

(Updated) Fall 2019

PREREQUISITES: None

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: The course develops student's listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in the Modern Greek language at the A1 Level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Students develop the ability to communicate in a number of familiar everyday situations in a Greek-speaking environment.

RATIONALE: Modern Greek I, the first course in the Modern Greek sequence, is for the A1 Level of the Common European Framework of References for Languages (CEFR). This course equips students with the basic skills and knowledge to develop a strong start in Modern Greek. It enables students to communicate with the people of the host country at a basic level. Students will develop the ability to perform basic communicative tasks and will be introduced to the basic grammar and structural patterns of Modern Greek. Concomitantly, students will familiarize themselves with basic aspects of Modern Greek social life and everyday culture.

LEARNING OUTCOMES: The student who has completed this course will be able to:

1. Demonstrate understanding of simple spoken expressions, phrases and interactions related to basic familiar everyday needs, provided the speech is slowly and clearly articulated.
2. Demonstrate understanding of words, simple sentences and short texts containing basic commonly used vocabulary.
3. Take part in short and simple conversation related to basic familiar everyday needs.
4. Compose very short sentences and simple short texts containing basic commonly used vocabulary.
5. Demonstrate understanding of basic similarities and differences between own and target culture.

METHOD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING: Classes employ interactive learning. Students collaborate mainly in groups of two or more for role-plays and other activities. Textbook content is supplemented with authentic materials aiming to introduce students to real context and expose them to natural examples of language use.

In congruence with the teaching and learning strategy of the college, the following tools are used:

- Large and small group activities
- Role plays
- Listening comprehension activities
- Group and/or individual writing tasks (in and out of class)
- Peer editing activities
- Outside-of-class activities linked to students' classroom activities
- Meetings with the instructor during office hours

ASSESSMENT:**Summative:****Coursework (portfolio) 30%**

- Assignments (25%)
- Project on a topic relevant to the target culture (5%)

Participation in in-class and outside-of-class activities 5%**Midterm exam 20%****Final examination 45%**

- Written (30%)
- Oral (15%)

Formative 0%

The formative coursework prepares students for successful completion of the summative coursework.

The portfolio tests learning outcomes 4 and 5

The class participations tests learning outcomes 3, 4

The Midterm exam tests learning outcomes 1,2,4

The final written examination tests learning outcomes 1, 2, 4, and 5.

The final oral exam tests learning outcome 3

Outside-of-class activities: In this course learning is not confined to the classroom. Students participate in outside-of-class activities, which are linked to classroom experiences. These activities aim at engaging students in interaction with people of the host country in authentic situations. The instructor will specify the outside-of-class activity/activities that will be organized each term. Student participation in these activities is mandatory and it is included in the percentage of the final grade allocated to class participation.

INDICATIVE READING:**REQUIRED READING:**

Title: COMMUNICATE IN GREEK FOR BEGINNERS (+CD)

Authors: ARVANITAKIS KLEANTHES, ARVANITAKIS FROSSO

Publisher: Deltos

ISBN 978-960-7914-38-5

Title: COMMUNICATE IN GREEK FOR BEGINNERS - WORKBOOK ONE

Authors: ARVANITAKIS KLEANTHES, ARVANITAKIS FROSSO

Publisher: Deltos

ISBN 978-960-7914-39-2

RECOMMENDED READING:

none

INDICATIVE MATERIAL:**REQUIRED MATERIAL:**

none

RECOMMENDED MATERIAL:

“Filoglossia” online Modern Greek courses

COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Verbal presentation skills, written assignments in Word compatible format

SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS:

Internet, Word compatible software

WWW RESOURCES:

<http://www.xanthi.ilsp.gr/filog>
online Modern Greek courses
<http://www.kypros.org/LearnGreek>
online Modern Greek courses
http://www.greek-language.gr/greekLang/modern_greek/tools/lexica/triantafyllides/index.html
free online dictionary of Standard Modern Greek
www.greek-language.com/historyofgreek
website about the history of the Greek language
<http://stixos.wordpress.com/>
website with lyrics of popular Greek songs
<http://www.foundalis.com/lan/greek.htm>
website about the Greek language
<http://quizlet.com/996698/modern-greek-98-words-most-frequent-flash-cards>
website with flashcards with most frequent Modern Greek words
http://www.lexilogos.com/english/greek_dictionary.htm
A set of resources (e.g. dictionaries) for the study of Modern Greek
<http://www.xanthi.ilsp.gr/dictionaries/>
Bilingual dictionaries by the Institute for Language & Speech Processing

INDICATIVE CONTENT:

1. Communicative functions
 - 1.1. Greetings
 - 1.2. Introducing oneself and others
 - 1.3. Asking and saying where one comes from
 - 1.4. Asking and saying where one lives
 - 1.5. Asking and saying what one does for a living
 - 1.6. Talking about studies
 - 1.7. Asking and saying what languages one speaks and to which extent
 - 1.8. Talking about one's family
 - 1.9. Ordering a drink or a meal
 - 1.10. Asking for and telling the time
 - 1.11. Asking for and receiving directions
2. Structure and grammar
 - 2.1. Preliminaries
 - 2.1.1. Alphabet
 - 2.1.2. Pronunciation
 - 2.1.3. Stress system
 - 2.2. Articles: definite, indefinite
 - 2.3. Nouns: -ος, -ας, -α, -η, -ι, -ο, -μα
 - 2.4. Adjectives: -ος, -α/-η, -η,
 - 2.5. Nominative, accusative, vocative (singular)
 - 2.6. Verbs: affirmative, interrogative, negative
 - 2.6.1. "I am"
 - 2.6.2. Type A
 - 2.6.3. Type B1

- 2.6.4. Irregular
- 2.6.5. Type C1
- 2.6.6. Tenses: present
- 2.7. Question words & word order
- 2.8. Pronouns
 - 2.8.1. Personal
 - 2.8.2. Demonstrative
 - 2.8.3. Interrogative
 - 2.8.4. Possessive
- 2.9. Numbers: (1-199)
- 2.10. Adverbs: degree, place
- 2.11. Prepositions

- 3. Cultural elements
 - 3.1. Greece: A look at the map
 - 3.2. Politeness
 - 3.2.1. Formal / informal “you”
 - 3.2.2. Formal / informal verb forms
 - 3.3. Greek conception of time
 - 3.4. Social habits associated with taverns/restaurants and eating habits