

1. SCHOOL OF MODERN GREEK

The School of Modern Greek was founded in 1998 and is currently under the aegis of the Faculty of Letters. The Department of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies is responsible for the structure and contents of all School programs.

The School aims to teach the Greek language to non-native speakers, nationals and foreigners, as well as to those who wish to perfect their knowledge of Greek.

The teaching staff, has a special interest in teaching Greek as a foreign or second language since their research work is directly related to foreign language teaching. Thus, the School has a second major objective, which is to produce primary materials for teaching Greek.

2. COURSES OFFERED

The School of Modern Greek offers both intensive and non-intensive courses.

2.1 INTENSIVE COURSES

There are two intensive course programs:

1. Intensive Summer Course, which is offered at all levels and lasts four weeks (August).
2. Intensive One-Semester Course, which is offered at all levels and lasts thirteen weeks (from September to December and from January to April or May).

2.1.1 INTENSIVE SUMMER COURSE

The Intensive Summer Course is addressed to:

- a) Students from the European Union who wish to learn Greek within the context of the Erasmus program. It is required that these students are enrolled as students at the University of Cyprus.
- b) Individuals who live in Cyprus, either on a temporary or permanent basis, and who wish to learn Greek for personal or professional reasons.
- c) People from abroad who wish to learn or perfect their knowledge of Greek

Duration of the Course

The course lasts four weeks. Classes are held Monday through Friday, five teaching units per day and amount to a total of 100 teaching units.

Levels

The Summer Course is offered at beginner and intermediate levels. Each class has a maximum enrollment of 15-20 students.

2.1.2. INTENSIVE ONE SEMESTER COURSE

The intensive One-Semester Course is addressed primarily to individuals living in Cyprus either on a temporary or permanent basis.

Duration of the Course

The Intensive One-Semester course lasts thirteen weeks and is offered twice a year, from September to December and from January to April/May.

2.2 NON INTENSIVE COURSE

Two-Semester Course, which lasts 26 weeks (September-May). There are classes for beginner, intermediate, advanced and higher level students.

2.2.1 TWO-SEMESTER COURSE

The Two-Semester Course lasts 26 weeks, from September to May. Classes are three teaching units long and take place twice a week, for a total of 156 teaching units.

Levels

Classes are offered at all levels. The maximum enrollment in each level is approximately 15 students.

3. GENERAL INFORMATION**3.1 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

To enroll, prospective students must complete the application form, which may be obtained from the Secretarial Office of the School of Modern Greek. A passport size photograph is necessary.

3.2 PLACEMENT TESTS

Both oral and written examinations are required for student placement. The course instructor will set the date for these examinations

3.3 ACCOMODATION

The School does not offer accommodation to students. However, students in the European exchange programs and groups of guest students can apply for housing to the Housing Office of the University. Please contact them at housing@ucy.ac.cy.

4. COURSE CONTENT

a. Greek Language Courses

The aim of the language courses is to give students competency and basic communication skills in the Greek language corresponding to the level of their course. This provision aims to identify difficulties foreign speakers may encounter during their daily contact with the Cyprus society, as well as to provide students with a fuller picture of the Greek language varieties.

b. Greek Civilization Courses

Greek civilization courses are comprised within the lengthier course programs, and are offered to all students from the beginner level. They address cultural and social issues of Modern Greek society.

5. REGULATIONS

- A teaching unit lasts fifty minutes.
- Attendance is compulsory for all courses
- At the completion of each course, a certificate of the School of Modern Greek is issued to all students who have attended courses regularly and successfully completed both the written and oral examination. The certificate records the course title, course level, student attendance, total course hours and the final grade. The greek course does not appear on the formal Transcript of Records issued at the end of the Erasmus period.

No certificate is issued to:

- a) Students who have not taken the final written and oral examination
- b) Students who have failed the final written and oral examination
- c) Students who have not fulfilled their financial obligations the School of Modern Greek.

In case of interruption of studies, a certificate of attendance recording the period/hours that the student attended the School courses may be issued on demand.

6. FEES

Tuition fees are as follows:

- 1) 250€ for the Intensive Summer Course (one month).
- 2) 500€ for the One-Semester Intensive Course (13 weeks). For students participating in the European Union exchange programs the course is free of charge
- 3) 500€ for the Two-Semester Course (26 weeks).

The following are exempted from paying fees:

- a) Erasmus students who will be enrolled and will be attending classes at the University of Cyprus

- b) Members of the academic and administrative staff of the University of Cyprus (according to Senate decisions)
- c) Students of the University of Cyprus.
- d) Turkish Cypriot

There are no provisions for a reduction in fees.

All fees are paid to the bank account of the School of Modern Greek before the beginning of courses. Information about payment are given by the secretary of the School

7. FACILITIES

Students enrolled in the School of Modern Greek are entitled to use all the facilities of the University of Cyprus, the athletics center, the coffee shop and the student restaurant, the computer center and the library. Students of the School of Modern Greek are bound by the same regulations as the students of the University of Cyprus.

8. EUROPEAN UNION EXCHANGE PROGRAMME STUDENTS

The EILC intensive Greek Language course (four weeks long) is especially designed for Erasmus students who are planning to attend courses at the University of Cyprus and is offered free of charge. They can also participate free of charge to all the cultural activities included in the summer intensive course or any other course of the School of Modern Greek. The Summer course is credited with 9 ECTS where as the other programs with 12 ECTS, provided that a student completes the course successfully and passes the final exam.

Application of Erasmus students to attend Greek language courses should reach the School of Modern Greek by 30 June every year.

Upon arrival in Cyprus, Erasmus students must contact the Life Long Learning International Programmes Office of the Research and International Relations Service which will guide them on the steps to be followed.

9. NON-EUROPEAN UNION COUNTRIES

Students from non-European Union Countries who wish to attend courses at the School of Modern Greek must obtain a visa from the authorities of their country. Enrollment in the School requires prepayment of fees.

Certificates of enrollment are issued once the students have fulfilled their financial obligations the School of Modern Greek.