropolis Hill
The Panathenaic procession
12.00 **Lunch break** (own lunch)
13.00 The Acropolis Museum
The Great Panathenaea
Myth and ritual

Wednesday 26 February. Contests and the archaeology of ancient sport

08.00 Depart for Nemea
The Nemean Games and Nemea stadium
The modern Nemean Games
11.30 Depart for Olympia
16.00 The museum for the history of the Olympic Games in Antiquity
Understanding Olympic Events
The material culture of ancient sport

Overnight in Olympia

Thursday 27 February. Victory: The Olympic Festival

09.00 Archaeological Site of Ancient Olympia
The Olympic Games
Doping, cheating, and Olympic fair play
Gods, heroes and athletes: the path of virtue
11.00 The Archaeological Museum of Olympia
Olympic art and the aesthetics of ancient sport
13.00 **Lunch break**
14.00 Lecture: *The nude body and its symbolisms*
The ethos of Olympia

Group dinner (provided)

Overnight in Olympia

Friday 28 February. Understanding ideas & communicating ideals

08.30	Depart Olympia for Athens Lunch on the road (not provided)
14.00	Lectures at the BSA (guest lectures - TBA): <i>Olympic Games and educational programmes</i> <i>Teaching ancient sport & the Olympic games</i> <i>Writing about sport</i>
18.00	Finish

Saturday 1 March. Student presentations and conclusion of the course

09.00	<i>Student presentations</i>
13.00	Lunch (provided)
15.00	Student Presentations continue
17.00	Concluding Lecture and discussion <i>Why Olympia matters for modern sport?</i>
19.30	Group dinner (provided)

Sun Day 7 Departure

All breakfasts are included within the course programme