

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: GREK-101 Greek Language and Culture I

Department: Humanities

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
GREK-101	Greek Language and Culture I	3
Subject	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Greek Language	42-45	None
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Humanities	Lower-Division	Greek and English

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the Greek Language and the Cypriot culture. Beginning with the Greek alphabet and grammar the lessons will provide the students with the ability to handle basic communication in a Greek speaking environment.

Prerequisites

None

Instructor Information

Ms. Christiana Strati

Degree in Greek Philology, Specializations in Modern Greek Language, Literature and Byzantinology
Democritus University of Thrace, Komotini, Greece, 2000-2003

2003-2010: Teaching private lessons in Modern and Ancient Greek, History, Literature and Latin

2009-2010: (Five semesters) Teaching Modern Greek and Culture for Global Learning Semesters

Learning Outcomes

Attention is paid to developing the students' understanding of the intercultural education of contemporary European realities, and more specific of Cyprus.

The following aims are intended to be achieved:

1. Presenting and introducing Modern Greek culture
2. Rapid learning of the foundations of the Greek language so as to provide a window of opportunity for the student to communicate in Greek.

General Topic Areas

1. Nouns and adjectives: the cases, singular and plural, masculine, feminine and neuter.
2. Regular and Irregular verbs
3. Everyday Dialogues
4. Numbers
5. Simple sentences, interrogative sentences, compound sentences and understanding culture

Specific Topics to be covered

1. Simple sentences, questions.
2. The negative, plurals or nouns.
3. Possessives, the verb to be.
4. The verb to have, numbers 1-10.
5. The verbs to come, to want, the colors.
6. Locatives: upside down, in, out, in front of, beside.
7. Numbers 1-100, questions with when and how.
8. The verbs to know, to eat, to drink, the use of the possessive with verbs.
9. Questions with who, masculine and feminine nouns, adjectives.
10. Questions with whose, the genitive case, possessive pronouns.
11. Quantitative adjectives, the accusative case, the imperative.
12. More verbs, revision of the cases.
13. Feminine nouns in the singular and plural, the accusative plural.

Course Outline

Classroom Sessions:

Lesson 1: Greek language the Greek alphabet

Lesson 2: Greek characters and pronunciation

Lesson 3: Numbers 1-1000. Daily expressions, Days of the week, Months and four seasons.

Lesson 4: Basic Grammatical terms, Parts of Speech, Articles and Genders, Definite and indefinite article, New Acquaintances

Lesson 5: The four cases, Nominative, Accusative, Genitive and Vocative

Lesson 6: The nouns and adjectives, Understanding, Requests and Thanks

Lesson 7: Mid-term test

Lesson 8: Professions, nationalities

Lesson 9: Degrees of Comparison, The adverb, Time Words

Lesson 10: The pronouns and Verbs of first type. In the hotel, Telephone, Travel

Lesson 11: The Verbs second type, Tenses, Voices

Lesson 12: Tenses, Voices

Lesson 13: Revision

Lesson 14: Final test

Tasks and Assignments

During this course, students will have to complete a series of essay assignments and classroom presentations, as well as take a final exam at the end of the course.

Evaluation and Grading

Grading

Mid Term	35%
Participation	10%

Attendance	15%
Final Exam	40%

Readings and Resources

Required Textbooks

Arvanitakis, Communicate in Greek 1

Delicostopoulos, Modern Greek for Foreigners.

Farmakides, Advanced Modern Greek.

Greek English Dictionary.

Ftyaras, Modern Greek Translation.

G. Bambiniotis, Elliniki Glossa, Athens, 1993.

Selected Literary texts for analysis will be given to the students by their professor.

Other Academic Policies

Class attendance is compulsory. If unable to attend a class, students must inform the course lecturer in advance. A total of 20% of excused absences is permitted, however beyond this percentage students will be withdrawn from the course. Moreover, any work missed due to absence must be completed on return to class.

Materials and Supplies

No additional materials or supplies are required for this course.