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Loyola University New Orleans College of Law

2026 Spetses Summer Legal Studies Program

Dear Spetses Traveler,

Congratulations on your decision to join us in Greece, and welcome to the Spetses Summer Legal Studies Program!

Traveling to Greece requires your careful preparation to produce maximum enjoyment and minimum inconvenience. Planning your itinerary, booking transportation, getting currency, etc. requires coordination and planning beyond the ordinary. Thus, **we ask you now – from the beginning – to read this handbook carefully**, to make the key choices early, to send us the requested forms promptly, and to perform the other important, independent tasks to insure a smooth, fun Grecian travel experience. If you do not have a passport, for example, you will not get out of the country, so do that now, if necessary; if you have not submitted your hotel form by the due date, you will not have a room when you arrive. On the other hand, your travel should be easy and comfortable with advance preparation.

This handbook is the key to your preparation; it contains the information you need to ensure that you are ready for all the opportunities and challenges of international travel. It starts with frequently needed addresses and phone numbers. It concludes with recommendations for flights, packing, and much more! We hope that it serves you well. Of course, you are invited to call or email us with any questions you may have about the trip. We are always here to help in any way we can.

Yassas! Sincerely,

Mary Garvey Algero

Director, Spetses Summer Legal Studies Program  
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Professor of Law, and Warren E. Mouledoux  
Distinguished Professor of Law

Dena Vial (2L) & Nolan Lambert (1L), TAs

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## I. Important Contacts

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## II. Important Early Choices

Some basic choices are essential right away for enrollment in the summer program. If you did not clearly designate your course requests, please review the listings below, and register immediately with the Program Teaching Assistants. If you are unsure about your course selection, contact the Program Teaching Assistants ASAP. We encourage students to enroll in 3 courses. Be sure when you choose courses that your courses are not scheduled at the same time as each other. We have 3 time slots, with 2 courses scheduled for each of the first two time slots and one scheduled in the third time slot to allow every student to enroll in Judge Engelhardt's course. One of the features of this study abroad program is the opportunity to be taught by and interact with a sitting judge.

Please note that all exams may be handwritten or typed on your computer. Some courses may require a project or presentation in place of a final exam or in addition to a final exam.

If you usually receive testing or other accommodations approved by the Loyola Office of Accessible Education or the similar office at your law school (if you attend a law school other than Loyola), you are entitled to receive them in Spetses as well. Notify Dean Algero well in advance of heading to Greece so that we can make sure we are set up to provide the specific accommodations. Here is the contact information for the Loyola Office of Accessible Education: <https://success.loyno.edu/services/accessible-education/students-seeking-register-accessible-education>.

### III. Course Descriptions

#### Comparative Review of the Rights of Children (1 credit hour)

- Instructor: [Madeleine M. Landrieu – Dean and Judge Adrian G. Duplantier Distinguished Professor of Law](#)
- Class Dates: June 15-19 & 22-26, 2026  
Location: Spetses Hotel  
Time: 9:00 – 10:10 AM  
Final Exam: Saturday, June 27, 2026
- This course will provide a comparative review of the political systems and regimes that led to the institutionalization of children orphaned due to war, disaster, epidemic and poverty. Students will review the social, financial and ethical cost of institutionalizing these children; and explore the current state of research in the area of childhood brain development, attachment theory and the effects of deprivation. The course will conclude with a discussion of the constitutional role of the state and the roles of lawyers and the courts in ensuring that the constitutional rights of children are protected.

#### Art Law & Cultural Property Protection (1 credit hour)

- Instructor: [Anastasia Grammaticaki Alexiou – Professor Emerita of Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece](#)
- Class Dates: June 15-19 & 22-26, 2026  
Location: Spetses Hotel  
Time: 9:00 – 10:10 AM  
Final Exam: Saturday, June 27, 2026
- This course aims to equip students with a sound working knowledge and understanding of key legal issues required in order to operate successfully in the arts market. It will cover the problem of licit and illicit art trade as well as the basic framework for the international protection of cultural property. More specifically, the roles and responsibilities of artists and professional managers in relation to artwork transactions, the protection of artists' rights, the role of collectors, international art auctions of cultural objects, theft and looting of art objects, bona fide acquisition of stolen art, repatriation/restitution and return of stolen or looted art will be basically the topics to be discussed.

### **Comparative Property Law (1 credit hour)**

- Instructor: [Martha Thibaut – Assistant Professor of Law, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law](#)
- Class Dates: June 15-19 & 22-26, 2026  
Location: Spetses Hotel  
Time: 10:20 – 11:30 AM  
Final Assessment: Individual or Small Group Presentation
- At the core of private rights lies the law of property—defining how we protect, use, and transfer what we own. This course explores how property law reflects one of the most striking differences between civil law and common law traditions. We will contrast the civil law notion of *absolute dominion* with the more flexible, law-and-economics–influenced approach of the American common law system. Topics such as ownership, trespass, and adverse possession will be examined through a comparative lens, juxtaposing civilian jurisdictions such as France, Greece, and Germany with American property law.

### **Comparative Free Speech and Human Rights (1 credit hour)**

- Instructor: [Ata Hindi – Assistant Professor of Law, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law](#)
- Class Dates: June 15-19 & 22-26, 2026  
Location: Spetses Hotel  
Time: 10:20 – 11:30 AM  
Final Exam: Saturday, June 27, 2026
- This course will compare the protections for free speech - broadly speaking - in different states, and under regional and international human rights regimes. The course will examine the free speech protections entrenched in the First Amendment of the US Constitution, and as a launching point to compare similar rights under domestic, regional, and international laws. The course will address human rights implications related to restrictions on free speech.

### **Comparative Judicial Process (1 credit hour)**

- Instructor: [The Honorable Kurt D. Engelhardt – Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit](#)
- Class Dates: June 15-19 & 22-26, 2026  
Location: Spetses Hotel  
Time: 11:40 AM - 12:50 PM  
Final Exam: Saturday, June 27, 2026
- This seminar will analyze and compare facets of the judicial process of different nations, including issues such as sources of law and weight of authority, selection and staffing of

courts, roles of judges and lawyers, use of juries, forum shopping, collective and class actions, and how all of these facets of the systems are influenced by the legal cultures in which they operate.

#### **IV. Course and Program Materials**

Specifically prepared digital materials or texts will be created for these courses by professors.

The cost of all materials is included in the program fee.

All digital materials will be posted online (on the Spetses program website, under 'Program Documents') by May 31<sup>st</sup>. **It will be the student's responsibility to access the materials online or to print the materials before traveling.** You are strongly encouraged to **bring your laptops/tablets with you to Spetses, so that you can access the course materials on your devices.** We cannot print out voluminous materials in Spetses.

School supplies (notebooks, pens, etc.) are not provided by Loyola. Please bring these items with you.

## V. Faculty Profiles



### **Dean Madeleine Landrieu, Loyola College of Law**

Madeleine M. Landrieu became Dean of Loyola University New Orleans College of Law (Alma Mater) on July 1, 2017. Prior to her appointment, she served as a judge on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal for the State of Louisiana, and prior to that as a trial court judge on the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans. During her 16-year tenure in the judiciary, Dean Landrieu served as President of the Louisiana District Judges Association and the Louisiana Judicial College. She also served as a member of the Board of Louisiana Judges and Lawyers Legal Assistance Program.

Prior to being elected to the bench, Dean Landrieu was a litigator in private practice. She has tried numerous cases to verdict in both judge and jury trials, representing clients in the areas of products liability, the general maritime law, Jones Act, medical malpractice, general negligence, family, juvenile, and criminal law. She has argued before several state circuit courts of appeal and the Louisiana Supreme Court. While in law school here at Loyola, she was a member of the Law Review, the Moot Court Board, and a student in the Law Clinic.

Dean Landrieu has spent a large part of her career advocating for improvements in laws and policies relative to children who come before the courts as a result of abuse or neglect. She is a founding Board member of the [Louisiana Institute for Children in Families](#), and was instrumental in the launch of Louisiana's *Quality Parenting Initiative* and *Louisiana Fosters*, efforts to raise awareness about the needs of abused and neglected children and their families. Dean Landrieu is a long-standing member of the Board of Directors of Covenant House New Orleans, a service provider for homeless, at-risk, and trafficked youth.

From 2008-2018, Dean Landrieu served as Chair of the New Judge Training Program for the Louisiana Supreme Court. She regularly presents in the areas of judicial ethics, recusal, and decisional delay, civil procedure, trial advocacy, appellate practice, and children's rights.

In 2018, Dean Landrieu was instrumental in creating a partnership between Loyola University New Orleans College of Law and the New Orleans Police Department to further the department's work in the area of ethical policing and active bystandership.

Dean Landrieu is the recipient of the Michaele Pitard Wynne Professionalism Award from the Association of Women Attorneys; the Gillis Long Poverty Law Center's Public

Service Award; and the Louisiana State Bar Association's Pro Bono Publico Award, and the President's Award. In 2017, Dean Landrieu received the inaugural President's Award from the Louisiana Judicial College for her "dedication to judicial education, particularly in the areas of new judge training and mentorship."



**Dean Mary Garvey Algero, Loyola College of Law**

Mary Garvey Algero is the Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Academic Affairs, a position she has held since 2015. She is the Warren E. Mouledoux Distinguished Professor of Law and the Philip and Eugenie Brooks Distinguished Professor of Law. She co-directs the Westerfield Fellowship Program. She directs the Loyola Study Abroad Program held in Spetses, Greece. She is the author of *Louisiana Legal Research* and co-author of *Federal Legal Research*, both books published by Carolina Academic Press. She has published articles on issues of federal civil procedure and jurisdiction, the Louisiana civil law system, and the contracts clause and frequently presents on her scholarship and on teaching at professional conferences. She is a former president of the Association of Legal Writing Directors and has served on the editorial board of *Legal Writing: The Journal of the Legal Writing Institute*. She has chaired and served on the executive committee of the AALS Associate Deans of Academic Affairs & Research section.

Dean Algero has served on the executive committee of the AALS Legal Writing, Reasoning, & Research section. She teaches courses primarily focused on civil procedure, federal courts, legal research and writing, and ethics. She has also taught Comparative Judicial Process at the University of Vienna as part of the Loyola study abroad program and has taught this course in Loyola's study abroad programs in Panama and Greece. Prior to joining the faculty of the Loyola New Orleans College of Law, she practiced law with the New Orleans law firms of McGlinchey, Stafford, Mintz, Cellini & Lang and Pulaski, Gieger & Laborde, primarily in the areas of aviation, admiralty, and products liability. She has argued and tried cases before state and federal courts in Louisiana and Texas. In law school, she served as the Editor in Chief of the Loyola Law Review.



**Professor Anastasia Grammaticaki-Alexiou, Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece**

Professor Ana Grammaticaki-Alexiou is a professor of private international law at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece. She graduated from the Law School of the Aristotle University and holds a Ph.D. from the same University. She has done graduate work at the Hague Academy of International Law and in England (King's College). As a visiting professor, she has taught in several American law schools, including Loyola College of Law and Tulane Law School in New Orleans. She has also taught in the inter-university Master on Human Rights and Democratisation program in Venice, Italy, she has taught international commercial law at the MA Program in International and EU Business Law at Neapolis University in Paphos, Cyprus, and she has taught cultural property protection at the MA in Art, Law, and Economy of the International Hellenic University of Thessaloniki.

She served as president of the Committee of Private International Law of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs and as a member of the International Academy of Comparative Law. She has participated in legislative work both in Greece and in the EU and has been a judge in the Special Supreme Court of Greece. She is a member of the Advisory Committee of the Cyprus University Law School in Nicosia, Cyprus. She has published widely (several books and numerous articles), both in Greece and abroad. Her interests also include cultural property protections, human rights, cyberspace law, and biotechnology as regards private international law.



**Professor Ata Hindi, Loyola College of Law**

Ata Hindi joined Loyola University New Orleans College of Law from Tulane University School of Law where he was a Murphy Institute Visiting Assistant Professor and, before that, from the Institute of Law at Birzeit University in Palestine. His research and scholarly interests are in the field of international law with a focus on human rights, humanitarian law, criminal law, and international organizations.

Professor Hindi earned his BA in Political Science and a Masters of Science in Global Affairs from Rutgers University-Newark, an Advanced LLM in Public International Law from Leiden University, and a JD from Emory University School of Law.



**Professor Martha Thibaut, Loyola College of Law**

Professor Thibaut joined the law faculty in 2023 after serving as a long-term judicial law clerk to Associate Justice Scott J. Crichton and previously practicing at the law firm of Fishman Haygood LLP, where her work focused on mergers and acquisitions and tax-subsidized corporate finance. Prior to law school, she taught English in France as an Assistant de Langue for the French Embassy.

While at the Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Professor Thibaut served as the Articles Editor to the Louisiana Law Review, was named the National Association of Women Lawyers' Outstanding Law Student, and aided in research of developmental trends in the Delaware Court of Chancery related to mergers and acquisitions for Professor Christina Sautter.

Professor Thibaut teaches in the areas of Obligations (Contracts), Property, and Security Rights. She studies how property and commercial laws can be adapted to address environmental demands. Her studies are often comparative in nature, analyzing the strengths and weaknesses of both American Common Law and the modern European civilian traditions, particularly that of France and, by its influence, Louisiana. Professor Thibaut's research is enhanced by her knowledge of both the civilian and common legal traditions.

In professional and academic circles, Professor Thibaut is a member of the council of the Louisiana State Law Institute, for which she serves on the Executive Committee, and is a member of the Executive Committee of the Commercial and Consumer Laws Section of the American Association of Law Schools.



**The Honorable Kurt D. Engelhardt, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit**

Kurt D. Engelhardt was sworn in as a judge on the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals on May 15, 2018. Judge Engelhardt is based in New Orleans, Louisiana, at the John Minor Wisdom U.S. Court of Appeals Building.

Prior to serving as a judge on the Fifth Circuit, Judge Engelhardt served as a judge on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana since December 14, 2001. On October 1, 2015, he became Chief United States District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, a position he held until joining the United States Fifth Circuit.

Judge Engelhardt attended Brother Martin High School in New Orleans, where he graduated with honors in 1978. He attended Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, from which he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in history in 1982. Judge Engelhardt earned his J.D. from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University, graduating in May of 1985.

After graduating from law school, Judge Engelhardt clerked for Judge Charles Grisbaum, Jr. of the Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal, located in Gretna, Louisiana. He then practiced law with the law firms of Little, Metzger and Lamz (APLC) and Hailey, McNamara, Hall, Larmann & Papale. He became a partner at Hailey, McNamara and practiced there until his confirmation to the federal bench in December 2001.

In 1995, Judge Engelhardt was appointed by the Governor to serve a four-year term on the nine-member Louisiana Judiciary Commission. In 1998, he was elected by his fellow

commission members to serve as Chairman, in which capacity he presided over the Commission's trials of formal charges lodged against sitting state judges. His work on the Judiciary Commission has been cited for its excellence by the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Judge Engelhardt is a member of the Advisory Board of the New Orleans Chapter of the Federalist Society; a past member of the United States Judicial Conference Committee on Federal-State Jurisdiction; a member of the Board of Directors (and past president) of the New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association; a member of the American Judicature Society; and a member of the Federal Circuit Bar Association. He has served on the Fifth Circuit's Criminal Pattern Jury Instruction Committee, charged with updating and/or drafting pattern jury instructions for district judges within the jurisdiction of the United States Fifth Circuit. Recently, he was appointed by Fifth Circuit Chief Judge Carl Stewart to chair the Circuit's Judicial Impairment Protocol Committee, established to create a framework for the judiciary to internally address disabilities of all types that may impact a judge's ability to handle his/her docket.

Judge Engelhardt is also a member of the American Bar Association, Jefferson Bar Association, Louisiana State Bar Association, New Orleans Bar Association, and the Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity. Judge Engelhardt serves on the Board of Directors of the Cancer Association of Greater New Orleans.

## VI. Tuition and Enrollment

- Registration Deposit: **\$300.00**, due upon application
- Tuition Fee: **\$1,250.00 per credit hour**, due on May 1, 2026  
Total Tuition Cost for Deposit + Three Classes: **\$4,050.00**

- **Fees and Deposits are non-refundable.**

- The deposit covers the following:
  - All course texts and materials
  - Student health insurance for the entirety of the program
  - Taverna night and tour
  - Academic tours in Spetses
  - Pre-departure meeting.
- **Tuition is due on May 1, 2026. Tuition cannot be refunded after May 1, 2026. Students are not allowed to drop courses after May 1, 2026.** If you have special financial circumstances and need to request a different payment schedule, please contact the Program Director (Dean Mary Garvey Algero) ASAP.
- For students taking financial aid for this program, please note that your tuition will automatically be paid when your funds arrive. Therefore, you do not need to adhere to the May 1, 2026, tuition payment deadline.

## VII. Financial Aid

- Financial Aid is available to cover all program-related costs, as long as the student is enrolled in at least 3 academic credit hours during the summer semester, abroad and domestic combined.
- We are currently accepting applications for financial aid. **To begin the application process, you must complete and return the summer abroad financial aid form (“BLUESHEET”) to the Program Assistants (Dena or Nolan), either in person or by email. We will provide the Office of Law Financial Aid and Scholarships with a copy of all student forms at the appropriate time, and that office will handle the process from there, including notifying you of any steps you must take to ensure direct deposit of your refund.**
- If you have federal direct loan eligibility left from the academic period 8/25 – 5/26, you may apply for it. Please confirm eligibility with the Office of Law Financial Aid and Scholarships.
- **If you are also attending domestic summer school at Loyola, you need to see the Office of Law Financial Aid and Scholarships, as there is an additional form that must be completed:** <https://secure.loyno.edu/finance/student-finance/refund-request.php>.
- Please go to the following website to **SUBMIT A REFUND REQUEST** after we inform you that forms have been turned in to financial aid:  
<https://secure.loyno.edu/finance/student-finance/refund-request.php>  
**Funds are not received by Loyola until 10 days before classes begin, and refunds are not issued to student accounts until several days after that, once tuition is paid and Loyola personnel are able to verify and handle all parts of the processing of remaining funds to ensure accurate distribution. If a student has properly requested the refund to be delivered by direct deposit, which we strongly encourage, funds will be deposited there. Otherwise, a refund check will be mailed to the address on file. PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ADDRESS ON LORA, AS AN INACCURATE ADDRESS MAY DELAY YOUR REFUND.**
- **There will be no advances given for summer school.** Since financial aid disbursements vary, all deposits and transportation costs must be handled by the student in advance.

## VIII. Academic Policies

- The Spetses Summer Legal Studies Program is an academic program of Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. Faculty members from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law and Aristotle University of Thessaloniki Faculty of Law teach in the program. The Director of the program is Dean Mary Garvey Algero from Loyola University New Orleans College of Law.
- Loyola's general academic policies apply to foreign programs. Thus, students must attend a minimum of 80% of all classes, though due to the concentrated format of the program **students are expected to attend all classes**. The final grade in each course will be awarded on the traditional A through F (+, -) scale.
- Loyola students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.20 or above (by the program start date) to participate. We expect 25-35 students to attend the program.
- Applicants should be aware that participation in foreign programs cannot generally be used to accelerate graduation.

## IX. Conditions of Enrollment

- YOUR ENROLLMENT WILL BE NOT COMPLETE AND YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE PROGRAM UNTIL ALL REQUIRED FORMS AND PASSPORT COPIES ARE SUBMITTED.
- Bureaucrats can make things difficult for those who ignore the forms, so please submit the necessary items promptly.
- Loyola University New Orleans will purchase medical insurance that covers medical evacuation, repatriation, and emergencies abroad for June 15 - June 28, 2026. Since it is essential that students have medical insurance and medical evacuation insurance that covers them during their entire stay, you must purchase health and hospitalization insurance which is applicable overseas, including insurance coverage for emergency medical evacuation and repatriation of remains, if you plan to stay outside of the program dates. We obtain student health insurance through the [Lewer Agency](#). Please contact Tori Luwisch-deLaurel ([valuwisc@loyno.edu](mailto:valuwisc@loyno.edu)) if you would like more information on the Lewer Agency.

ITEM DUE	FORM TYPE	DUE DATE	DESCRIPTION
Study Abroad Student Release Form <b>(YELLOW FORM)</b>	<b>MANDATORY</b>	<b>April 1, 2026</b>	This form states that you are required to conduct yourself in a manner that will comply with the rules and regulations listed in the Loyola University New Orleans Student Handbook, all specific program policies, and any other rules given to you during this program and all laws of all cities and countries we visit. Your conduct abroad is governed by the Student Handbook of Loyola University New Orleans, including but not limited to Chapter 3 "Policies Governing Student Behavior." Loyola University New Orleans, through its program director(s), authorized representative(s), employee(s), and/or agent(s) has the authority to discontinue your participation in the program, if in their judgment, your conduct is unacceptable.
Handbook Certification Form <b>(RED FORM)</b>	<b>MANDATORY</b>	<b>April 1, 2026</b>	This form certifies that you have read the 2026 Spetses Summer Legal Studies Handbook, and that you accept full responsibility for making the transportation, hotel, and other reservations necessary for this extended trip to Greece.
Passport Copy <b>(ORANGE FORM)</b>	<b>MANDATORY</b>	<b>ASAP</b>	Please submit a copy of the photo page of your passport, clearly displaying your name and passport number. The copy may be in B/W or color. You may

			send a passport copy via email or fax, as long as the photo and passport number is clearly legible.
Spetses Housing Form <b>(GREEN FORM)</b>	<b>MANDATORY</b>	<b>April 1, 2026</b>	Please submit this form so that Loyola may arrange accommodations for you at the base hotel. Please be sure to indicate your roommate preference, if applicable; otherwise you will be randomly paired with a roommate of the same gender. Single rooms are also available. Your contract is with the hotel. Loyola College of Law has no involvement in this contract. We only handle your reservation and roommate request.
Letter of Good Standing	<b><u>MANDATORY FOR VISITING STUDENTS ONLY</u></b>	<b>May 1, 2026</b>	Please arrange for the Dean or Registrar of your law school to send a letter certifying that you have completed one academic year of legal studies, are currently in good standing, and are eligible to re-enroll in the law school. Please have this letter emailed to <a href="mailto:spetses@loyno.edu">spetses@loyno.edu</a> .
Summer Abroad Financial Aid Request Form <b>(BLUE FORM)</b>	<b>OPTIONAL</b>	<b>ASAP</b>	Please submit the financial aid request form if you wish to apply for aid funds to cover the costs of the Spetses program. PLEASE SEE ASSISTANT DEAN TORI LUWISCH-DELAUREAL TO RECEIVE YOUR MAXIMUM LOAN AMOUNT.  <b>Please return this form to Program Assistants (Dena or Nolan), NOT the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. We provide all student forms for this program in one batch to the Office of Financial Aid.</b>

## X. Spetses Housing

We use the Spetses Hotel as the program headquarters because of its conference rooms for program classes, modern rooms, excellent service, provided meals, and superior location (on the beach front, a 10-minute walk from the city center). **The daily rates set forth below include an extensive breakfast buffet every day as well as the choice of lunch or dinner, all fees, taxes, tips, and gratuity for the hotel staff, and Wi-Fi access.**

Email: [info@spetseshotel.gr](mailto:info@spetseshotel.gr)

Website: <https://www.spetses-hotel.gr/en/>; Address: Spetses, 180 50, Greece; Phone: +30 22980 72602; Fax: +30 22980 72494.

We *very strongly encourage* all students to stay at the Spetses Hotel, as it is convenient for you and because your presence there helps us to foster a healthy group dynamic. Should someone wish to seek accommodations elsewhere, we are available to answer questions and provide guidance.

Please note that any student not staying at the Spetses Hotel will be subject to a \$100 surcharge for the use of class and study space within the hotel.

As always, please feel free to contact the Spetses TAs with any questions.

To reserve a single or shared double or triple room, please complete and return the Base Hotel Reservation Form (included in your supplementary documents packet) to the Program Assistants by April 1, 2026.

BASE HOTEL	Price*
Standard Rooms:	<b>Single</b> □ € 165 per day <b>Double</b> □ € 117 per person / per day <b>Triple</b> □ € 104 per person / per day
Sea View Rooms:	<b>Single</b> □ € 279 per day <b>Double</b> □ € 173 per day / per person <b>Triple</b> □ € 149 per day / per person

**\*The daily rates set forth above include an extensive breakfast buffet every day as well as the choice of lunch or dinner, all fees, taxes, tips, and gratuity for the hotel staff, and Wi-Fi access.**

### Some Additional Information about the Spetses Hotel

The faculty, staff, and students will stay at the Spetses Hotel, where all classes are held. The Spetses Hotel is a modern, fully air-conditioned hotel at the oceanfront, just a five-minute taxi ride or a ten-minute walk from the center of the city (the village of Dapia). The 4-star hotel offers 77 standard and premium rooms in two buildings. All rooms include an ensuite bathroom, hot water, a mini bar, a telephone, and a hairdryer. The Spetses Hotel offers complimentary high speed wireless or cable Internet service. Certain athletic facilities are nearby, and the hotel has its own private beach area.

Transportation from the Spetses Hotel to the port or around the island is readily available and relatively inexpensive.

Students may choose to rent a bike, moped, or four-wheeler for the duration of their stay in Spetses, or even just for a day to ride around the island (the total journey takes about two hours). mopeds, ATVs, and mountain bikes are available to rent per hour or for the day.

A [local bus](#) stops in front of the hotel, taking passengers around the island and to the city center; the roundtrip bus journey is about € 6.00. The bus schedule will be posted right outside of the Spetses Hotel.

[Horse drawn carriages](#) are also available, usually transporting visitors from the port of Dapia to the local hotels, scenic locations such as the Old Harbor, etc. The price for short journeys ranges from € 5.00 – € 15.00, but students should always confirm the rate before boarding a carriage.

There are also [water taxis](#) that dock at the hotel's seawall. Students can request a water taxi at the hotel's front desk. The cost is about € 8.00 per person per trip. Students take water taxis to the Old Harbor some evenings to enjoy the music clubs.

There are a very limited number of [car taxis](#) stationed at Dapia. A taxi ride from the hotel to the center of the city (Dapia) costs approximately € 5.00 – € 7.00. Again, you can have the hotel reception call a cab for you.

**Finally, please note that the hotel provides free transportation from the ferry dock to the hotel upon a guest's arrival. To take advantage of this convenient service, please be sure to communicate your ferry arrival time to the hotel reception. Also, please note that the same service is available for hotel guests upon their departure – just advise the reception of your departure time.** Please plan accordingly as multiple people may be leaving at the same time. Coordinate with the onsite TAs for more information.

The hotel provides laundry and dry cleaning services through the laundromat in town; however, students may find it cheaper and faster to take their laundry to the laundromat themselves. You will find information regarding local laundromats on the bulletin board at the Spetses Hotel. ***Note: If you use the local laundry service, please be sure to clearly state whether you want your clothes washed/folded or washed/pressed – this makes a huge difference in the cost of the service!***

The secured hotel rate includes breakfast and either lunch or dinner daily. Tap water, coffee, and juices are offered with breakfast; tap water is offered with dinner. You must pay extra for bottled water, soft drinks, wine, beer, and mixed drinks; please note, however, that the hotel offers the Loyola Group a generous discount on all beverages. The Spetses Hotel may not be able to accommodate special dietary demands, other than a vegetarian diet. If you are a vegetarian, you may choose salads, veggie dips, and cooked vegetables from the hotel's menu.

Our rooms at the base hotel will be reserved from Sunday, June 14 to Saturday, June 27, 2026. You should plan to leave Spetses on Saturday, June 27, 2026, after exams or on Sunday, June 28, 2026. Please indicate your dates on the hotel form, especially if you plan to arrive before June 14 or after June 27.

**We recommend that you arrive in Athens no later than Saturday, June 13, 2026.**

**Students usually spend the evening of June 13 in Athens, taking a morning hydrofoil/ferry to Spetses on June 14, 2026. If you have never flown to Europe, please be mindful of the jet lag and the possibility of flight delays. Again, ask your TAs for travel assistance when planning. Students often plan to sightsee in Athens for 2-3 days, either before or after the program. This city is an extraordinary city full of life, history, architecture, and antiquities.**

Students should plan to arrive in Spetses no later than the afternoon on June 14, 2026. **Our welcome and orientation sessions, which all students and faculty members are expected to attend, will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 14.** Faculty and staff will be introduced, a general overview of the island will be given, and options for day trips and the weekend excursion will be explained. We will also hold a reception with lawyers who are part of our CLE program.

**If you book a room at the base hotel, you are obligated to stay the full session at the hotel. We have to make this arrangement in order to obtain the group rate and the use of classrooms in the hotel.**

**Once you submit your Spetses Hotel reservation form to the Program Assistants (Dena or Nolan), the form will be forwarded to the Hotel. Please make sure to complete the entire form and enter the credit card information. Please note that the hotel will charge your card for 2 nights in order to reserve your room. The remainder of your accommodation balance will be paid upon check-out from the hotel (Euros and credit cards will be accepted). Please contact the Hotel directly if you have any questions concerning their refund policy. We will probably send an additional form from the hotel for you to complete as we get closer to travel.**

The cost of accommodations is stated in Euros rather than U.S. dollars. This means that the fluctuation of the currency may slightly increase or decrease the cost of hotel accommodations. You will be charged in Euros and your credit card company or bank will convert the Euro charge into U.S. dollars.

It is permissible to have a person who is not enrolled in the program stay with you, provided each person is registered as a guest and pays for the stay. **Greek law forbids unregistered guests from staying in the rooms of registered guests. This law is rigorously enforced by the police and all hotels. The violation of this law is a misdemeanor and a breach of the contract between the hotel and the registered guest justifying eviction. If persons who are not registered guests wish to stay at the hotel, they will need to submit their passport to the hotel for registration and pay for the night's stay.**

Note that the Spetses Hotel does not guarantee the availability of a roommate for a double room. If you do not have a roommate, you should expect to be charged the single room rate.

If you are seeking a roommate for any accommodations, please consider the following options:

- **The Spetses Email List**

When you register for the program, you will automatically be subscribed to the Spetses Gmail account Email List. We will send important information through this email account; be sure you are receiving these emails.

- **Spetses 2026 GroupMe Chat**

If you have not been added to the Spetses 2026 GroupMe Chat, please contact the Spetses TAs.

## **XI. Athens Tour & Optional Weekend Excursion**

### Athens Tour

- Touring Athens, either on your own or with a group, is wonderful. Finding walking and bus tours online, as well as do-it-yourself itineraries, is simple. We will provide some recommendations, and the TAs will work with attendees to facilitate students and guests touring Athens together.
- If you plan on touring Athens and would like information about going on a tour with other group members on either Friday, June 12, or Saturday, June 13, email the Program Assistants (Dena or Nolan) and let them know. Feel free to contact Dean Algero as well to discuss locations and recommended activities.
- When you stay in Athens, we recommend that you select a hotel or an AirBnB located in the very center of Athens, around Syntagma Square or near the Acropolis and Plaka. Omonia Square is also right in the center, but it is not a very attractive location. Hotels in Glyfada and Vouliagmeni are too far away. Hotels in Kolonaki are notably expensive. AirBnB is a good option in Athens, and there are many apartments for rent located in Plaka and other tourist areas. An AirBnB can be a more affordable option for a group of students.
- If you choose to stay at a hotel, we specifically recommend the following hotels:

#### Philippos Hotel

- Address: 3 Mitseon Street 11742 Athens
- Website: [www.philippohotel.gr/main.php](http://www.philippohotel.gr/main.php)
- Phone: +30 210 922 3611-4
- Fax: +30 210 922 3615
- Email: [philippos@herodion.gr](mailto:philippos@herodion.gr)

#### Athens Gate Hotel

- Address: 10 Syngrou Avenue 11742 Athens
- Website: [www.athensgate.gr](http://www.athensgate.gr)
- Phone: +30 210 923 8302
- Fax: +30 210 923 7493
- Email: [info@athensgate.gr](mailto:info@athensgate.gr)

#### Hera Hotel

- Address: 9 Falirou 11742 Athens
- Website: [www.herahotel.gr/](http://www.herahotel.gr/)

- Phone: +30 210 923 6682, +30 210 923 5618
- Fax: +30 210 923 8269
- Email: [info@herahotel.gr](mailto:info@herahotel.gr)

### Middle Saturday Excursion

- We will arrange for a “Classical Tour of Greece” to the Peloponnese Region of mainland Greece—a one-day excursion on **Saturday, June 20, 2026**. All students, faculty, family, and friends are welcome to join the group for this excursion. This tour is an excellent way to tour some mainland Greece sites outside of the city of Athens.
- The group will depart Spetses on **Saturday morning, June 20**. Water taxis will transfer the group to Kosta, a 5-minute boat ride away from the hotel; there, an air-conditioned coach will collect the group. Our first stop will be in **Epidavros** (aka: Epidauros), home to the Ancient Epidauros Theatre (a 4th century BC landmark known for its extraordinary acoustics). The group will next proceed to **Nafplion**, the first capital of Greece, which is peppered with neoclassical houses and picturesque streets. We will also visit the Venetian fortress of Palamidi, located above the town of Nafplion. Students will have the opportunity to relax and do a bit of souvenir shopping before returning to Spetses that evening. We ordinarily tour a Greek Winery on this trip as well, either before or after visiting Nafplion.
- The cost of this excursion is the responsibility of the participants. The **approximate** cost for roundtrip transportation is € 20-40 per person, depending on how many people attend.
- Students should note that meals and admission to sites and museums are not included in the rate listed above and that students are responsible for these costs. Students should bring their student ID cards with them to receive reduced rates at the Ancient Epidauros Theatre.
- **Students and others will have the opportunity to sign up for the one-day excursion at the program orientation in Spetses, though we will ask for a headcount for planning purposes during April. We will provide students with the final cost of the excursion once we know how many people are attending. Students will be responsible for submitting payment to the Program Administrator within the first week of the program.**

## XII. Passport Information

- Traveling to Greece requires a Passport (but no visa for U.S. citizens). Please see the following website for more information:  
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html>
- You must apply in person for a U.S. passport if
  - You are applying for a U.S. passport for the first time
  - Your previous passport was lost or stolen
  - Your previous passport was issued when you were under age 16

Your previous U.S. passport has expired

Your previous passport was issued more than 15 years ago

Your name has changed since your U.S. passport was issued and you are unable to legally document your name change

- To apply in person for a U.S. passport, you will need the following items:

Item Needed	Information
Form DS-11 Application for Passport	The form is available online, here: <a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/how-apply/forms.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/how-apply/forms.html</a> . You may fill out this form in advance to save time upon arrival at the passport acceptance facility. However, this form must be presented and signed in person at the passport acceptance facility. Please be sure to provide your SSN.
Proof of U.S. Citizenship (one of the following)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Previously issued, undamaged U.S. Passport</li><li>• Certified birth certificate issued by the city, county or state</li><li>• Consular Report of Birth Abroad or Certification of Birth</li><li>• Naturalization Certificate</li><li>• Certificate of Citizenship</li></ul>
Proof of Identity (one of the following)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Previously issued, undamaged U.S. passport</li><li>• Naturalization Certificate</li><li>• Valid Driver's License</li><li>• Current Government ID (city, state or federal)</li><li>• Current Military ID (military and dependents)</li></ul>
Photocopy of the Identification Document(s) Presented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Photocopy must be on plain white, 8 1/2 x 11" standard paper stock, showing the front and the back of your ID.</li><li>• Photocopy must contain images on only one-side of each page submitted.</li><li>• If copies cannot be made on the same side of one page, you may present two separate pages; one displaying the front of the ID and the second displaying the back of the ID.</li><li>• The paper should be free of other images and/or markings.</li><li>• The 8 1/2 x 11" paper size cannot be substituted with a larger or smaller size paper, even if the alternative folds down to the 8 1/2 x 11" size.</li><li>• You may enlarge the image of your ID on the 8 1/2 x 11" page, but you may not decrease the size of the image.</li></ul>
One Passport Photograph	- Please be sure to adhere to the Passport Photo Requirements. We recommend that you obtain your pictures from Walgreens, CVS, or AAA auto club offices. The cost for two pictures is approximately \$10.00.
The Applicable Fee	- The Passport fees, additional execution fees, and expedited fees can be found on the website.

## XIII. Travel Arrangements and Transportation

### A. Travel Safety

Please consult the [State Department Consular Information Report](#) for more information on travel safety in Greece. We will discuss travel safety in detail at the Spetses Pre-Departure Orientation Meeting (to be held in April).

### B. Flights, Arrival in Athens, Traveling to Spetses

#### 1. Flights

We encourage you to make your flight arrangements as soon as we notify you that you may go ahead and do so. You may want to sign up for a service such as Google flight alerts, which will notify you of the ups and downs of prices on an itinerary/itineraries you select. Tuesdays and Wednesdays are usually cheaper days to fly.

Several major airlines offer flights to Athens at or about \$1,300-\$2,000, give or take, depending on when you purchase and how you book your flight, i.e., straight to Athens from the U.S., through another city or cities, etc. If you have never flown out of the country before, please see a TA or Dean Algero for assistance. **Loyola is unable to reimburse students for the cost of a flight or other travel expenses should the student need to cancel or should circumstances dictate that we cancel the program. Some students consider refundable airline tickets or purchase travel insurance.**

#### 2. Arrival in Athens

Most students will fly into Athens International Airport "Eleftherios Venizelos" (code: ATH). *If you are flying into a different airport, please let Program Assistants know ASAP.*

Once you've collected your baggage, proceed to the taxi stand, call an Uber, or locate the Metro (subway) to Athens. The Uber app in Athens currently calls a taxi for you. Travel from the airport is similar to travel from airports in the U.S.

Provide the driver the name and address of your destination in Athens. The cost of a taxi from the airport to Athens downtown should be € 35-40; a taxi from the airport directly to the Piraeus Port should be € 45-50. To reduce the total cost per student, we recommend that you share a taxi with another program participant or travel partner.

- Please note that according to law, taxicab drivers are entitled to collect a surcharge for airport pick-up and for each piece of luggage carried. These surcharges are not shown on the meter.
- Make sure that the driver has put on the meter – if not, please tell him/her to do so. Keep in mind that there are unscrupulous taxi drivers everywhere, including Greece.

If you plan to arrive in Athens and head straight to the port for travel to Spetses the same day, this website provides details on the various methods for doing so, the time the trip will take, and the cost of the transport:

<https://athens-international-airport.com/airport-transfer-to-piraeus-port/> Options include a public bus, the Metro, or a taxi or Uber. Note the time the trip will take so that you leave yourself sufficient time to make it from the airport to your scheduled ferry. The trip can take more than an hour.

Please see Dena or Nolan for more information on all ways to travel.

○ If you need any assistance, please contact Dena, Nolan, or Dean Algero, and send the TAs your flight itinerary once your booking is final.

### **3. Traveling to Spetses**

Upon arrival at the Port of Piraeus, please have your taxi driver drop you at the Spetses ferry departure point or walk to that area. This will be **Gate E8** (departure gate for the Argosaronic Islands).



Spetses is accessible by ferry and hydrofoil from the Port of Piraeus

- Depending on the type of boat available, the journey from Piraeus to Spetses can take 2 to 3 hours. Some of the larger boats make two or three stops before arriving in Spetses, hence the extra travel time.
- All boats have restrooms on board. The larger boats have small snack counters.
- Travelers will be responsible for loading and unloading their bag(s). These boats are often traveling to another location immediately after dropping passengers at their destinations, so you should collect your bag(s) and disembark the vessel as quickly as possible.
- Tickets are approximately € 50 each way. You may choose to purchase a roundtrip ticket or a one-way ticket. Please note that there is a ticket kiosk available in Spetses, so you may purchase a return ticket at any time. Remember to bring your student ID with you and inquire about reduced price tickets for students.
- Generally, there are six departures from Piraeus to Spetses each day. The first boats usually depart Piraeus around 8:00AM, with final departures around 9:30PM. Also, there are usually five daily departures from Spetses to Piraeus; the first will be around 6:00AM, the last around 6:30PM.
- Most travelers will choose to purchase their tickets online prior to travel. This is the best bet if you wish to guarantee a seat for a certain date and time.
- You may purchase your ticket at the port, but you risk the chance of limited departure times or no availability, especially in the summer.
- In past years, students have used the following websites to order their tickets:

<https://www.hellenicseaways.gr/en-gb>

<https://www.ferryhopper.com/en/blog/how-to/live-ferry-tracking-feature>

<https://www.ferrytracker.net/2017/07/ferry-greece.html>

<https://ferries.greeka.com/>

Remember that the hotel provides complimentary transportation from the ferry dock to the hotel upon a guest's arrival. To take advantage of this convenient service, please be sure to communicate your ferry arrival time to the hotel reception or to the TAs. Also, please note that the same service is available for hotel guests upon their departure – just advise the reception of your departure time. If you choose to walk from the ferry dock to the hotel, the hotel will pick up your luggage from you at the dock and transport it to the hotel, allowing you to explore the town, grab a bite to eat, or just enjoy the spectacular view on the short walk to the hotel. The walk is a beautiful 10-20 minute walk. (When several people arrive on the same ferry, the hotel may transport luggage and suggest that guests walk to the hotel. If you are unable to walk, please let the hotel know that you must ride.)

Just in case you miss the free hotel shuttle, the cost of a taxicab or of a horse drawn carriage for the ride from the port of Dapia to the Spetses Hotel is about € 10.

Finally, please remember to see the Spetses TAs and Dean Algero with any questions or concerns regarding flights, arrivals, or travel to Spetses!

## **II. Miscellaneous**

### **A. Weather and Packing Suggestions**

Like the rest of southern Greece, Spetses has a warm, Mediterranean climate, which is characterized by a lot of sunshine all year long, especially during summer and spring. Summer in Spetses is hot and sunny, and temperatures typically range from 70 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit, warming up in the day and cooling off in the evening.

Classrooms and hotel facilities are air-conditioned.

Students may dress casually for classes and around the hotel and the town during the day. Students should consider packing 2-3 outfits that are fit for an evening reception for special events, such as our opening reception with lawyers and judges, our final Thursday evening celebration, and our visit to the monastery. Examples include casual dresses, skirts, slacks, and nice shirts. Formal business suits are not required or expected.

It will be warm enough to swim in Spetses, every day if you like. Therefore, pack your swimsuit(s) or swim trunks, beach cover ups, and other comfortable beach wear.

Goggles, pool floats, sunscreen, snorkels, masks, flippers, etc. are available to purchase on the island, though you should pack prescription goggles and anything else unique to your needs. Water shoes/water sandals are highly recommended for

comfort because some water bottoms and shores are rocky, and you may want to explore the many varied beaches on the island of Spetses. These types of shoes allow you to walk in and out of the water easily.

Be sure to bring prescription and non-prescription medication you might need. The island has pharmacies should something unexpected arise.

Remember to bring an adapter for U.S. electrical appliances, such as chargers for your phones, tablets, and laptops. (The hotel has hairdryers in each room.)

Airlines sometimes lose luggage, and it may take a couple of days to receive your bags. With this in mind, be sure to pack a change of clothes (or two), some basic toiletries, and all prescription medications in your carry-on bag. **We strongly recommend that you travel light.**

## **B. Money and Exchange Information**

The Euro is the official currency of Greece. Check Google for up to date exchange rates. **Beginning your travel to Europe with some Euros in hand is a good practice. You should obtain sufficient Euros to cover your immediate expenses upon arrival in Greece (taxi, tips, etc.)** You can purchase Euros through your bank and through money exchange services, often found in airports. These services charge a fee to exchange dollars for Euros, so you may want to research the best deals. Make a plan to secure cash in advance of your travel.

Credit and debit cards are accepted pretty widely while traveling in Greece, though some businesses insist on or prefer cash. Bring an ATM card for easy access to cash should you need it. There are banks centrally located in Spetses and Athens with ATM machines. You should check with your bank for further information concerning withdrawals, fees, etc. **The ATM at many banks is the most convenient way to obtain cash while traveling. However, you should use a debit card to withdraw money – doing so with a credit card is much more expensive. You should obtain a debit card (if you do not already have one) if you plan to use ATMs.**

Also, banks and commercial money exchanges will cash American Express traveler's checks, though debit cards, credit cards, and cash tend to be more convenient.

**You should note that unofficial currency exchanges are illegal. Also, you stand a good chance of being cheated if you engage in sidewalk money transactions.**

## **C. Technology**

We recommend that you use your laptop or tablet in class for course materials or be sure to print out your course materials before you leave the U.S. Exams may be handwritten or taken on your computer.

Students will be personally responsible for any and all electronics they bring to Greece.

The Spetses Hotel provides free internet access, but you should note that this access may be slower than what our students are accustomed to.

#### **D. Phone Calls, Mail, Time Change**

Determine how you will keep in touch with family and friends while in Greece before you leave the U.S. U.S. carriers often provide options for international plans. Additionally, many travel expert websites provide up-to-date tips for the best ways to communicate while traveling internationally, so be sure to check these websites to determine the best plan for you.

Many students download the WhatsApp or Viber applications to their phones prior to traveling abroad. Both apps allow users with different carriers and devices to call, text, and exchange photo messages without paying SMS fees.

As long as you have internet access, you can use Skype for free or for just cents per minute, as well as Facetime.

Finally, please note that Greece is 8 hours ahead of New Orleans (Central Daylight Time), so plan calls accordingly.

#### **E. Tipping**

Please remember that our rate at the Spetses Hotel includes breakfast plus either lunch or dinner daily, as well as all tips for these meals, so you need not tip staff at each meal.

As a general rule, tipping is not obligatory in Europe like it is in the U.S., though it is appreciated. You might tip 5-10% on meals, round up your bill for transportation to the next Euro, and leave 1 or 2 Euros for portage and room cleaning.

#### **F. Restaurant and Entertainment Recommendations**

Though the group will enjoy most meals at the Spetses Hotel, the island offers our group many dining and entertainment options.

There are several shops, cafes, and restaurants located on the same street as the hotel. You can purchase snacks and sundries at the shops. The Havana Club and the Mosquito Cafe and Bar include music and nightlife as well as food, and they are just a few minutes walk from the hotel. Also, a few restaurants will deliver food to the hotel. The hotel also has a snack bar near the water.

The port of Dapia, the island's center of activity, is located just a 10 minute walk from the hotel. There, you will find many cafes, full service restaurants, ice cream and

yogurt shops, music clubs, pubs, gourmet shops, souvenir shops, clothing and jewelry boutiques, a laundromat, a cinema, antique shops, banks and ATMs, travel agencies, etc.

Just a short walk from Dapia is the island's Old Harbor area, which includes many cafes, restaurants, and music clubs. Almost every venue offers a lovely view of the many yachts, fishing boats, and other sailing vessels docked in the harbor. Last year, many students took water taxis to the Old Harbor in the evenings to enjoy live music and gorgeous sunsets!

We encourage you to visit the following websites to explore specific dining and entertainment recommendations in Spetses:

- <https://www.greeka.com/saronic/spetses/>
- <https://www.visitgreece.gr/islands/saronic-islands/spetses/>

Additionally, the Spetses Classic Regatta will be held from June 17-20, 2026, which will bring extra fun and events to the island, not to mention the beautiful boats that will surround the island.

**All forms below must be filled out and turned in to Dena or Nolan as soon as possible.**

**Lastly, prepare yourself for one of the best adventures of your life!**

## Spetses Document Packet

Please complete, sign, and email the following forms to the Spetses TAs at [spetses@loyno.edu](mailto:spetses@loyno.edu)

What's Included:	Form:	Due Date:
Student Study Abroad Release Form	Yellow Form	MANDATORY BY APRIL 1, 2026
Handbook Certification Form	Red Form	MANDATORY BY APRIL 1, 2026
Spetses Housing Reservation Form	Green Form	MANDATORY BY APRIL 1, 2026
Passport Copy	Orange Form	MANDATORY Turn in ASAP
Study Abroad Financial Aid Request Form	Blue Form	OPTIONAL Complete & Return ASAP

## **Student Study Abroad Release (YELLOW FORM)**

### **LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS STUDY ABROAD STUDENT RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, INSURANCE, AND RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

In consideration of my being permitted to participate as a student in a Loyola Study Abroad/Exchange Program, administered by Loyola University New Orleans, I do hereby release Loyola University New Orleans, its Board of Trustees, officers, agents, affiliates and/or employees from liability related to my participation in the Program and assume the risk as follows:

1. I understand that on rare occasions an emergency may develop which necessitates the administration of medical care, hospitalization, or surgery. Therefore, in the event of injury or illness to myself, I hereby authorize Loyola, by and through its authorized representative(s), employee(s), or agent(s) in charge of this program to secure transportation and/or medical treatment deemed needed and necessary, including but not limited to medical evacuation, administration of anesthesia, surgery, and/or repatriation. It is understood that such transportation and/or medical treatment shall be solely at my expense, and I agree to reimburse Loyola for any expenses that it might suffer on account of this injury, illness, transportation, medical treatment and/or related matters.

Any health care provider rendering health care pursuant to this authorization shall be entitled to treatment consents given by the Loyola representative(s), employee(s), or agent(s). Treatment consents given by such person(s) are in the same manner as if given by the undersigned. A copy of this authorization may be used in place of the original.

2. I expressly agree to indemnify and hold harmless Loyola, its Board of Trustees, its officers, its agents, affiliates, faculty, and/or employees (each in their official and/or individual capacities) from any and all claims and causes of action for damage to or for loss of property, personal illness or injury, and/or death arising out of travel and/or any activity whether or not conducted by, through, or under the control of Loyola with regard to the aforesaid program.

3. I understand that international travel may expose me to serious risks of injury, illness or death, such hazards include, but are not limited to, road travel hazards, terrorist attack, natural disasters, abduction/kidnapping, criminal or sexual assault, communicable illnesses, and the like. Though exposure to these risks is never directly international, I realize that these hazards exist and I absolve Loyola, its Board of Trustees, officers, agents, affiliates, faculty, and/or employees from any responsibility and liability in this regard.

- 4. I acknowledge that my participation in this program is voluntary. I know that I am not required to study in Greece to complete any requirements at Loyola.**
- 5. I understand that as an American (or other) citizen in a foreign country, I will be subject to the laws of that country. I agree to conduct myself in a manner that will comply with these laws and with the rules and regulations listed in the Loyola University New Orleans Student Handbook, all specific program policies, general Study Abroad policies, and any other rules given to me during this program. I understand that my conduct abroad is governed by the Student Handbook of Loyola University New Orleans, through its Program Director(s), authorized representative(s), employee(s), and/or agent(s) has the authority to discontinue my participation in the program, if in their judgment, my conduct is unacceptable.**
- 6. I further understand that I am solely responsible for any and all costs arising out of my voluntary or involuntary withdrawal from the program prior to its completion, including but not limited to withdrawal caused by illness or disciplinary action by representative(s) of Loyola. I understand that Loyola retains the right to change the program, including the itinerary, travel arrangements or accommodations, at any time for any reason and that the University will not be responsible for losses or expenses. Loyola also retains the right to cancel the program at any time and require the participants to return to the U.S. if conditions in the host country pose heightened potential danger to the student.**
- 7. Opportunities for individual travel are plentiful. However, I understand that Loyola undertakes no responsibility or liability for the participant when he/she is traveling during the course of the study abroad program, nor for the participant's independent travel before the beginning or after the close of the program.**
- 8. I understand that Loyola University New Orleans has purchased medical insurance that covers medical evacuation, repatriation and emergencies abroad for the specific dates of the program. Since it is essential that students have medical insurance and medical evacuation insurance that covers them during their entire stay, if I plan to stay outside of the program dates, I certify that I have health and hospitalization insurance which is applicable overseas, including insurance coverage for emergency medical evacuation and repatriation of remains.**
- 9. I understand that air travel and visits to foreign countries may pose an increased risk of exposure to COVID-19 and other illnesses.**

**10. I have read and understand the above provisions and agree to be bound thereby.**

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**Participant Printed Name      Witness Printed Name**

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**Participant Signature              Witness Signature**

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**Date                                      Date**

**12. Please list and explain any conditions or needs (medical or otherwise) that may require special attention during the summer program:**

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**13. Emergency Contact Numbers (You must have TWO):**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Handbook Certification Form (RED FORM)**

**PLEASE SIGN THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE SPETSES TAs BY April 1, 2026.**

I hereby certify that I have read the 2026 Spetses Summer Legal Studies Handbook, and that I accept full responsibility for making the transportation, hotel, and other reservations and arrangements necessary for this extended trip to Europe.

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**Signature**

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**Printed Name**

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**Date**

# Spetses Housing Reservation Form (GREEN FORM)

## **Spetses Hotel**

Spetses Island, 180 50 Greece

info@spetseshotel.gr

tel. (+30) 229-807-2602

## **Spetses Summer Legal Studies Program**

Loyola University College of Law

June 14 – June 27, 2026

***Please read the information on the next pages before you complete this form and the form from the Spetses Hotel.***

**Your Full Name (as shown on your passport):**

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**Booking Details:** What room would you like to book?

**Standard Room (Partial Sea View)**  **Sea View Room**

**Single Room**  **Double Room**

**My roommate is: (full name of roommate):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Triple Room**

**My roommates are (full names of roommates):**

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please note: Your roommate(s) must also submit an individual booking form)*

**Arrival Date:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Departure Date:**

\_\_\_\_\_



## **Accommodation Information, Rates, and Terms**

### **Program Venue and Accommodation**

The program is hosted on the picturesque Greek island of Spetses, which is a 2-3 hour hydrofoil ride from the capital city of Athens. Please contact the Program Director or the Program Assistants for information and tips concerning your travel to Spetses from the U.S.

The faculty and students will stay at the Spetses Hotel, where all classes will be held. Although students are free to make their own accommodation arrangements, virtually all students choose to stay at the Hotel and take advantage of the competitive rates and services secured by Loyola.

The Spetses Hotel is a modern, fully air-conditioned beach-front hotel. The 4-star hotel offers 77 rooms in two buildings. All rooms include en-suite bathroom, air conditioning, telephone, and hairdryer. The Spetses Hotel offers free wireless internet service. Certain athletic facilities are near-by, and the hotel is located over its own private beach. The hotel has its own restaurant, with breakfast and either lunch OR dinner per day included in the Loyola room rate, while several restaurants and tavernas are within walking distance (see <http://www.spetses-hotel.gr/en>).

The hotel is a 10-minute walk from the port and center of the island, the Dapia. A taxi ride to the town center costs approximately 7 Euros. Students may also choose to rent a bicycle or a scooter to ride around the island. Picturesque horse-drawn carriages are readily available, and there are also water taxis, which dock at the hotel's seawall.

You should schedule your travel so that you arrive on the island of Spetses on or before Sunday, June 14, to attend our welcome reception at 6:00 p.m. and our mandatory orientation session that follows the reception at 7:00 p.m.

### **Room Rates at the Spetses Hotel**

The room rates for 13 nights (arrival Sunday, June 14, and departure Saturday, June 27) per person are as follows shown in Euros. The converted dollar amounts based on the international currency exchange rate on 1/12/26 is also shown to give you an idea of the cost in dollars. The actual cost in dollars will fluctuate based on the exchange rate at the time of the stay. The exchange rate used for these figures is 1.1670.

#### **Standard Room:**

- Single Room: 2,145 Euros (room and board @ 165 Euros per day) (approximately \$2,502.97) ●
- Double Room: 1,521 Euros (room and board @ 117 Euros per night per person) (approximately

\$1,774.93) • Triple Room: 1,248 Euros (room and board @ 104 Euros per night per person) (approximately \$1,577.85)

### **Sea View Room:**

• Single Room: 3,627 Euros (room and board @ 279 Euros per day) (approximately \$4,232.70) • Double Room: 2,249 Euros (room and board @ 173 Euros per night per person) (approximately \$2,624.32) • Triple Room: 1,937 Euros (room and board @ 149 Euros per night per person) (approximately \$2,260.26)

#### Please note:

- Sea View rooms are limited; they will go to the first people to submit hotel forms in the order we receive them until the hotel runs out of these rooms.
- The above prices include all taxes and gratuity for hotel staff @ 7.5% of the total room cost plus some local activities' expenses such as the traditional Taverna Night with boat tour (includes food, wine, music, and boat tour), bus to the Monastery of Agioi Pantes (All Saints), and wine during the banquet.
- The cost of accommodation is stated in Euros rather than in U.S. Dollars. This means that the fluctuation of the currency rate may increase or decrease your cost of hotel accommodation. You will be charged in Euros and your credit card company or bank will convert the Euro charge into U.S. Dollars. The abovementioned "dollar" amounts are indicative and not final.
- The secured hotel rate includes breakfast and one additional meal per day, either lunch or dinner. This rate does not include drinks with dinner. You must pay extra for bottled water, soft drinks, wine and beer, and items from the mini bar in your room. The Spetses Hotel may not be able to accommodate special dietary demands, other than a vegetarian diet. If you are a vegetarian, you may choose salads and cooked vegetables or legumes from the hotel's menu.
- If you choose a double or triple room, please find roommates. Although the Program Assistants will do their best to assist you in finding a roommate if necessary, if you do not have a roommate, you should expect to be charged the single room rate.
- Students may have persons who are not enrolled in the program as their roommates, provided you and your guest(s) pay the appropriate room rate based on the number of people staying in the room, double or triple. Please be aware that Greek law strictly forbids unregistered guests from staying in the rooms of registered guests. Violation of this law is a misdemeanor and a breach of the contract between the hotel and the registered guest, justifying eviction. If persons who are not registered guests wish to stay at the hotel, they will need to submit their passport to the hotel for registration and pay for the night's stay.
- The hotel provides laundry and dry-cleaning services through the laundromat in town; however, students may find it cheaper and faster to take their laundry to the laundromat

themselves. You will find information regarding local laundromats on the bulletin board at the Spetses Hotel.

- All rooms and all interior spaces at the Spetses Hotel are non-smoking. You may smoke at exterior spaces like balconies, terraces, gardens, and beaches.

### **Booking Form**

Please complete, sign, and return the booking form with the other required forms to Dena or Nolan. Make sure to write your name as it appears on your passport. If you choose a double or triple room, please write the name(s) of your roommate(s). Your roommate(s) must also submit an individual booking form.

Please also write down the precise dates of arrival and departure. The minimum duration of your stay is June 14 - June 27. Students wishing to arrive earlier or extend their stay after the program's conclusion should note this on their forms and they may be asked to contact the hotel directly to secure the same favorable prices, subject to availability.

A credit card is required to secure a room. If you do not have a credit card you may have another person (e.g., your parent) sign as credit card holder. **Upon submitting the Booking Form below, a charge of two nights will be placed on your card account, with full payment upon check out.**

Please note that cancellation is possible up to 21 days prior to the arrival date with a full refund. After that date the entire payment for hotel accommodation is not refundable.

The booking process at the Spetses Hotel is now open, and reservations will be guaranteed for booking forms submitted until April 1, 2026. Booking forms received at a later date will be dealt with subject to availability.

*We look forward to seeing you in Spetses!*

## **Passport Copy Reminder (ORANGE FORM)**

Please submit a copy of the photo page of your passport, clearly displaying your name and passport number. If needed, the TA can assist with making a copy of your passport.

# Study Abroad Financial Aid Request Form (BLUE FORM)

To begin the application process for financial aid, you must complete and return the summer abroad financial aid form (“BLUESHEET”) to the Spetses TAs, Dena or Nolan. They will provide the Office of Law Financial Aid and Scholarships with a copy. Please **DO NOT** bring your blue sheet to the Financial Aid office.

## LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS COLLEGE OF LAW

### SUMMER FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION FOR 2026 INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

THIS IS NOT A LOAN APPLICATION

Student Number:

Date:

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Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

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Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

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Phone Number

Email Address

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**I WILL ATTEND THE COLLEGE OF LAW Spetses, GREECE (June 14 - June 27)**

I UNDERSTAND THAT I MUST ENROLL IN **3 CREDIT HOURS** (OFFICIAL HALF TIME STUDENT STATUS) DURING THE SUMMER TERM **TO QUALIFY FOR A PRIVATE LOAN OR TO QUALIFY FOR A GRADUATE PLUS LOAN**. I AM PURSUING A DEGREE AT LOYOLA, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT I WILL USE THESE FUNDS ONLY FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO PURSUING THAT DEGREE.

**STUDENT SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Important information you will need to input your loan application:**

1. Based on enrollment of credit hours, your maximum loan amount is \_\_\_\_\_

*\* You may enter a specific loan amount, or you can select the "maximum amount." You will receive information on what the maximum loan amount is from the TAs or from the Office of Financial Aid.. \**

2. When applying for your loan please use the following dates: 5/25 – 8/26

3. Have you applied for a summer 2026 loan with William D. Ford Federal Direct Student Loans? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**RULES FOR RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID FOR SUMMER LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAMS**

**1. You must complete and return this BLUESHEET form to the Spetses TAs, Dena Vial or Nolan Lambert.**

2. Depending on # of hours taken and credit permitting, you may borrow either private or Graduate Plus loans.

3. If you are taking 3 or more hours and choose to apply for a Graduate Plus loan, please go to the William D. Ford Federal Direct Student Loans website and apply for the amount requested. The website is [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov).

4. If you have federal direct loan eligibility left from the academic period 8/25 – 5/26, you may apply for it. Please confirm eligibility with the Office of Law Financial Aid and Scholarships.

5. Please go to the following website to APPLY FOR A REFUND and ensure that the proper forms have been submitted for direct deposit into your account of your refund:

• <https://secure.loyno.edu/finance/student-finance/refund-request.php>

o Once the refund request form is submitted and the funds arrive, Student Finance will directly deposit the refund in your bank account (if you have direct deposit). Otherwise, a refund check will be mailed to the local address on file. Please confirm your local address on LORA, as an inaccurate address may delay your refund.

6. If you are also attending domestic summer school at Loyola, please see the Office of Law Financial Aid and Scholarships, as you must complete an additional form.

***7. There will be no “advances” given for summer school. All deposits, transportation costs, and expenses must be handled by the student. If you have any questions, please discuss expectations for receiving your refund with the Office of Financial Aid.***

8. I hereby certify that I have read the rules for receiving financial aid for Summer Legal Studies Programs, and that I accept full responsibility for obtaining aid. I also acknowledge that I will submit the necessary paperwork in a timely manner, as to expedite the loan process.

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Signature & Date

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Printed Name