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General Information

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Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This is an introductory Modern Greek language unit designed for beginners or near beginners. Its chief objective is to assist students in the acquisition of elementary oral and written skills in Modern Greek. The vocabulary and grammatical concepts covered in this unit aim to develop a solid foundation in the language, so that students may confidently and correctly construct simple sentences. The context in which vocabulary and grammar are taught also exposes students to important aspects of Greek culture. The unit is offered both on campus and externally.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

Reading: understand short, simple texts on familiar matters of a concrete type which consist of high frequency everyday or job-related language; understand short, simple texts containing the highest frequency vocabulary, including a proportion of shared international vocabulary items.

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Writing: write short, simple formulaic notes relating to matters in areas of immediate need; write a series of simple phrases and sentences linked with simple connectors like “and”, “but” and “because”.

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Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
<u>On-going weekly homework</u>	15%	Weekly
<u>Mid-semester class test</u>	10%	Week 7
<u>Presentation</u>	10%	Week 12
<u>Oral test</u>	10%	Week 13
<u>Participation</u>	5%	Weekly
<u>Examination</u>	50%	Exam Period

On-going weekly homework

Due: **Weekly**

Weighting: **15%**

On-going weekly homework: students are required to engage in small and medium length paragraph writing involving a variety of everyday situations; they will be asked to develop their communication skills in order to interact with Greek-speaking people at the elementary level; finally, their reading comprehension is supposed to be enhanced and elaborated to make it possible for them to understand diverse speech contexts.

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Mid-semester class test

Due: **Week 7**

Weighting: **10%**

Mid-semester class test (semi-summative): students are going to be tested as to their ability to write, and comprehend everyday Greek in a variety of situations; emphasis will be on specific

and fixed formulas of speech.

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Presentation

Due: **Week 12**

Weighting: **10%**

Presentation: students will be asked to present orally their communicative skills in everyday Greek -either freely or based on a preprepared topic- in order to demonstrate their efficiency in a creative and innovative use of language patterns.

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Oral test

Due: **Week 13**

Weighting: **10%**

Oral test: students are asked to reply on set questions regarding diverse situations as presented in their handbooks.

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Participation

Due: **Weekly**

Weighting: **5%**

Participation: all students are urged to prepare their homework, answer to in-class questions, and engage critically with the issues that come up in each week's seminar.

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Examination

Due: **Exam Period**

Weighting: **50%**

End of Semester Examination: this is the final assessment of all grammatical knowledge and comprehension skills regarding the various topic of Greek delineated during the semester.

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Delivery and Resources

CLASSES

Lecture times and location

	Stream 1
Lecture	Tue: 9-11 W6B205
Practical	Thur: 11-1 W6B 205

For current updates, lecture times and classrooms please consult the MQ Timetables website: <http://www.timetables.mq.edu.au>.

REQUIRED AND RECOMMENDED TEXTS AND/OR MATERIALS

Required and recommended texts

- K. & F. Arvanitakis, *Epikinoniste Ellinika 1 (Communicate in Greek 1)*, New Edition, Deltos Publications, Athens 2002 (Course textbook available at Macquarie Bookshop)
- K. & F. Arvanitakis, Exercise Book 1a, New Edition, Deltos Publications, Athens 2002 (available at Uni Bookshop)
- K. & F. Arvanitakis, CD for *Epikinoniste Ellinika 1 (Communicate in Greek 1)*, New Edition, Deltos Publications, Athens 2002 (available at Uni Bookshop)
- MGK101Weekly Outlines, Learning Modules & Study Materials(download from iLearn)

Other texts recommended are:

- CONCISE MODERN GREEK GRAMMAR, by Manolis Triantaphyllidis, tran. by J. B. Burke, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, 1997.
- GREEK: A COMPREHENSIVE GRAMMAR OF THE MODERN LANGUAGE, by David Holton, Peter Mackridge and Irene Philippaki-Warburton. Routledge, London, 1999.

UNIT WEBPAGE AND TECHNOLOGY USED AND REQUIRED

iLearn: <https://ilearn.mq.edu.au>

Unit Schedule

Please refer to your online unit for the unit schedule - ilearn.mq.edu.au

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

Assessment Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Grievance Management Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grievance_management/policy.html

Disruption to Studies Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html *The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.*

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit <http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/>.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to

handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

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Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

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Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific

knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

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Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

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Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

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Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

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Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's

historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

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Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

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Late Assignment Policy

Assignments are compulsory and must be submitted on time. As a general rule, extensions will not be granted without a valid and documented reason (e.g. medical certificate). Late submissions will be penalised by 5% for each day (including weekends) the assignment task is late. No assignments will be accepted after assignments have been corrected and feedback has been provided. Assignment tasks handed in early will not be marked and returned before the due date.