

GREEK 1131
BEGINNING MODERN GREEK II
SPRING 2014
12:50-1:40 M-F, Flint Hall 0121

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COURSE CONTENT: This is the first course in the introductory Greek sequence, which is designed to prepare students to read, write, speak and understand Modern Greek.

Why Learn Modern Greek?

- Improve your English: most fancy big words, like chiroprapist, gynecology, embryology, psyche, pathological, epitome, pedagogy, are Greek.
- Terminology: Much of the higher vocabulary in English and most of the medical terminology, astronomical and scientific terms, and even the names of many stars and constellations are really Greek. So, learning Greek enriches your vocabulary and grasp of English.
- Improve on your understanding of Grammar and Syntax in both Greek and English.
- It is an experience for one's intellectual structure to come into contact with a highly precise and uniquely expressive language. We think through language, and precise language results in precise thinking.
- Greek is the oldest continuously spoken European language. Its first written samples date to 1250 BC. Therefore, learning ancient Greek will be a unique cultural experience.
- A huge amount of high quality literature has been produced in Greek. We will be able to sample this marvel of human creativity in its original form.
- During the course we will make historical references to this uniquely refreshing and highly influential culture, upon which Western civilization has been founded.
- The course could also benefit your theological interests, as in future you be able to consult the New Testament in the original Greek.

The course focuses on the study of grammar, syntax and vocabulary as well as the reading of adapted passages. The course can be taken by all undergraduate and graduate students to fulfill their language requirement, and by everyone else who wants to learn Greek.

TEXT: Greek Today: A Course in the Modern Language and Culture, Workbook (Available at the University Bookstore)

GRADING POLICY:

Final Exam 25%
2 Midterm Exams 50%
Class participation, Homework and
Quizzes 25%

GRADING SCALE:

A	94-100
A-	90-93
B+	85-89
B	80-84
B-	75-79
C+	70-74
C	65-69
C-	60-64
D+	56-59
D	52-55
D-	48-51
E	47 or below

Homework will be collected but it will be graded based on completion

IMPORTANT DATES

1st Mid-Term **February 7**

2nd Mid-Term **March 14**

Final **April 23**

ATTENDANCE: Class attendance and participation are required for this course. Note that 25% of your final grade is based on participation and submission of homework assignments. Repeated absences may also affect your performance on exams and quizzes. Please note that all readings, homework and exams must be completed by or on the date indicated on the syllabus and will not be rescheduled or accepted late. Requests of any special accommodations must be made to the course instructor in writing and in advance of the class or exam time.