



Center of Applied Linguistics and Language Studies Modern Greek Language Program

Course Description

Course: C1 Advanced

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

Level: This course aims at the level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR). Students:

- Can understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognize implicit meaning.
- Can express her/himself fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions.
- Can use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes.
- Can produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organizational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.

Requirements: In order to attend this course, former Hellenic American Union students are expected to have completed B2 Course successfully. New students may be placed in this course after sitting for the Hellenic American Union placement test.

Duration: Each course lasts one term. The non-intensive terms last 30 weeks (2 three-hour sessions) and the intensive terms last 12 weeks (5 three-hour sessions). Each lesson is broken up into fifty-minute sessions, with a twenty-minute break. Lessons begin at ten past the hour.

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

- The topics covered in the reading, writing, speaking and listening component are: environment, science and technology, relationships, equal rights, health, sports, social issues (such as: unemployment, stress, lack of communication), language, education, economy, labor, culture, institutions and elections.
- The writing component consists of writing letters or argumentative essays where students then express their own ideas about modern way of living, ecology, science and technology, family issues, equal rights between men and women, prejudice towards various social groups, traditional and modern media, unemployment, sexual harassment, and cruelty to animals, charity and voluntarism, language, education, economy, labor, sports, culture, institutions.
- The reading component consists of reading original texts (300-400 words) that vary in length and difficulty, such as interviews and articles on topics like: unemployment, ecology, teenage problems, communication, football, electronic media, language, education, finance, work, culture, structure of state, medical ethics, psychology, modern life.
- The speaking component consists of lectures, presentations, group discussions and debates on various topics such as relationship problems, environmental issues, social issues, health and modern way of living.
- The listening component consists of authentic interviews, discussions, lectures and radio programs with different views about: environment, equal rights, issues in language, ecology, protection of personal details, medicine, health, psychology, protection of privacy, criminality, education, economy, labor, culture, institutions and structure of the state.

- The following grammar items are included in this course: superlative form of adjectives (prefix: παν-/όλο-/κατα-) compound verbs (βάλλω), adverbs (εναντίον/ενάντια σε/μεταξύ/εκτός), prepositions (υπό/ κατά /παρά /υπέρ/ εξαιτίας), verbal aspect, present, past and future perfect, conditional forms, use of indicative, subjunctive, imperative form, compound words (prefix ξε-/ευ-/δυσ-), the use of και/ότι/όπως/που, nouns with double plural forms, the use of the word ως, adverbs used as adjectives, prefix ξε-, conjugation of verbs from Ancient Greek such as verbs ending in -ώμαι, -τίθεμαι, -ίσταμαι, passive voice, the negative word μη, elliptic and parallel verbs, exercises for review regarding nouns, adjectives, adverbs, pronouns and participles.
- The vocabulary includes words and expressions on: ecology, science, technology, family, relationships, language, education, economy, labor, culture, institutions and elections, health issues, etc. It also includes expressions and proverbs of Ancient Greek language and katharevousa still in use in Modern Greek language.

Assessment: At the end of the course, students will receive a final percentage grade, composed by an average written grade and an average oral grade, each calculated as follows:

Average written grade: Three edited versions of level writing 30% (10% each), two progress mid-term test 40% (20% each), and one achievement test (final test) 30%.

Average oral grade: Attendance and class participation 40%, performance in three in-class oral tasks 20% each.

In order to successfully complete the course and be able to advance to the next course in the program, a student is expected to have a final grade of 70% or above. The final grade is calculated by adding the average written grade (essays, mid-term test, and final test) to the average oral grade (attendance and class participation, oral tasks) and dividing by 2. For example, if a student receives 65% as average written grade and 75% as average oral grade, the final grade is calculated as follows: $65\% + 75\% : 2 = 70\%$.