

Greek National Visas

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US & Canadian passport holders may stay in Greece, or another country of the 26 countries making up the Schengen Area, for up to 90 days in a 180 day period. If your stay will be MORE than 90 days in a 180-day period, you MUST obtain a national visa from your local Greek Consulate before arriving in Greece. The process can be lengthy; start right away. If you enter without a visa, you are not eligible to apply for a visa or residence permit in country. 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 [Greek Consulate](#) 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.
3. **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 or use an online portal system. 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 via post mail.

***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
Please use the following address for your residence in Greece: 17 Sevenidi St., 55535 Pylaia, Thessaloniki, GR
- [Letter of Acceptance from ACT in Greek](#)
- Letter of Good Standing from your home institution
- 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 [photographs that meet the standards](#)
- [Medical form](#)
- Comprehensive travel medical 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
- 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 from local Consulate)
- 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)

Traveling, Duration of Stay & Next Steps

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 the period of several months, up to one year. If you are staying beyond the expiration date of your visa, you may need to apply for a Residence Permit after arriving in Greece. Please request residence permit instructions from studentservices@act.edu if this applies to you.

