Modern Greek

The Modern Greek major is offered by the Department of Classics, and includes courses in the language, culture, literature, and linguistics of the Greek world. Students studying Modern Greek progress from an elementary working knowledge of the language to oral and written fluency. Once students have mastered basic patterns of speech and grammar, they are introduced to the literature of one of the world's richest cultures.

Pursuing Modern Greek at Ohio State
All freshman applicants are considered within a competitive admission process for the Columbus campus; find admissions criteria at go.osu.edu/admissions.

Upon admission to the university, students can declare a major in Modern Greek within the College of Arts and Sciences. Interested students should contact the undergraduate advisor in the Department of Classics.

Modern Greek Requirements
A major consists of a minimum of 30 hours. Modern Greek students are required to design their programs from courses in language, culture and literature in consultation with faculty.

- Prerequisites: Modern Greek language sequence
- Core courses: Advanced Modern Greek I and II and a Modern Greek culture course
- At least 21 hours of Modern Greek language, culture and literature courses
- 6 hours electives in Modern Greek or an allied field (history, theater or linguistics) to total 30 hours toward the major

Additional electives and General Education (GE) requirements totaling 181 hours are required by the College of Arts and Sciences for graduation.

Success in Modern Greek requires a commitment to daily preparation and a willingness on the part of the student to use the opportunities provided in class to speak the language. In addition, students should begin considering and planning for a study abroad program as soon as they have decided to major in Modern Greek. Students interested in studying abroad during their junior or senior year can get specific information about various programs from their coordinating advisor in the Department of Classics.

Co-Curricular Opportunities
Ohio State offers many opportunities for students to learn and grow outside of the classroom. These range from cooperative education (co-op) and internships to study abroad programs to student organizations. Co-ops and internships place students in professional environments while they are Ohio State students. Ohio State offers more than 100 study abroad programs in 40 countries around the world. In addition, there are hundreds of student organizations on campus to meet the interests of a diverse student population.

These experiences enable students to gain valuable work experience, learn about cultures and take on leadership roles before they enter the workforce. All of these experiences enhance learning and may provide an advantage in the job market.

Study Abroad
The Department of Classics encourages participation in study abroad programs such as the College Year in Athens. Students have opportunities to apply for summer scholarships to study Greek at the Institute for Balkan Studies in Thessaloniki and the University of Athens. The Department of Classics also offers courses that include short-term study abroad programs to Greece and Italy. The department provides some funding. For details, visit classics.osu.edu.

Honors & Scholars Programs
Ohio State offers the Honors and Scholars programs to create an environment of intellectual support and stimulation within a close-knit community of high-ability undergraduate students. Through these programs, students have access to smaller classes, undergraduate research opportunities, close working relationships with faculty, priority scheduling and unique housing options.

Honors and Scholars programs represent great opportunities to be part of a smaller community within a large university. Learn more at honors-scholars.osu.edu.

Career Prospects in Modern Greek
Modern Greek is applicable in a variety of settings in the United States and abroad. Mastery of Modern Greek allows students to consider careers in such fields as education, government, international trade, banking, print or electronic media, or tourism.

Careers in which Modern Greek is the primary emphasis include teaching Modern Greek at all levels; interpreting and translating for the United Nations, government, or for private and public organizations; and a variety of positions in the travel and tourism industry at home or abroad, such as flight attendant, travel
agent and tour guide. Careers in which proficiency in modern Greek is a good secondary tool include banking and finance, business, sales, export purchasing, foreign market analysis, journalism, foreign correspondence, science and research, library science, hotel management, publishing, radio broadcasting, and teaching English to Greek speakers.

All who study Modern Greek find that the experience sharpens their understanding of language in general and enables them to use their own language more effectively and thus exercise a greater amount of control over their own lives, no matter what their eventual fields of interest or occupations.

Ohio State graduates with Modern Greek degrees have chosen jobs such as tax auditor with the Internal Revenue Service, marketing director at Ohio Bank and Savings, and trade specialist with the Ohio Department of Development.

Career Counseling and Job Placement

Students can explore career options by utilizing Career Connection as well as the Arts and Sciences Career Services Office. Providing complimentary services, Career Connection focuses on helping students establish a career direction, while the Arts and Sciences Career Services Office assists students with finding internships—experiences that are essential to testing out the suitability of career fields they are considering. Located in 48 Townshend Hall, the Arts and Sciences Career Services Office also assists seniors and recent graduates with finding entry-level career employment. More information about both offices is found at asccareerservices.osu.edu and careerconnection.osu.edu.

Curriculum Sample

This is a sample list of classes a student may take to pursue a degree in Modern Greek. Since university students need more than specific education in a narrow field, they also will take classes to complete General Education (GE) requirements. Because GE courses come from a variety of academic areas of study, this course work helps students develop fundamental skills essential to collegiate success and allows them to tailor these courses toward their interests. Note: This sample represents one of several possible paths to a degree in Modern Greek. Visit classics.osu.edu for details on each specific track.

Freshman Year:
Survey course
Freshman Seminar
Culture of Contemporary Greece
GE courses
Total hours
29

Sophomore Year:
Advanced Modern Greek I and II
GE courses
Total hours
30

Junior Year:
Modern Greek Language and Literature
Folklore of Contemporary Greece
Elective courses
GE courses
Total hours
21

Senior Year:
Contemporary Greek Poetry
Studies in Modern Greek Literature
Issues in Greek-American Society and Culture
Elective courses
GE courses
Total hours
30

Revised January 2014. Information subject to change. For the most up-to-date information on the Modern Greek program, please visit classics.osu.edu.

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