

# LANGUAGE TRAINING INSTITUTE

LANG 160-3

Fall 2003

## GREEK FOR BEGINNERS II

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### **COURSE CONTENT:**

The aim of the course is to give those who have acquired the basic language skills a better understanding of the basic grammar of Greek, and to develop their speaking and comprehension skills so that they are able to carry out small conversations. Reading comprehension, and the ability to write small paragraphs will also be emphasized.

**PREREQUISITES:** Lang 110-3 or equivalent. If you are uncertain about your status please see the course chair.

### **REQUIRED TEXTS:**

Marineta and Papaheimona Ellinika Tora ( Greek Now ) 1+1

Marineta and Papaheimona Ellinika Tora ( Greek Now ) + 1 Workbook

Both by Nostos Publishing

### **GRADES**

Attendance/Participation: 15%

Homeworks: 10%

In-class test: 25%

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Oral Examination: 25%

### **Grading Scale**

A+ 90-100, A 85-89, A- 80-84

B+ 77-79, B 74-76, B- 70-73

C+ 67-69, C 64-66 C- 60-63

D 50-59, F 49 and below

### **Homework:**

In order to be successful in learning a language, it is important that you study it everyday. To that effect, the homework is structured as weekly assignments that are composed of daily tasks. Each task should take 15-30 minutes of your time, and may include aspects of previous tasks as well. Although your homework will be due once a week it is important that you work on them daily so that they do not become repetitive and time-consuming tasks. Some homework exercises will be taken from your workbook. I recommend that you photocopy those pages and turn them in completed rather than ripping them out of the book. You may need them later. It is also good to keep a dossier of all corrected homework assignments for easy reference.

**In-class tests:**

These will be two tests that will take place during class time. You will be asked to fill in blanks with the appropriate form of a given word, conjugate verbs or decline nouns, translate sentences from one language to another, and answer questions about a small paragraph in Greek.

**Oral Examination:**

This will take place during exam week. You will be asked to schedule an appointment for an interview in which you will have to conduct yourselves in Greek (this will include greetings, polite questions and small talk). You will also have to read a text in Greek and then hold a small conversation about it. The exam will not last longer than 15 minutes.

**Disabilities:**

Students requiring accommodations as a result of a disability, must contact the Centre for Students with Disabilities (604-291-3112 or <mailto:csdo@sfu.ca>)

**Tips for studying:**

Being well-organized certainly facilitates language learning. Here are two good tips for organizing your study material. Separate a notebook into different sections for writing, nouns, verbs, adjectives, syntax (sentence structure), and idioms/phrases. Make sure there are enough pages to last for two or three courses, so that in the end all your notes about Modern Greek are in one place and not scattered around. For better vocabulary learning use flash cards that are again colour-coded for different parts of speech. Create such categories as nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, particles, and idioms/phrases. Start building your database of everyday words and phrases immediately, first using Latin characters, then the Greek ones.

**Class schedule** (subject to change)

Week	Chapter	Subject
1.		Course Introduction
2.	1-5	Review Basic Tenses and Noun Classes
3.	Six	Telling Time
4.	Six	The Simple Past (Aoristos) / The Future
5.	Seven	At the Market
6.	Eight	MedioPassive Voice
7.	Eight	Writing a Letter
8.	Eight	TEST 1 / Tenses of the MedioPassive Voice
9.	Nine	Going Out
10.	Nine	The Imperative
11.	Ten	Christmas
12.	Ten	Comparative/Superlative Degree
13.	Eleven	Adverbs / Review
14.		TEST 2
15.		December 3-December 14 Oral Exams