



Center for Applied Linguistics and Language Studies
Modern Greek Language Program
Course Description

Course name: A1 Beginners

Aim: The aims of this course are:

- To develop students' accuracy and fluency in speaking and writing
- To develop students' awareness of the writing process
- To develop students' reading sub-skills
- To develop students' listening sub-skills
- To develop students' test taking strategies

Level: This course aims at the A1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).
Students:

- can understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type
- can introduce him/herself and others, can ask and answer questions about personal details such as where he/she is from, where he/she lives, what is his/her profession, exchange information about family members, other people he/she knows, things he/she has
- can interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly, clearly, and is prepared to help

Components: The course content includes writing, reading, speaking, and listening components.

- The **topics** covered in the reading, writing, speaking and listening component are introductions, origin, family, professions, shopping, houses, furniture, food, ordering, describing people, days of the week, months, weather, age, places in the city, cinema, radio programs, tv shows, transportation means, excursions, housekeeping, daily routines.
- The **writing component** consists of writing brief dialogues, paragraphs and/or e-mails, letters describing themselves, their classmates, their families and houses, favorite activities, ordering in taverna, cafeteria, bar, searching apartment ads, weather, past and future activities, giving directions, narrating an event, vacations, life in Greece, entertainment, giving instructions, reviewing a film.
- The **reading component** consists of reading short (120–150 words) adapted texts about people, places, and professions, classified ads on searching apartment, short descriptions of events and activities. The reading component also consists of short (150–200 words) adapted texts about daily routines, films, vacations and entertainment, health issues, restaurant catalogues.
- The **speaking component** consists of pronunciation practice, and being able to introduce oneself, exchanging personal information, common expressions when shopping and expressing likes and dislikes, describing people and places. It also consists of suggestions about entertainment and vacations, talking about movies, giving instructions, looking for information, describing past, present and future events.
- The **listening component** consists of listening to people shopping or ordering things, descriptions of personal life, descriptions of jobs, descriptions of clothes and places, interviews. It also consists of listening to people describing events, making and responding to suggestions, making reservations and appointments.
- The following **grammar** items are included in this course: nominative/accusative case of singular/plural of articles/adjectives/nouns, simple present of all types of verbs, the copula 'be',

an introduction to genitive case of singular, nominative of personal pronouns, question forms, prepositions (με, για, από, σε), nominative case of singular and plural of the demonstrative pronoun (αυτός ο, αυτή η, αυτό το), possessive pronouns (μου, σου, του), adverbs of place. There are also included adverbs of time and frequency, past and simple future tense of active voice (all types of verbs), non-continuous subjunctive, introduction to continuous subjunctive, impersonal verbs, interrogative and personal pronouns (direct object), comparatives (-ος, -η, -ο/-ος, -α, -ο), indefinite pronouns and an introduction to the passive present tense (verbs -ομαι, -άμαι).

- The **vocabulary** in this course includes high frequency words commonly associated with family, jobs and the work place, clothes, entertainment, hour, neighborhood, numbers, mood, shopping, ordering, house, colors, descriptions, celebrations and holidays, transportation means, days of the week, months, weather, cooking, healthy eating, tourism, future plans, films, daily routines.