In-Country Study Programme at the University of Athens

Duration: Six weeks commencing from the second week of January (7 January – 14 February 2014).

Orientation Day: Meeting point on Tuesday 7th of January 2014, 9:30 a.m., at the secretary’s office situated in the Modern Greek Language Teaching Centre, University Campus, Zografou, tel.: +30 210 7277672.

Prerequisites: 12 credit points at junior level Modern Greek.

Classes: The lessons will be held from Monday to Friday, 15:00 p.m.-18:15 p.m., in the Modern Greek Language Teaching Centre.

Chief Objectives: 1) To enhance the overall learning process for students of Modern Greek by exposing them (through face-to-face teaching and organised tours) to a diverse range of linguistic and cultural stimuli.
2) To equip students with an understanding of the language and culture nexus.
3) To develop and enhance students’ written and oral communication skills in Modern Greek.

Levels of Language Acquisition: Students are normally divided into two groups according to their linguistic competency in Modern Greek.

1) **The Intermediate group**, which builds on morphological and syntactical structures developed over the course of two semesters of Beginners Modern Greek, is structured in the following way:

   *Thematic Modules:*
   - Family Members and Relations
   - Employment and Professions
   - City Touring and Means of Transport
   - The Retail Experience (Monetary Transactions)
   - Finding and Describing Types of Accommodation
   - Gastronomy and Food Culture
   - Art and Culture Experiences, Museums and Festivals
   - Health Services
   - Travel Experiences
   - Advertising Topics
   - Gastronomy and Food Culture
   - Religious, Cultural and Personal Celebrations

**Grammar & Syntax: Parts of Speech in a Functional Context:**
- Adjectives (Describing People: Physical Attributes & Personality Traits)
Nouns (Understanding the Case System: Nominative, Accusative, Genitive and Vocative in a Functional Context)
Simple Tenses of Verbs (Aorist and Future: Formation and Uses)
Continuous Tenses of Verbs (Present, Past and Future: Formation and Uses)
Subjunctive and Imperative

Recommended Textbook (supplied by the University of Athens):
- Ταξίδι στην Ελλάδα, Νέα Ελληνικά για Ξένους Επίπεδα A1 & A2 Έφη Γκαρέλη, Έφη Καπούλα, Στέλιο Νεστοράτος, Ευαγγελία Πρίτση, Νίκος Ρουμπής, Γεωργία Συκαρά, Αθήνα, Γρηγόρης 2012.
- Ταξίδι στην Ελλάδα, Νέα Ελληνικά για Ξένους Επίπεδα B1 & B2 Έφη Γκαρέλη, Έφη Καπούλα, Έφη Κοντοκώστα, Μάρη Μαντζούλη, Στέλιο Νεστοράτος, Ευαγγελία Πρίτση, Νίκος Ρουμπής, Γεωργία Συκαρά, Αθήνα, Γρηγόρης (υπό έκδοση - Οκτώβριος 2013).
Assessment: Two weekly (written and oral) language quizzes (equivalent to 2000 words), participation and final examination (2 hours, equivalent to 2000 words).

2) The Advanced group, which builds on morphological and syntactical structures developed over the course of two semesters of Post HSC or Intermediate Modern Greek, is structured in the following way:

Thematic Modules:
Life in the City
Contemporary Global Ecological/Environmental Issues
Technology and the Self
Contemporary Political Issues in a Local and Global Context
Youth Cultures

Grammar & Syntax: Parts of Speech in a Functional Context:
Verbs (Formation of Tenses, Moods and Aspect)
Active and Passive Voice (Morphology and Disposition)
Nouns and Adjectives (Irregular Forms)
Prepositions and Conjunctions (Function and Uses)
Pronouns and Pronominals
Fundamental Elements of the Clause
Types of Clause

Recommended Textbook (supplied by the University of Athens):
- Θ. Αγάθος, Β. Γιαννακού, Β. Δημιουργός, Α. Τσοτσιρόε, Ανακαλύπτοντας το κείμενο, Η διδασκαλία της Ελληνικής ως Ξένης Γλώσσας. Κείμενα για το Επίπεδο Επάρκειας. Αθήνα: Φιλομάθεια, 2009.
- Θ. Αγάθος, Β. Γιαννακού, Β. Δημιουργός, Μ. Καλέντζος, Νίκος Ρουμπής, Α. Τσοτσιρόε, Γράφο Ελληνικά. Αθήνα: Φιλομάθεια, 2012.
Assessment: Two weekly (written and oral) language quizzes (equivalent to 2000 words), participation and final examination (2 hours, equivalent to 2000 words).

Breakdown of Course Content:
1) Approximately 60% of teaching time is devoted to an exploration of the Modern Greek language with emphasis on oral expression. The principal aim is to familiarise students with a typically Greek lifestyle, as well as with the language used by the mass media (as the official carrier and appropriator of standard Modern Greek).

2) Limited number of lectures on Modern Greek literature and history, and on various topics of broad interest will also be delivered by Athens University Professors of the School of Philosophy, so as to give students an understanding of various linguistic registers, cultural, political and socio-historical underpinnings of the language, as well as reinforcing aspects of the standard language through literary innovation.
3) Educational excursions and tours to archaeological sights and museums in Athens and beyond, as well as visits to places of special significance within the political and economic spheres.

Note: An elementary knowledge of Modern Greek is presupposed for lectures on Literature, History and on topics of broader interest and significance. Also, all information provided on tours and excursions will be in Modern Greek.

Grading System:
Student participation and grades will be based on the following three criteria:
1) Attendance: Graded as Above Satisfactory; Satisfactory; Unsatisfactory
2) Participation (completion of assignments, oral participation etc.): Graded as Excellent; Very Good; Good; Poor
3) Performance in the final written examination (at the end of the unit of study): Graded as Excellent; Very Good; Good; Poor

Accommodation, Meals, Course Material:

Accommodation: The University of Athens undertakes the responsibility of securing accommodation for students at a private student dormitory at the cost of 8 to 10 euros per person per day.
Accommodation costs are the responsibility of each student and should be paid directly to the accommodation provider.

Meals: Meals (lunch and dinner) will be provided by the campus restaurant situated at the School of Philosophy at the cost of 4 euros per person per day (paid directly to the restaurant).

Course Material: All course material will be supplied to the students by the University of Athens upon their arrival.

The Cost of Participation in Unit:

1) Participation in the programme is 750 euros per person. This covers excursions, tours and course material. There is no fee for the lessons themselves, which are covered by the University.

2) Each student will be required to deposit the sum of 750 euros into a nominated account (BSB: 81706531) with the Emporiki Bank of Greece, which is located at 34 Stadiou and Korai St. IBAN: GR7901200350000000081706531, SWIFT: EMPOGRAA.

3) Proof of deposit will need to be presented to the relevant administrative body of this Unit, at the University of Athens, prior to commencement of the programme.

Please Note:
A minimum (combined) quota of 15 students from all university Modern Greek Departments in Australia is required in order for this In-Country Study Programme to be offered.