

BIΣ 101 Constantinople: City and Society

Seminar in which, based on the tasks, her image will be presented of Constantinople as the capital of Byzantium with its all-purpose structures (political, ecclesiastical, economic, social) from its foundation to its occupation by Ottomans in 1453.

The purpose of the course is primarily to familiarize students with scientific research and the writing of scientific essays in the field of Byzantine studies. Then to deepen in the history of the capital of Byzantium with all the its functions as a city, an administrative center and a center of attraction for social activities.

General course presentation: Introduction and presentation of research methods, *instrumenta studiorum*, presentation and explanation of the topics of the seminar papers. Subsequently, in each course the participants will present the progress of their research, a discussion on the problems will follow and they will present foreign language articles related to their work. There will be an educational trip to Istanbul.

Εμβάθυνση στη λειτουργία της σφραγίδας και του νομίσματος ως αρχαιολογικού ευρήματος και πηγής της Βυζαντινής ιστορίας, ανάπτυξη δυνατοτήτων στην αναγνώριση, ταύτιση, χρονολόγηση, ερμηνεία των σφραγίδων και νομισμάτων, επεξεργασία σφραγιστικών και νομισματικών αρχαιολογικών ευρημάτων, ανάπτυξη δυνατοτήτων δημοσίευσης σφραγίδων και νομισμάτων.

BAT 207 Sigillography and Numismatics of the Byzantine State

Presentation and description of Byzantine seals, history of the science of Sigillography, the collections around the world, the seal as an archaeological find and its archaeological/historical interpretation, peculiarities, typology and form, illustrations and representations, the language of Byzantine seals. Types of seals (metal and use). The symbols, the symbolism of the shows.

Exercises in identifying and reading the inscriptions alongside the assignment of written essay. Presentation and description of the coins and history of (Byzantine) Numismatics, the coin as an archaeological find and its archaeological/historical interpretation, typology and form, depictions, representations and their symbolism, the language of Byzantine coins. Currency circulation and their role in the economy. Types of coins. Exercises in identifying and reading the coin inscriptions alongside the assignment of an essay.

Development of capabilities in identification, identification, dating, interpretation of seals and coins, processing of sealing and numismatic archaeological finds, development of capabilities to publish seals and coins.

BIΣ 202 Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Inscriptions from Epirus

In the context of the seminar, the inscriptions will be examined as a category of historical sources for the history of the wider region of Byzantine Epirus and the early years of the Ottoman conquest. The students must write an essay that will be presented orally (excursion) and in written form.

Purpose of the course is to acquire the ability to read inscriptions and use them as sources for history and art history.