

## MODERN GREEK LESSONS FOR ADULT LEARNERS

The UCLA Stavros Niarchos Foundation Center for the Study of Hellenic Culture, in collaboration with the St. Sophia Foundation, offers a non-credit Modern Greek language course at the elementary and intermediate levels, specifically designed for the needs of adult learners.

### Instructor

Angeliki Asprouli ([aasprouli@humnet.ucla.edu](mailto:aasprouli@humnet.ucla.edu)) holds a BA in Greek Language and Literature (2004) and a BA in Theater Studies (2018) from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, and an MA in Literature, Philology, and Linguistics (2006) from Sorbonne University. She has also completed the seminar *Routes in the Teaching of Modern Greek as a Second/Foreign Language*, which is offered by the Centre for the Greek Language of the Greek Ministry of Education and Research.

Angeliki has taught Greek language to various learner-groups (native speakers, heritage speakers, foreigners) at all levels, from elementary to advanced, at institutions in Greece and in the US, including Harvard University and UCLA.

### Duration of Course

First semester: Thursday, October 1st – Thursday, January 28th (15 weeks, excluding holiday breaks).

Second semester: Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> – Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. (16 weeks, excluding holiday breaks).

\* *Prospective students with some knowledge of Greek can join the intermediate level after instructor approval.*

## **Course goals**

### Elementary level

Our aim, in this two-semester sequence in elementary Greek, is the acquisition of basic oral and written competence, as well as the development of aural and reading comprehension skills. By the end of the course, you will possess the linguistic skills necessary to navigate everyday circumstances and you will master the ability to communicate in meaningful contexts: you will be able to talk about things of your everyday environment, such as family, friends, daily routines, your likes and dislikes; to handle social interactions, such as meeting people, planning an event, arranging a night out; to inquire about other people; and to relate information in simple terms. This course will also invite you to explore similarities and differences between Greek and other cultures. The material will be broadened with authentic "texts," verbal and cultural: poems, comic strips, ads, newspaper articles.

### Intermediate level

Our aim, in this two-semester sequence in intermediate Greek, is the development of oral and written competence, as well as the enhancement of aural and reading comprehension skills. In order to develop proficiency in these skills, you will be introduced to authentic texts, articles, oral and written interviews, TV clips, and short literary texts, and graphic novels. You will also review and enhance your knowledge of Greek grammar and vocabulary. By the end of the course you will possess the necessary linguistic skills to communicate in meaningful everyday contexts on concrete topics, such as entertainment preferences, lifestyle habits, education and work. You will also become more familiar with more abstract topics relating to social, cultural, and historical themes we will cover in class. Specifically, you will be able to express your own ideas, beliefs, and opinions on issues such as music and culture, work and employment, lifestyle, social concerns; to inquire about those of your interlocutors; and to consider different views from varying perspectives. You will acquire the ability to read and understand a variety of texts and express yourself in speaking and in writing at an Intermediate level.

## **Textbook**

*Communicate in Greek for Beginners* (Deltos Books), specifically designed for English-speaking learners of Greek, will be our core textbook.

The textbook set (which includes two workbooks) can be purchased from the online bookstore [bibliagora-USA.com](http://bibliagora-USA.com).

## **Fees**

Tuition for each semester is \$300 (\$600 for the entire two-semester sequence). The amount must be submitted by the end of the first week of classes. In order to submit your payment, please contact St. Sophia Foundation:

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