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## **PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR 2010 MEDIAPRO-IP**

Dear students of the IP programme,

On behalf of scientific and organizational team of the course, we would like to warmly welcome you in Athens. We are convinced that everything will run well during your stay in Athens and Greece and you enjoy yourself.

Together with all lecturers and the Greek students from the Hellenic Open University and Athens TEI, we will spend 14 days attending the course. We really look forward to a creative, interesting and valuable course, which we hope that you will find useful for your further studies. The course is created with a combination of oral presentations, laboratories, projects and group work as well as and industrial visits and presentations from invited speakers. This way we aim to offer a wide gamut of lectures in innovations and developments in certain fields of the graphic arts and media. In addition, we have planned social events since social interaction among all of us lecturers and students from our countries is quite important and an integral part of the IP.

### **Accommodation**

We have booked for you a central hotel, at Omonoia Square: The Classical ACROPOL Hotel, located at Pireos 1 str. ([www.classicalhotels.com](http://www.classicalhotels.com)). (**Metro Station: Omonia**). We have arranged accommodation for you in double and 3-bed rooms, according to the room distribution that we have received from your universities. Breakfast is also included.

### **Location and arrangements of the course**

The course will take place at Athens Technological Educational Institute (TEI) main campus (see Figure 1), located at Egaleo, a suburb of Athens, some 3-4 Km far from your hotel and Athens center ([www.teiath.gr](http://www.teiath.gr)). Maps for public transport from Athens to TEI see Figure 2.

Lectures will take place from 09.00-18.00 at the teleconferencing room at the **Central Library of Athens TEI**. It is possible that some lectures will take place at the premises of the department of Graphic Arts Technology at the same building of Athens TEI. The program of the lectures will be constantly upgraded according to some changes by lecturers that will teach at the course and will be uploaded at the IP website.

Lunch will be offered to all of our students free of charge at the Athens TEI students' restaurant (with a selection of various dishes every day). Coffee breaks will be paid by each student, however coffee, refreshing drinks, sandwiches, pies etc. are sold at very low prices (between 0,8 – 1.8 Euros) at the Athens TEI kiosks. As an example, a small bottle of water (500 ml) costs 50 cents.

During June the weather is rather hot in Athens with temperatures around 28-33 degrees Celcius. However, since the climate in Athens and in general in South Greece is dry, high temperatures are much better affordable than elsewhere with a humid climate. Therefore, we suggest that you always use a hat for your head, bring a sun protection cream and always take care to have with you a small bottle of water.

#### **Transportation from the Athens International Airport to Acropolis Classical Hotel.**

##### **Option 1: Express Bus E95: Athens (airport) - Syntagma square (city centre)**

Express buses are located directly outside the Arrivals building of the Airport.

nonstop service, every 15-20 minutes, journey time: 70 minutes. Ticket price: 3.20€ **This ticket is acceptable by the travel expenses.**

From **Syntagma Square** you take the metro line 2 (red line) **DIRECTION: Aghios Antonios** and you stop at Omonia Station (only two stations from Syntagma metro Station (Intermediate station: Panepistimio). The Hotel **Acropolis Classical** lies some 30 meters from the exit of the Metro station, on Pireos 1, str. (2 levels up from the train level). Follow the signs to exit Athinas str. and Pireos str.

##### **Option 2: Metro - Line 3 (Blue line): Athens (airport) - Syntagma square (city centre, connection to metro, Line 2).**

From the airport 6:30-23:30, to the airport 5:51-22:51, every 30 minutes, journey time to Syntagma square 27 minutes. Ticket prices: 6 EUR. **This ticket is acceptable by the travel expenses.**

From **Syntagma square** you take line 2 to Omonia station as in option 1. The train and metro station is a few minutes walk from the terminal near the airport hotel. It is connected by a walkway from the terminal upper level. Follow the signs.

**Option 3: Taxi.** 25-40 EUR to the city centre of Athens. Travel time: about 30 minutes. We do not recommend travel by taxi, except you share one. **Taxi payment is not accepted as travel costs.**

### **Transportation to and from Acropol Classical Hotel and Athens TEI.**

**Option 1:** take the Metro from Omonia Square (Line 2 red line) DIRECTION Aghios Dimitrios and go to Syntagma metro station. Change to blue line DIRECTION Egaleo and go out at the station Egaleo (terminal station, exit towards Estavromenos Sq). At the Estavromenos Square, go to the main Avenue in the front of the square and take bus Nr 829. The Bus terminates outside the campus of Athens TEI. Travel time is around 10 minutes (see Figure 1). **Tickets are not acceptable by the travel expenses.**

**Option 2:** take the Metro from Omonia Square (Line 2 red line) DIRECTION: Aghios Antonios and after one station (Metaxourghio) go out. Follow exit Diligianni street and the cross the Avenue. At the opposite side of the metro exit lies the bus station to Athens TEI. Buses A15, B15 and E15 travel to Athens TEI via Athinon Avenue. Students go out at the TEI station (where all students/youngsters go out). Go under the Avenue, using the pedestrian subway and within 5 minutes walk you will reach Athens TEI premises. Travel time is around 20 minutes (see Figure 1). **Tickets are not acceptable by the travel expenses.**

Both options are convenient, however we recommend the option 1.

### **Cost of public transportation**

The most convenient way is to buy a 7 day card, valid for all public transport means in Athens and suburbs. This week card costs 10€ and you will need 2 cards for the 2 weeks of your stay in Athens – this makes a total cost of 20€ for your entire transportation during the course. These cards are not valid for travel from Airport to Athens and vice versa.

Please get more information from the following websites:

<http://www.athens-airport.info/>,

[www.athensguide.com/](http://www.athensguide.com/),

<http://www.athensguide.com/buses.html>

[www.oasa.gr](http://www.oasa.gr),

<http://www.athensguide.org/>,

Suburban Railway ([www.proastiakos.gr](http://www.proastiakos.gr)),

Metro ([www.ametro.gr](http://www.ametro.gr)).

### **Additional information on public transportation**

Single Ticket valid for 90 minutes: €1 (available in ticket offices and vending machines).

Daily ticket: €3 (available in ticket offices). Twenty four (24) hours after validation and multiple trips throughout all public transportation network (METRO, Buses, Trolley, TRAM).

Weekly ticket: €10.00 (available in ticket offices). Seven days (7) after validation and multiple trips throughout all public transportation network (METRO, Buses, Trolley, TRAM). The weekly ticket is validated only once on your first boarding.

Instructions: Validate your ticket only once at the ticket validating machines at the station before you start your trip. Keep the ticket until you exit the station of your destination. Demonstrate your ticket or monthly travel card to the inspectors when requested.

Attention: A penalty of 40 times the cost of the ticket is imposed on those not carrying or demonstrating upon request a valid ticket or monthly card in the trains or inside the compulsory ticket areas(past ticket validating machines).

For your prompt service use your coins to buy your tickets from the vending machines (THE MACHINES GIVE CHANGE). Buy extra tickets to use them on your future trips.

Tickets for buses, trolley buses and metro are sold at some newspaper kiosks ("periptera"), at special booths or stands of the Athens Public Transport Network, which are situated in the main squares of the city and at several bus stops.

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Athens, and we hope that you will enjoy the course and the social events.

With our best regards,

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Figure 1 TEI main campus



