

Modern Greek AA: Elementary Modern Greek

Fall 2019



Harvard College/GSAS: 159840

Meeting Time: M., T., W., Th. 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Meeting Place: Robinson 222

Canvas site: <https://canvas.harvard.edu/courses/59957>

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Course Description: For students with no knowledge of Modern Greek. Basic oral expression, listening comprehension, grammar, reading, and writing. Language instruction is supplemented by reading of simple literary passages and other texts as well as by online instruction. Part one of a two-part series.

Prerequisite: None

Required textbook:

Georgantzi, E., Raftopoulou, E., Vaska-Paidoussi, L. *Greek for you A1*. Neohel Publications: Athens. 2017. (+Workbook)

Recommended texts:

Holton, D., Mackridge, P., Philippaki-Warburton, I. *Greek: An Essential Grammar of the Modern Language (Essential Grammars)*. Taylor & Francis, 2004.

Stavropoulos, D. N. *Oxford English-Greek Learner's Dictionary*. Oxford, 2008.

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Kaliambou, *Routledge Modern Greek Reader*. London, New York, 2015.

The required textbook is available at the Harvard Coop.

Other Recommended Resources:

- Language Resource Center at Lamont Library
- Odysseas Intelligent Language Tutor:
<https://www.sfu.ca/hellenic-studies/snf-centre-for-hellenic-studies/snf-new-media-lab.html>
- The following link of the Hellenic American Union:
<http://www.hau.gr/?i=learning.en.podcasts-in-greek>

Grading:

Attendance, homework, and participation: 10%

Quizzes (x6): 25%

Midterm exam: 15%

Final Project: 25%

Final exam: 25%

Attendance and timeliness policy:

Students are responsible for notifying the instructor of any absences, in advance when possible, otherwise as soon as possible after the absence.

Absences for certain reasons are always excusable; these include:

- Religious observance (with advance notice)
- Participation in intercollegiate athletic competition (with advance notice)
- Interviews for jobs, graduate schools, fellowships, etc. (with advance notice)
- Personal or family emergency
- Illness or other incapacity.

Each **unexcused absence** will **adversely affect** the **attendance/participation portion** of your **grade**. Quizzes, homework, or other work not completed on time due to absence may be made up if the absence is excused. Make-ups must normally be taken on the first day that the student returns to class after the absence. If the absence is not excused, the student may submit the work for feedback, but will receive a grade of 0. Please do your best to arrive on time. Classes begin at 5 past the hour. Repeated lateness will adversely affect the attendance/participation portion of your grade.

Academic honesty policy:

Students are encouraged to study together, but all written work submitted for a grade (including quizzes and exams) must be the sole, unaided work of each student. Collaboration on such work will be considered plagiarism and cases will be referred to the Administrative Board of Harvard College. If you are in doubt as to whether collaboration is permitted on any given assignment, please ask your instructor first.

Special accommodations:

Any student requiring special accommodation should provide the instructor with a letter from the

Accessible Education Office as soon as possible, so that we will have time to make the necessary arrangements. No accommodations can be made until the letter is received. All correspondence with the AEO will remain confidential.

Goals of the course:

By the end of the semester you are expected to reach the novice level and be able to do the following in each one of the four language skills*:

LISTENING	SPEAKING	READING	WRITING
I can understand simple questions, statements, and frequently used commands	I can communicate short messages on highly predictable, everyday topics	I can understand key words and cognates from highly predictable texts	I can write in lists and notes, primarily by using words and phrases

* These criteria are based on ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines

Schedule

Week 1

	Grammar	Topic
9/3	Orientation & Introduction	The Greek Alphabet Introducing Ourselves
9/4	Letter Combinations I	Greek for you A1 (Introduction)
9/5	Letter Combinations II	Greek for you A1 (Introduction)

Week 2

	Grammar	Topic
9/9	The definite article ο-η-το and the three genders of the nouns	I greet, I welcome
9/10	The personal pronoun εγώ, εσύ, αυτός and the present tense of the verb είμαι	I introduce
9/11	Plural of courtesy εσείς, affirmation ναι, negation όχι, δεν	I answer with a Yes or a No

9/12	The possessive pronoun μου, σου/σας, the cardinal numbers 0-10	I say that something is mine or yours
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Week 3

	Grammar	Topic
9/16	QUIZ 1	When do we say good morning, good afternoon...
9/17	Demonstrative Pronouns (αυτός, αυτή, αυτό)	I ask: This or that? I say my nationality
9/18	Interrogative Pronouns (ποιος; ποια; ποιο;)	I ask information about someone or something
9/19	Possessive Pronouns (του, της, του)	I say that something is his, hers or its

Week 4

	Grammar	Topic
9/23	QUIZ 2	
9/24	The indefinite article ένας-μία/μία-ένα	I ask and answer questions about the natural environment where we live
9/25	The noun endings	I ask what an object is
9/26	The cardinal numbers 11-31	

Week 5

	Grammar	Topic
9/30	QUIZ 3	I ask how someone is I give answers
10/1	The accusative case	I ask the name of a person or a thing
10/2	Verbs of conjugation A	I ask someone where he is from
10/3	The expression με λένε	I ask what day it is

Week 6

	Grammar	Topic
10/7	The accusative of the indefinite article ένα(ν)-μία/μία-ένα	I ask where someone lives
10/8	The preposition σε + definite article (acc.)	I say where I live Near or far away? Type of residence? In which floor?
10/9	The accusative of the feminine nouns in -ος & the verb έχω	I ask if someone has something

10/10	The cardinal numbers 30-100 & the ordinal numbers	I ask where someone was born
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Week 7

	Grammar	Topic
10/14	Columbus Day, No class	
10/15	MIDTERM	
10/16	The accusative of the personal pronoun αυτόν/τον, αυτήν/την, αυτό/το	I ask about someone's job or studies I ask where someone is working
10/17	The demonstrative pronoun εκείνος, εκείνη, εκείνο The possessive pronoun (plural) μας, σας, τους	I ask someone if s/he knows someone else

Week 8

	Grammar	Topic
10/21	The verbs πάω, ακούω	I ask what someone is doing now I ask the price of something
10/22	The verbs είμαι, πάω in the future tense	I ask what someone will do in the future
10/23	The verbs κάνω, έχω in the future tense	I ask about the weather I make additions
10/24	The indefinite pronoun κάθε	I ask what someone does every day

Week 9

	Grammar	Topic
10/28	QUIZ 4	
10/29	The expression μου αρέσει	I say what I like and how much I like it I ask if someone likes something I ask what someone else likes

10/30	Verbs of conjugation B-1 st class	I say what languages I speak I talk about my marital status
10/31	Adverbs of quantity and of manner	I say my favorite person or thing

Week 10

	Grammar	Topic
11/4	QUIZ 5	
11/5	The indefinite pronouns άλλος-άλλη-άλλο, κανένας/κανείς-καμία/καμιά-κανένα	I ask for something in a polite way
11/6	The adverbs of place	I say where something is located
11/7	The third person verb υπάρχει	I ask if there is something somewhere

Week 11

	Grammar	Topic
11/11	QUIZ 6	I talk about a country
11/12	Singular of adjectives ending in -ος-η-ο, -ος-α-ο, ός-ιά-ό and adjective & noun agreement	I describe
11/13	Plural of neuter nouns ending in -ο, -ι, plural of neuter adjectives ending in -ος-η-ο, -ος-α-ο, ός-ιά-ό	I talk about my origin and my citizenship
11/14	The cardinal numbers 100-1999	Colors

Week 12

	Grammar	Topic
11/18	The plural of the definite article, the masculine nouns in -ας, -ης, -ος & the feminine nouns in -α, -η, -ος	I ask about the quantity
11/19	The expression μου αρέσουν The indefinite indeclinable pronouns κάτι, τίποτε/τίποτα	I ask if somebody wants anything else

11/20	The interrogative pronoun πόσος; πόση; πόσο;	I ask about the price of a product
11/21	The plural of the indefinite and interrogative pronouns άλλος-η-ο, ποιος-α-ο The three genders of the cardinal numbers 1, 3, 4	Transactions at the cashier

Week 13

	Grammar	Topic
11/25	Sentences that begin with γιατί & neuter nouns ending in -μα	I ask why I give a reason why
11/26	The adjective πολύς-πολλή-πολύ	I say: There is... I specify the quantity that I want
11/27	Thanksgiving Recess: No Class	
11/28	Thanksgiving Recess: No Class	

Week 14

	Grammar	Topic
12/2	Final Project Presentations	
12/3	REVIEW	
	Final Exam TBA	

