



Gateway Training Center Cross-Cultural Training Program



Athens, as the largest and capitol city of Greece, is a crossroads between the East and the West, Europe and the Middle East/North Africa, and between Christianity and Islam. It is a city where civilizations meet and cultures fuse, where refugees from Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia find shelter. It is also where the Lord is using His children to reach out to people from many cultures to witness about the Good News of Jesus Christ, show compassion and love, and tend to the various needs for people from many nations.

The vision of the Gateway Training Center's Cross-Cultural Training Program is to see trained believers ministering effectively in their own home context or internationally, by providing training and experience for growth and development for those who have a calling for cross-cultural ministry to serve effectively in any context.

Located in Athens, the program gives participants, through EME Ministries and other influential partnering churches and organizations, the opportunity to be trained how to minister to people from other cultures.

Program

The program is divided into two twelve-week phases. The first phase in Athens is an introductory course with an optional two-week outreach with partners in the Mediterranean region. After the completion of phase one, students may move to phase two and are placed with partners in North Africa/Middle East, Europe or in their own sending country, for more focused supervised ministry experience and a continuation of the theoretical training. Participants can decide whether to do only the first phase, or both phases.

Phase One

The theoretical training of the first phase covers the following topics:

- How to interpret, apply and communicate the Biblical text,
- How to effectively communicate the Gospel, make disciples, and train leaders cross-culturally,
- Leadership and living in a different cultural context, and
- A 'Footsteps of Paul' tour through Greece.

All participants attend and participate in a local church in Athens and serve with a cross-cultural ministry for one day a week. Language learning is important for all cross-cultural contexts, and one hour every day is spent on learning a new language. Students will also be meeting regularly with long-term cross-cultural workers as part of the mentorship program. There is also an emphasis on community living and fellowship.

The optional two-week outreach at the end of the course gives the participants the opportunity to apply what they have learned while also getting introduced to a different cross-cultural context.



“And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.”

2 TIMOTHY 2:2 (NIV)



Phase Two

During the second phase, participants are placed with churches or cross-cultural workers in the context/country where they feel they are called to. This phase will be more practical than theoretical and will build on the skills developed during the first phase. Language learning is more practical, and the participants continue to be involved in a local church and meet with mentors in their new context.

Accreditation

Participants could attend the course only, work towards college credit, or complete a vocational qualification (additional costs may apply to enrolled in the accredited courses). To work towards college credit or a vocational qualification, additional work needs to be done, either during the course or afterwards. Participants can also change their type of enrolment anytime during the course.

Practical Information

Upcoming Dates (Phase One in Athens)

29 Sept to 21 Dec 2024 (outreach 22 Dec to 4 Jan)
 23 March to 14 June 2025 (outreach 15 to 28 June)
 14 Sept to 6 Dec 2025 (outreach 7 to 20 Dec)

Costs

Phase one and Two: 4,000 Euros (includes tuition, accommodation, meals, transport, 'Footsteps of Paul' tour, but excludes airfare, medical and travel insurance, a visa if required, additional textbooks, and own spending money).

Optional two-week outreach: Approximately 1,000 Euros. Tax-deductible gifts through EME Ministries may apply to American participants.

Requirements

Participants must be 18 years of age at the start of the program. If married, then both spouses must participate in the program. At this moment, families with dependent children will not be able to enroll in the course.

There is no academic requirement to enroll for the course, but certain academic requirements may apply for participants who want to do the course for college credit.

The course will be taught in English, but if there are three or more participants from another language group, a translator may be contracted for translation.

“Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

MATT 28:18-20 (NIV)

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