

Course Title: Modern Greek Language I
Course Code: MDGR 111
Credit Hours: 3
Location: Classroom 1, Main building
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Syllabus

Course Description:

This course is designed to allow students to gain a basic understanding and practical use of the Greek language as it is written and spoken in Greece today. It is essential that this introduction to the language enhance students' ability to take part in the local activities of the Greek community. Initially, students will learn the Greek alphabet and sound out the pronunciation of the letters. We will then practice basic greetings and simple expressions for everyday use. By learning Greek in Greece, students will have the opportunity to be immersed in everyday use of the language.

Course Details:

In weekly lessons, additional useful vocabulary will be introduced for students to practice in various situations, such as meeting with Greek families, visiting local shops, ordering meals, asking directions, etc. Alternate lessons will concentrate on grammar conjugation and declension, and introduce the expanded use of nouns, verbs, and adjectives. Students will learn to write basic sentences and use common expressions in typical conversation. Coursework also will include the skills necessary to read simple texts and to converse on a range of topics. Students are encouraged to explore the local cultural landscape and to use what Greek they've learned when participating in field trips or enjoying their own social activities.

Course Objectives:

- 1) Students will discuss the weather; compare people and objects; carry out basic transactions at the village post office, the Cosmote mobile phone center; give instructions and make suggestions.

- 2) Students will study and practice the use and tenses of common verbs, such as είμαι (I am) and έχω, (I have) μένω, (I stay) δουλεύω (I work).
- 3) Students will study and practice the usage of masculine and feminine nouns, diminutives; indefinite pronouns; interrogative pronouns, and comparative and superlative degrees of adjectives.
- 4) Students will listen to weather forecasts; lyrics of Greek songs; study and to learn to read basic instructions, streets signs, menus and newspaper headlines.
- 5) Students will write postcards and e-mail messages to parents and friends. They also will keep, in Greek, a diary of events using action verbs.

Learning Outcomes

As a result of this course, students will be able to:

- Pronounce words in Greek.
- Communicate comfortably with basic words and phrases, especially regarding greetings and activities.
- Demonstrate understanding of the main points of short and clear speech in familiar everyday conversations, and in typical situations such as at a home, restaurant, shop, asking directions, etc.
- Understand simple texts and apply their knowledge to form sentences to describe themselves.
- Interact with the Greek community while living and studying.
- Identify major current cultural topics and consider their historical backgrounds.

Required Readings

- D. Dimitra and M. Papachimona, *Greek Now 1+1*. Athens: Nostos, 1992.
- D. Marineta, D. Papachimona *Greek Now 1+1 Exercise book*, Athens, Nostos 1994
- G. Simopoulos, I. Pathiaki, R. Kannelopoulou, A. Pavlopoulou, "Ελληνικά Α", Athens, Patakis publishing, 2016
- Dictionaries:
 - a) D. N. Stavropoulos and A. S. Hornby, *Oxford English-Greek Learner Dictionary*. Oxford University Press.
 - b) D. N. Stavropoulos, *Oxford Greek-English Learner Dictionary*. Oxford University Press.

Grading weights

Attendance, Participation, class dialogues:	30%
Quizzes (5):	20%
Homework (10):	20%
Short paragraph submission:	10%
Final Exam:	20%

Grading Scale, Attendance and Make-up, Late Work, Academic Integrity and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) policies

Students are required to abide by HISA's Academic policies first introduced and explained at the school and class orientation. See the attached policy sheet.