

# Global Kinesiology & Engineering

HLP 4933 | Class #27967 | Section SA01 | 1 Credit | SP 26

EGN 4932 | Class #27308 | Section GREE | 1 Credit | SP 26

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## Course Info

*This course is known as Global Kinesiology (HLP 4933, HLP 6535) and Global Engineering (EGN 4932, EGN 6933).*

## Course Information

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### OFFICE HOURS

Virtual; available by appointment

### MEETING TIME/LOCATION

This course takes place in-person in Athens, Greece during Spring Break 2026. Access course content through Canvas on [UF e-Learning](#) and the Canvas mobile app by Instructure, for which access ends about one week after the close of the term.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

The UF in Greece – Engineering and Kinesiology short-term study abroad program is designed to introduce students to foundational concepts and career pathways in the areas of kinesiology and engineering via site visits and lectures. Students will also learn about Greek culture in the context of

kinesiology and engineering. The program's curriculum involves both industry and cultural site visits and engages students in reflecting about how Greek society impacts kinesiology and engineering, especially from a historic/classical dimension.

### **PREREQUISITE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS**

Students enrolling in this course must have at least the following minimum technical skills to succeed:

- Using the learning management system, Canvas
- Producing e-mail with attachments and digital signatures
- Using Microsoft Office (e.g., Word, PowerPoint, Excel)
- Using Zoom video conferencing

### **REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED MATERIALS**

There is no required textbook for this course. Any course-related content will be provided via Canvas. Additional material will be accessible through online resources, which are provided at no cost to you if you sign in with the UF VPN. Access to the internet, a computer with functioning webcam, microphone, and speaker (or headphones/earbuds) are required (before and after our week abroad).

### **COURSE FORMAT**

Students will engage in formal learning, participate in cultural and industrial site visits, and partake in active-learning activities. Direct assessments include quizzes, active participation during pre-departure sessions, on-site meetings, live presentation and communication activities, and summary/analysis papers. Indirect assessments include student surveys, informal discussions with program leaders, and feedback from cultural site facilitators.

### **COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Identify, describe, and explain global and intercultural conditions and interdependencies.
2. Analyze and interpret global and intercultural issues.
3. Communicate effectively with members of other cultures.
4. Explore and discuss basic kinesiology and engineering concepts in an international context.

### **CONTENT ATTESTATION**

Instructional materials for this course consist of only those materials specifically reviewed, selected, and assigned by the instructor(s). The instructor(s) is only responsible for these instructional materials.

## **Course & University Policies**

University policies are summarized on the [UF Academic Policies & Resources website](#). This link will direct students to a separate webpage that will provide all required academic policies, such as attendance, grading, personal conduct, DRC and evaluation verbiage, as well as campus academic, health, and wellness resources.

### **ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Students are required to attend all excursions.

## PERSONAL CONDUCT POLICY

University of Florida students are bound by the Honor Pledge. On all work submitted for credit by a student, the following pledge is required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." The [Student Honor Code and Conduct Code \(Regulation 4.040\)](#) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code, as well as the process for reported allegations and sanctions that may be implemented. All potential violations of the code will be reported to Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution. If a student is found responsible for an Honor Code violation in this course, the instructor will enter a Grade Adjustment sanction which may be up to or including failure of the course.

Students are expected to exhibit behaviors that reflect highly upon themselves and our University:

- Read and refer to the syllabus.
- Read and abide by all rules and regulations outlined by UF International Center Study Abroad.
- Please review all announcements for updates – you are required to receive Canvas announcements and respond to Canvas messages and UFL e-mails promptly.
- Arrive to live sessions (e.g., excursions, meetings) on time and ready to appropriately engage.
- Follow the guidelines for appropriate behavior in all environments.
- Adequately prepare for your contributions on the program.
- Show respect for everyone in all engagements.
- UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment." [The Honor Code](#) specifies several behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions.
- You are obliged to report any condition that facilitates academic or honor code misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult the instructor in this class.

## STUDENT COMPUTING POLICY

Access to a fast, secure internet network through a computing device will be necessary for this course, although there will be no graded material during our time abroad that will require a personal computing device aside from a personal mobile phone to engage with the group via messaging platform. Data and roaming services are not included in program costs but may be acquired if and as desired by each student, of course. Complimentary internet should be available at our nightly accommodations.

## MAKE-UP POLICY

Assignments must be submitted by deadlines. Unexcused missed excursions and assignments will result in a grade deduction (e.g., a zero on that excursion and/or assignment). Please do not ask for an accommodation for inappropriate excuses, which include:

- Procrastinated preparation
- Negligence
- Sleeping in
- Missing a meeting time (e.g., flight, train, bus)

- Technological issue due to procrastinated assignment upload

The requirements for make-ups in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found in the [online catalog](#).

### LATE SUBMISSION/EXCURSION POLICY

Late submissions are typically **not** accepted, although some adjustments have been put in place to accommodate for a single first-time mistake on any one assignment or assessment throughout the entire semester (such as technological issues like missing a deadline or uploading an unreadable or incorrect file): a courtesy adjustment may be made under certain circumstances but with a 50% score deduction for that assignment, maintaining fairness and consistency with peers – this must be communicated *immediately* (within 24 hours of the deadline; *not* later than the last official day of classes during the semester). Make-up opportunities for an assignment will be given at the discretion of the instructor. Late attendance (within an hour of original call-time) for excursions will result in a 50% score deduction for that excursion. Please review “Grading” below for late submission or missed assessment policies (outside of documented and excusable scenarios).

### ACCOMMODATING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Please communicate any concerns about accommodation for disabilities with the program director prior to enrollment. Students requesting accommodation for disabilities should register with the [Dean of Students Office](#). Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the instructor when requesting accommodation.

### Getting Help

### STUDY ABROAD

- UF International Center Study Abroad: 352-273-1539
- Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI): 24/7 emergency assistance via AXA Assistance at 855-327-1411 (within United States and 312-935-1703 (toll collect from outside United States)

### PREFERRED NAME & PRONUNCIATION

It is important to the learning environment that you feel welcome and safe in this class, and that you are comfortable participating in class discussions and communicating with me on any issues related to the class. I would like to acknowledge your preferred name, correct pronunciation, and pronouns that reflect your identity. Please let me know how you would like to be addressed if the correct information is not reflected on our course roster. Please kindly correct me if I forget or make a mistake.

### PRIVACY (FERPA)

Aspects of this course experience may be recorded. Students who participate are agreeing to have their person and contributions recorded. If you are unwilling, please communicate this with the program director prior to program enrollment. As in all courses, unauthorized recording and sharing of course materials is prohibited.

## Grading

The following table outlines the point-accruing components of the course. Be careful to avoid uploading incorrect or inaccessible files, which will result in a “0” grade if not adjusted by the assignment deadline. Make sure your documents have fully loaded for submission prior to the deadline (e.g., not “pending” processing in Canvas).

| Evaluation Components                                  | Weight Allocation |
|--|-------------------|
| Supplemental Activities (preparatory content, surveys) | 20%               |
| Engagement   | 40%               |
| Final Project  | 40%               |

**Supplemental Activities:** Preparatory content such as providing a .pdf of your flight itinerary and completing the spreadsheet with logistical information by the deadline are mandatory and graded. Late submissions will be penalized if applicable, as described in “Late Submission/Excursion Policy” above. Some content is mandatory for completion to participate in the program abroad, even if submitted later than when a grade above “0” may be awarded.

**Engagement:** Arrive on-time to live meetings such as the flight meeting, pre-departure meeting, and excursions abroad, which are components of engagement that are graded. Appropriate and respectful behavior is always expected, and failure to engage as such will result in engagement score deductions and possibly an academic misconduct report.

*Excursion scenarios that will result in deductions (e.g., 50%-100% assignment grade):*

- We are set to meet in the hotel lobby at 10 AM local time to take a private bus to Allianz Arena and you arrive 30 minutes late because you slept in.
- We are meeting with local students and faculty at the technical university, but you are unwilling to participate, opting to hang out on the cafeteria benches while the rest of the class participates in a laboratory tour.
- The restaurant we’re having a group dinner at runs out of chicken schnitzel and you yell at the wait staff.

**Final Project:** The final project welcomes students to create a cumulating project that expands on a topic found relevant in engineering and/or kinesiology in a format of the student’s choosing. The project should include an intercultural domain, as grading will be based on:

- Connection
  - Makes a substantial reference to engineering and/or kinesiology
- Effort
  - Demonstrates that at *least* two hours of work was required to complete
- Internationalization
  - Elaborates on an association with Greek culture
- Reflection
  - Comments on how this topic was explored abroad, and where the related excursion(s) fall(s) relative to all the excursions participated in

Ultimately, be a thoughtful individual, respecting yourself and others by not behaving in a selfish or rude way. We're here to have a good time while learning about some topics that can be really cool... don't ruin it for anyone!

## GRADING SCALE

Any discrepancies with points displayed in the gradebook must be brought to the attention of the instructor as soon as possible, no later than the last day of class. More detailed information regarding current UF grading policies can be found in the [catalog](#).

| Letter Grade | Percent of Total Points Associated with Each Letter Grade | GPA Impact of Each Letter Grade |
|--------------|---|---------------------------------|
| A+*          | 97.00-100%  | 4.0                             |
| A            | 93.00-96.99%  | 4.0                             |
| A-           | 90.00-92.99%  | 3.7                             |
| B+           | 87.00-89.99%  | 3.3                             |
| B            | 83.00-86.99%  | 3.0                             |
| B-           | 80.00-82.99%  | 2.7                             |
| C+           | 77.00-79.99%  | 2.3                             |
| C            | 73.00-76.99%  | 2.0                             |
| C-           | 70.00-72.99%  | 1.7                             |
| D+           | 67.00-69.99%  | 1.3                             |
| D            | 60.00-66.99%  | 1.0                             |
| E (F)        | 0-59.99%  | 0                               |

\*An A+ appears as an "A" with the UF Registrar

## Course Schedule

The course schedule details will be posted to our APK 4943 Canvas, for which access will be given by the first official day of the semester. The schedule is subject to modification; any changes will be posted in Canvas and/or UFL e-mail. Each class has its own syllabus and course calendar, available in Canvas.