



Arcadia Center for Hellenic, Mediterranean and Balkan Studies

Arcadia University

GREC GRMO 302 Advanced Modern Greek II

Credits: 3

Course Description:

This language learning course is intended for the learner who has already achieved an advanced level of fluency and accuracy in the use and comprehension of Modern Greek. Moreover, the course is addressed to those who, during their staying in Greece, wish to come in immediate contact with the cultural and social realities of the country. To this end the course provides, through simplified sociolinguistics and historical linguistics, aspects of the Greek history, culture and social habits as well as the social reality functioning within the language. Students will be encouraged and motivated to interact with Greek people, to be exposed to the Greek contemporary culture as well as to follow the Greek news and headlines.

Rationale and Impact of the course:

After completing the course the students will have achieved a global view of Modern Greek, being able to use the structures of the language with ease and fluency, coping in any social situations that would arise in a formal or colloquial Greek-speaking environment.

Furthermore, as an integral part of the wider Arcadia cultural immersion approach, the course aims to allow students to unlock the door to cross cultural understanding, providing the means to communicate and explore Greek culture in an in-depth way. This is an indispensable process for students studying abroad.

Therefore, the ultimate goal of the course is to cultivate and encourage students'

- openness for new experiences,
- acceptance of diversity
- positive attitude toward learning and
- sense of responsibility to society.

Learning Outcomes and Expected Student Competences:

This language course has been designed for the learner of the Modern Greek language who has already mastered an advanced level of communicative skills as well as the rules of Modern Greek grammar and syntax. It is, therefore, intended for the learner who wants to achieve high competence fluency and accuracy in the use and comprehension of the spoken and written language.

Most importantly, however, beyond language proficiency, it provides cultural understanding students familiarize with certain aspects of Greek culture. To this end, students will be motivated to interact with Greek people and to develop an interest in Greek society and culture, thus allowing them to have a more rewarding experience while in Greece.

The course, primarily, aims:

- to fully develop the oral comprehension and oral expression skills of the students, thus enabling them to successfully handle complex communicative tasks in real life formal and informal contexts.
- To fully develop their listening skills and ability to understand everyday spoken Greek.
- To fully improve their reading and writing skills, thus allowing them to undertake demanding written assignments as well as to read and understand Modern Greek texts and literature.
- To systematise comprehensively their knowledge of Modern Greek grammar and syntax.
- Constant and progressive vocabulary building on casual and academic topics.
- To further expand their knowledge of how Modern Greek words, compounds, troublesome idiomatic expressions, proverbs and idiolects are used.
- Finally, to appreciate the surviving socio-linguistic consequences of the pre 1976 *diglossia*, i.e. the coexistence of two differentiated varieties of the same language used for different purposes, and command both the formal and the colloquial usage of the language

Furthermore:

- to consolidate and extend learning through a variety of classroom activities within a cultural frame of reference reflective of the richness of the Greek language and culture.
- To participate in activities, outings or events that characterize the everyday contemporary life in Greece (i.e. attend a Greek theatre performance and / or a Greek film, visit a museum or a gallery, sciences, social customs etc.).
- To acquire a better understanding of the current problems and situations which are taking place in Greece today, encouraging the students' participation in the community and the development of intercultural skills.

Other policies:

- The course is designed to develop student's oral comprehension and oral expression skills as well as to introduce reading and writing skills. Moreover to familiarize students with some aspects of Greek culture. Participation and evidence of studying the material assigned will therefore be very important and it will be not only encouraged, but also requested. Participation is not just about talking, giving opinions or exercising critical capacities. It should also involve giving evidence of reading either the material assigned or other sources relevant to the subject matter.
- Class attendance (at Arcadia Center or on-site) as well as fulfillment of assignments and attendance of scheduled evening outings are mandatory. One unexcused absence is permitted. After that, 2.5 grade points will be deducted for each unexcused absence, thus affecting the final grade. If ill, the student must inform the Resident Director or the Student Liaison Officer before class meeting time for the absence to count as excused.
- If a student misses a class it is his/her responsibility to obtain homework assignments and notes from classmates or from the instructor.
- Please note that there will be no make-up exams or quizzes, except in extraordinary case
- Each student is responsible for performing academic tasks in such a way that honesty is not in question. All tests, term papers, oral and written assignments, and other academic efforts are to be the work of the student presenting the material. Any use of wording, ideas, or findings of other persons, writers, or researchers requires the explicit citation of the source; use of the exact wording requires a 'quotation' format.

Course outline:

Week	Course book general topics Νέα Ελληνικά για Μετανάστες, Παλινο- νοστούντες, Πρόσφυγες και Ξένους Γ΄	Grammar and Syntax review
1st week	World – People	Verb present and future tenses Verb aspect: perfective and imperfective Active voice – Passive voice – Deponent verbs Temporal relations
2nd week	Children, adolescents and young people Education – Career Guidance – Employment	Verb past tenses Syllabic, vocalic and internal augments Verb aspect: perfective and imperfective Active voice – Passive voice – Deponent verbs Temporal relations Articles: definite; indefinite Nouns
3rd week	News – Entertainment and current events	Verb perfect tenses Active voice – Passive voice – Deponent verbs Adjectives Numerals
4th week	Social problems	Verb moods: Indicative; subjunctive; positive imperative Verb modalities: conditional Adverbs Comparison of adjectives and adverbs Comparative; relative and absolute superlative
5th week	Well being	Defective and impersonal verbs Verb Gerund and participles Main clauses Personal pronouns Demonstrative pronouns and determiners The noun phrase The use of the cases
6th week	REVISION MID-SEMETER EXAM	
7th week	Planet Earth	Interrogative pronouns and determiners Indirect questions Indirect commands Expressions of measurement: space; time; quantity
8th week	Environment – Pollution - \Ecology	Relative pronouns and determiners Relative clauses Complement clauses
9th	Science- Biotechnology –	Prepositions and the prepositional phrase

week	Space	Conditional clauses Temporal clauses
10th week	From Homer to Modern Greek Literature	Indefinite pronouns Universal pronouns Reflexive forms Concessive clauses
11th week	Modern Greek poets and writers	Adverbial clauses: manner; purpose; result; cause
12th week	REVISION FINAL EXAM AND / OR INDIVIDUAL PROJECT	

Prerequisites:

This language course has been designed for the learner of the Modern Greek language who has already mastered an advanced level of communicative skills as well as the rules of Modern Greek grammar and syntax. Learners at this level are expected to be able to handle most structures of Modern Greek with confidence, demonstrate knowledge of a wide range of vocabulary and use appropriate communication and writing skills in a variety of social formal or colloquial situations. Students, therefore, must have completed at least five semesters of Modern Greek in order to be able to enrol. Alternatively, they are expected to take a Modern Greek placement test in order to evaluate their level.

Course Requirements:

The course requires the following books:

- Δεμίρη-Προδρομίδου Ελένη και Καμαριανού-Βασιλείου Ρούλα 2004. “Νέα Ελληνικά για Μετανάστες, Παλινοστούντες, Πρόσφυγες και Ξένους Γ’ Επίπεδο: ...και καλή επιτυχία». *Εκδόσεις Μεταίχμιο*. ISBN: Not available.
 additionally
- Holton D., Mackridge P. and Philippaki-Warbuton I. 2004³. “Greek: A Comprehensive Grammar of the Modern Language”. Routledge Taylor and Francis Group, London and New York. ISBN: 9780415232104; Cost: To Be Determined.
- Carr J. and Anastasi P. 2007. “*Your eyes fourteen: The mad Greek dictionary*”. Athens News. ISBN: 9608920035; Cost: To Be Determined.

Instructional materials, handouts, literature and printed extracts, audio and visual resources, films and songs will also be used by the instructors.

The students will also be required to read a selection of newspaper articles, primary sources and literary texts.

Good Modern Greek-English / English-Modern Greek dictionaries are indispensable. Proposed dictionaries by the instructors:

- Stavropoulos, D.N. (ed.), 1988. Oxford Greek-English Learner’s dictionary. Oxford University Press. ISBN: 0194312429; Cost: To Be Determined.

- Stavropoulos, D.N. and A.S. Hornby (eds), 2000. Oxford English-Greek Learner's dictionary: New edition. Oxford University Press. ISBN: 0194325679; Cost: To Be Determined.
- Assessments are frequent: quizzes, a midterm and a final examination as well as individual research projects with integrated skills: reading, writing, speaking, interpretive and presentational modes.

Grading for this course will be estimated as follows:

Attendance:	10%
Assessment of class participation and performance:	20%
Assessment of assignments:	15%
Quizzes:	10%
Mid term exam:	20%
Final exam and/or individual project(oral and written):	25%
<hr/> Grade total	<hr/> 100%

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Students will be evaluated on the basis of the results of all assignments and examinations, which will test their grammar and syntax skills and the ability to apply these skills in context. Moreover, the final evaluation will consider students' attendance and participation in class; their ability to understand and respond in speech and writing to spoken language; their understanding of aspects of Greek society and culture, also in comparison with the American ones.

Course Offered:

Fall and Spring Semesters.

Cost to Student:

None.