



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

Course: A2 Low Intermediate

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 class aims at the A2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).
Students:

- can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, employment),
- can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters,
- can describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need.

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

- The **topics** covered in the reading, writing, speaking and listening component are classroom environment, musical instruments, daily routine, health, public services, descriptions of persons, professions, family, entertainment, vacations, mass media, wishes, accidents, educational system.
- The **writing component** consists of writing dialogues, paragraphs, messages and letters describing an activity, past or future events, an accident, a person, a trip, a bad experience. It also consists of paragraphs or letters giving instructions and advices, exchanging information about themselves and their qualifications, writing an advertisement.
- The **reading component** consists of reading short (150–200 words) adapted texts and dialogues, advertisements, short descriptions and short stories, and letters about people, daily schedule and activities, places and objects, health issues and advices given by experts, vacations and entertainment, restaurants' menus, events.
- The **speaking component** consists of improvement of pronunciation of Greek language, participation in dialogues where speakers present themselves, exchange information, go shopping, express preferences, describe persons and places. It also consists of suggestions on entertainment and holidays, invitations, advice, and wishes, searching information, descriptions of events (past-present-future).
- The **listening component** consists of note taking and listening to people shopping, describing personal and professional aspects of their lives, talking about trips and places. It also consists of suggestions for entertainment, advices given by experts, instructions, directions, dialogues while ordering and reserving place, descriptions of events, dialogues on the phone, radio shows, and interviews.
- The following **grammar** items are included in this course: adverbs, comparatives of adverbs, the relative pronoun "του", indirect object, genitive form singular and plural, numeral adjectives of order, one-form nouns, non-continuous subjunctive and imperative, clauses with "αν"

(conditional clauses, 1st type), interrogative pronoun “ποιανού/ποιανής/ποιανού”, possessive adjective “δικός μου/δική μου/δικό μου”, two endings formed neuter nouns, indirect speech, Simple Past Tense, Genitive form of the personal pronoun, impersonal verbs, indefinite pronouns, clauses.

- The **vocabulary** in this course will include high frequency words commonly associated with work, entertainment, neighborhood, shopping, descriptions of people and professions, celebrations and holidays, transportation means, food and cooking, tourism, future plans, health, daily routine.

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