

## TRAVEL TO TURKEY WITH THE UMBC ANCIENT STUDIES DEPARTMENT, MARCH 14-23, 2025



*Façade of the Library of Celsus, Ephesos*

The UMBC Ancient Studies Department will conduct its annual study tour in Turkey, March 14-23, 2025. The cost of \$3,500 covers all air and land travel (including coach to and from Dulles Airport and UMBC), twin-share accommodation for eight nights at four-star hotels, eight buffet breakfasts, two dinners, two lunches, and entrance to all archaeological sites and museums on the itinerary. A single room is available at an additional cost of \$482. ANCS majors and minors, UMBC students, faculty, staff, alumni, and their friends and family are invited to join us.

You can download a registration form from the department website (<https://ancientstudies.umbc.edu>). Please return this fillable form to Lydia DeRidder ([lderidde@umbc.edu](mailto:lderidde@umbc.edu)) by **Oct. 4, 2024**. An initial deposit of \$150 is due **Oct. 4, 2024**. Ancient Studies majors and minors can also download applications for subsidies from the department website. Please return completed forms to Dr. David Rosenbloom ([dsrose@umbc.edu](mailto:dsrose@umbc.edu)) by **Sept. 27, 2024**.

The tour begins with a two-night stay in Istanbul, followed one-night in Çanakkale (Troy), three nights in Kuşadası, and two nights in Ankara, before returning to Istanbul for the flight home. In Istanbul, we will visit the Hippodrome of Constantine, Aghia Sophia, the Archaeological Museum, Topkapı Palace, and the Blue Mosque. Next, we travel to the archaeological site and museum of Troy en route to Kuşadası, the base of operations for trips to Ephesos, Priene, Miletos, and Didyma. We spend the last two days and nights in Ankara, visiting the magnificent Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, and three Hittite sites, the fortified capital Hattusa, the necropolis at Alaca Höyük, and the mysterious sanctuary and rock reliefs at Yazılıkaya.