



Education and Culture DG

Lifelong Learning Programme

## ERASMUS INTENSIVE LANGUAGE COURSES 2011-12

**- ORGANISING INSTITUTION'S INFORMATION FORM -**

<b>INSTITUTION NAME:</b>	UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS, SCHOOL OF MODERN GREEK	
<b>ADDRESS:</b>	P.O.BOX 20537, 1678 NICOSIA	
<b>COUNTRY:</b>	CYPRUS	
<b>EILC LANGUAGE</b>	GREEK	
<b>LEVEL COURSES ORGANISED:</b>	LEVEL I (BEGINNER) NUMBER OF COURSES:2 DATES: 25/07/11 - 19/08/11	LEVEL II (INTERMEDIATE) <input type="checkbox"/> NUMBER OF COURSES:2 DATES: 25/07/11 - 19/08/11
<b>WEB SITE</b>	<a href="http://www.new.ucy.ac.cy/goto/mogr/el-GR/Home.aspx">http://www.new.ucy.ac.cy/goto/mogr/el-GR/Home.aspx</a>	<a href="http://www.new.ucy.ac.cy/goto/mogr/el-GR/Home.aspx">http://www.new.ucy.ac.cy/goto/mogr/el-GR/Home.aspx</a>

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL STUDENT EILC APPLICATION FOR OUR EILC SHOULD BE SENT BY E-MAIL TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: [smgreek@ucy.ac.cy](mailto:smgreek@ucy.ac.cy)**

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## ***PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION***

### **• DESCRIPTION OF TOWN**

#### ***- SHORT HISTORY AND LOCATION***

About 150 metres above sea level, Nicosia is situated at the centre of the Mesaoria plain, and is only an hour away from the nearest coast. Known in antiquity as Ledra, Nicosia was already a kingdom in the 7<sup>th</sup> century and became the seat of the government in the 10<sup>th</sup> century.

The ancient city is surrounded by fortifications built by the Venetians in the XVI<sup>th</sup> century in order to protect the town from invaders. The historical centre, nowadays known as “Laiki geitonia” has been renovated and is pleasant to walk about for both visitors and local people.

The modern city, which extends itself around the historical centre, abounds in ancient monuments and architectural vestiges of the successive conquerors of the island (Lusignans, Venetians, Genoese, Ottomans, English).

The old city is divided by the infamous “green line” which separates the northern part of the country illegally occupied by Turkey since 1974 from the rest of the Republic.

#### ***- MAIN LOCAL/CULTURAL EVENTS***

Nicosia: (open air) concerts, exhibitions, museums, theatres, cinemas, local cinemas

#### ***- HOW TO REACH TOWN (LINKS FROM THE NEAREST AIRPORT, TRAIN OR COACH STATIONS)***

Larnaca International Airport is only 40-45 minutes from Nicosia. Travellers can take a taxi from Larnaca airport to Nicosia (average cost 35 euro) or a bus (average cost 7 euro). Paphos Airport is app. 1:30 hours from Nicosia. Travellers can also take a taxi to Nicosia (average cost 85 euro).

#### ***- TRANSPORT IN TOWN (BRIEF INFORMATION ON THE MAIN MEANS OF TRANSPORT AVAILABLE)***

Buses are the cheapest way to travel and service is quite regular; taxis; possibility of renting bicycles or cars. Minimum bus service from the University Campus to the Pedagogical Academy (Kallipoleos str.) where the courses are held and vice versa, is provided during Summer.

## • **SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANISING INSTITUTION**

### **University of Cyprus**

The University of Cyprus is a young university established in 1989. It admitted its first students in 1992 and has currently app. 6000 students. It was founded in response to the growing intellectual needs of the Cypriot people for tertiary education. The University is currently housed in the recently built facilities at the new University Campus, the former Pedagogical Academy of Cyprus, in other owned or rented buildings as well as a cluster of buildings at Latsia. The historic building complex (Central Campus) of the Pedagogical Academy was fully renovated, while retaining its architectural style, to meet the requirements of a modern university. In this Campus, two additional buildings have been constructed: the New Wing (Building E) and the recently completed Wing B (Building B). In addition to the main buildings, the University owns or rents other buildings in the same area to cover its housing needs until the completion of the permanent Campus.

The University is a member of the European University Association (EUA), the Association of Mediterranean Universities (UNIMED), the Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe (UNICA), the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), the International Association of Universities (IAU), the Association of Arab and European Universities (AEUA), the Santander Group (SG), LEO-NET, the European Association of Erasmus Coordinators (EAC) and others. The University has also established close contacts with numerous international organisations, including the European Commission (DG Research and DG Education and Culture), UNESCO, CEPES and the Council of Europe.

The University Library (a fully electronic library since 2001) contains print, non-print, audiovisual and digital material as well as facilities for reproduction into Braille for blind users. It has more than 220.000 books and 2900 scholarly journals -with an annual increase of about 12.000 new titles- and several important collections such as those of the Archaeological Unit and Turkish Studies. In 2000-1 it was awarded the Best e-Europe Practices (BEEP) prize for the accomplishments in the areas of Work and Skills (Domain 1), Digital SME's (Domain 2), Social Inclusion (Domain 3), Regional Cohesion (Domain 4) as regards the facilities for blind users.

Today, the University of Cyprus consists of six faculties and twenty-one departments. The Department of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies -which is responsible for the teaching programme of the School of Modern Greek established since 1998- forms part of the Faculty of Letters, and covers the subjects of Byzantine Philology, Modern Greek Literature, Theory of Literature, Comparative Literature and Linguistics.

## • **ACCOMMODATION**

*- SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE ACCOMMODATION OFFERED (HOTEL, APARTMENTS, STUDENT HALLS, OTHERS; IF THERE ARE COOKING FACILITIES) AND ON THE RENT TO BE PAID PER WEEK*

Erasmus students attending classes at the School of Modern Greek are accommodated in single rooms at the Campus dormitories at the price of app. EURO170,00 a month depending on availability (a very small number available). Erasmus students, who wish to participate in the EILC, should inform the Housing Office (att. Ms Chtristina Efstathiou housing@ucy.ac.cy) of their accommodation needs by May 31 every year.

- **MEALS**

- *SHORT DESCRIPTION ON THE SERVICES OFFERED (UNIVERSITY CANTEENS, RESTAURANTS, BARS, OTHERS)*

August is a month of holiday for students and academics, therefore the university canteen and restaurant are usually closed. However, the canteen or restaurant could provide meals/sandwiches on demand. In case this is not possible, students are provided with a list of restaurants, snack bars and cafes where they can have their meals.

- **RECEPTION OF STUDENTS**

- *MEETING POINT (PLACE, DATE AND TIME OF FIRST MEETING - FOR EACH COURSE WHERE DIFFERENT)*

Monday, July 23<sup>st</sup>, 8:30 a.m., outside wing A of the Central building of the University (Pedagogical Academy at 75, Kallipoleos Avenue)

- **EXTRA MURAL ACTIVITIES**

- *SITE VISITS*

Places of interest are:

- Leventeion Museum of Nicosia (European Museum of 1991)
- Laiki Geitonia
- Archaeological Museum of Cyprus
- Byzantine Museum
- State Collection of Contemporary Art
- Museum of National History
- City Kingdom of Idalion (outside town)
- Church of Assinou (outside town)
- Kourion ancient theatre (outside town)
- Kolossi medieval castle (outside town)
- Neolithic settlement of Choirokitia (outside town)
- Saint Neophytos Monastery (outside town)
- Panagia Aggeloktisti church (outside town)
- Aphrodite's Temple and Baths (outside town)
- Aphrodite's birth place (outside town)
- Archaeological Park of Paphos (world cultural heritage list) (outside town)

**- SPORTS FACILITIES (SWIMMING, TENNIS, GYMNASIUM; OPENING DAYS AND AVAILABLE INFORMATION)**

To encourage the University community (students and personnel) to participate in sports activities, a wide variety of activities is offered and the opening hours of the sports facilities have been extended from 07:30-22:00. The Sports Office recognizes that sports is a broad term and that different people want and expect different things from a sports programme. In response to this, the sports programme has been divided into several broad categories, as follows:

**Recreational Sports**

This group of activities is for people who want to improve their overall level of physical fitness. The aim of the University is to make sports an inseparable part of university life.

**- ENTERTAINMENT (CINEMA, THEATRE, ETC.; BRIEF INFORMATION ON PLACES AND STUDENT FACILITIES)**

August is usually very hot in Cyprus and most cultural activities within Nicosia are suspended. However, there are festivals in villages around Nicosia and other areas, and the Theatrical Workshop of the University sometimes performs towards the end of the month of August. Poetry Nights under full moon are organized during this month by the municipality of Strovolos in Nicosia and students are free to attend.

11 cinema halls in Nicosia

**Note: where more than one course is organised at each level, this form should be copied and completed for each course**

## ***PART II: COURSE(S) DESCRIPTION***

**COURSE NO:**

**LEVEL:**

***I: Beginner course***

***II: Intermediate course***

	FROM...	TO...
PERIOD: 4 WEEKS PERIOD:	JULY 25 <sup>TH</sup> 2011	AUGUST 19 <sup>TH</sup> 2011

• **LANGUAGE COMPONENT**

**- SHORT DESCRIPTION OF LANGUAGE COMPONENT: OBJECTIVES AND TEACHING METHODS**

**LEVEL I**

**Objectives**

Main aim is for the students to be able to read, understand and produce (orally and in writing) correctly small texts on simple subjects of everyday life.

Linguistic component: acquire basic notions on the Greek alphabet, declension of nouns, adjectives and pronouns (personal, possessive, negative etc) verbs and main tenses (present, aorist, imperfect, future) and comparison. Basic types of sentences (affirmation, negation, etc.).

Communicative skills: Be able to give or require simple information about oneself, the others, talk and understand when others are talking about simple issues of everyday life. Be able to express opinion (agreement/disagreement), feelings (anger/happiness), preferences (like/dislike), briefly describe events.

**Comprehension**

To be able to read and understand correctly small oral or written texts (newspaper articles, announcements, advertisements, signs). To be able to extract essential information from small texts (small newspaper articles, announcements, advertisements, poems). To be able to answer simple factual questions. To understand and interpret correctly signs (in streets, public places etc.). To understand small dialogues and answer simple questions.

**Production**

- In writing. To be able to present one's views on issues of everyday life, to be able to refuse or accept an offer, to apologise, to thank, to ask for information (bank, public services, tourist service etc.), to comment briefly on somebody or something

- Orally. To present oneself and to introduce somebody. To refuse or accept an offer, to apologise, to thank, to supply and ask for simple information (bank, public services, tourist service etc.), to comment briefly on somebody or something, to describe briefly an event, a picture or a person. To express a hypothesis, a wish or an order. To ask and tell the time.

**- SUBJECT-SPECIFIC LANGUAGE ELEMENTS**  
(e.g. special modules for students in particular disciplines)

YES  NO

IF YES, SPECIFY:

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**- DURATION**

TOTAL NUMBER OF CLASSES	2 classesh.
HOURS IN CLASSROOM	h 76(19x4 weeks)h.
HOURS OF PRACTICE CONVERSATION/LANGUAGE LABORATORY	h. 24(6x4 weeks)h.
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	

**- ASSESSMENT (SPECIFY IF THE ASSESSMENT IS MADE BY WRITTEN/ORAL EXAMINATION, ASSIGNMENT, ETC.)**

Attendance throughout the course is compulsory. Students are not allowed to participate to final exams if they have more than 5 absences. Active participation, continuous assessment and final oral and written examination are required. A certificate of success is issued upon completion of the course.

**• COURSE FACILITIES**

**- TEACHING AIDS**

<input type="checkbox"/> AUDIO/VIDEO MATERIALS <b>YES</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> COMPUTER/SOFTWARE
<input type="checkbox"/> HANDOUTS/PRINTED TEXTS <b>YES</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPARENCIES <b>YES</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER : (SPECIFY) Language Toys

**- LIBRARY**

YES  NO

**IF YES, SPECIFY:**

TIMES	08:30-17:00
OPENING DAYS	MONDAY TO FRIDAY
ADDRESS	75 KALLIPOLEOS AVENUE, NICOSIA

**- LANGUAGE LABORATORY**

YES  NO

**IF YES, SPECIFY:**

TIMES	
OPENING DAYS	
ADDRESS	
COST	

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● **CULTURAL COMPONENT**

- **SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE CULTURAL ELEMENTS INCLUDED IN THE COURSE: OBJECTIVES AND TEACHING METHODS**

Main objective: To get students familiar with various aspects of the life on the island

1. Cultural and social issues in relation to the Hellenophone world are being presented and discussed during courses with the aid of audio-visual material.
2. The students are presented with aspects of life in Cyprus.
3. Lectures on various issues delivered by professors of the University according to availability
4. Meeting cocktail, excursions, site visits, guiding tours are organized inside and outside Nicosia (food and beverage not included).

Poetry nights, theatrical plays by the University Theatrical Workshop towards the end of August.

- **DURATION**

TOTAL HOURS OF ACTIVITIES	app. 70 hours <u>h.</u>
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● **TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF**

	NUMBER OF...:
<input type="checkbox"/> TEACHERS	4 (two teachers for each group)
<input type="checkbox"/> ADMINISTRATORS	2
<input type="checkbox"/> STUDENTS	15-18 in each class