

THE HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES**‘UNDERSTANDING ANCIENT IDEAS AND COMMUNICATING MODERN IDEALS’**

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



This one-week residential course travels backward through history, beginning with the modern Olympics of Paris 2024 and Athens 2004, then “digging down” through the modern Olympic revival of 1896, to arrive at the traditional origin of the Games at ancient Olympia in 776 BCE. Course directors and a variety of experts, such as leading academics and sport professionals, will use lectures, on-site instruction, and hands-on tasks to highlight pedagogy and best practices in teaching, and critically communicating the links between the ancient and modern Olympic Games.

The course has a restricted number of places. The fee is £700 and covers housing, half board, required travel within Greece, museum and site fees, and a one-month BSA membership which includes 24h access to the BSA library and access to museums all over Greece.

A number of BSA-administered bursaries may be available for students, which will be assigned on the basis of merit and need.



Course dates: 30 March — 5 April 2026

Application deadline: Monday 1 December 2025

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