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GREEK LANGUAGE INSTITUTE - THESSALONIKI, GREECE

ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

The **NRCSA Center** is an internally accredited independent language center with its headquarters in the center of Athens, near the Athens University, the Polytechnic School, the National Library, and the Archaeological Museum. Founded in 1975 with its main objective being the development of efficient methods of teaching Greek as a foreign language. Our center is a part of a large group of private educational institutions, Delta Training & Development Ltd.

All teachers have obtained university training and all are native speakers. They have had special training in teaching Greek as a foreign language as well as using audio-visual teaching material. Individual attention to each student is of great importance to ensure maximum understanding. Both teachers and staff are available to provide support and assistance to students.

Since 1998 the school has offered courses at **Thessaloniki**, the capital of Northern Greece. The so-called "Bride of Thermaikos bay" was named after the daughter of King Phillip, sister of Alexander the Great.

Thessaloniki is distinguished by its multitude of Roman and Byzantine monuments, including the White Castle, the old city, and innumerable Byzantine churches. The entire city pulsates with life, buzzing with activity in the streets, parks and squares, taverns, restaurants, and ouzeries.

Summer courses, mid June to mid September, are also held in the city of Chania which is located on the northwest coast of Crete. This is a picturesque city and walking through Chania means coming across Minoan remains as well as Byzantine, Venetian, Ottoman and Neoclassical landmarks left by the different civilizations which flourished on the island and have been kept alive in the traditions and customs of the inhabitants. The Venetian harbor of Chania is ringed with restaurants, tavernas, cafeterias and ouzo bars.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The educational program is designed to develop all language skills, although priority is placed on conversational ability. Course books guide the students through vivid dialogues to reading comprehension and vocabulary acquaintance. Simple exercises give the opportunity to practice the grammatical items as presented in real situations. Audio activities enable the students to practice listening comprehension and correct pronunciation. The program is complemented by video educational material which has been produced recently and has proved to be very efficient in developing language skills. Self study photocopied material is provided for those willing to extend their practice with extra assignments for better results. These students are assisted by the staff and corrected assignments are returned.

Group Course

20 hours per week. Course schedules are designed in two-week sessions and the maximum class size is 5 students. Classes are held 9:00 to 13:00 with break included, Monday - Friday. Class duration is 50 minutes. There are eight course levels offered: Beginner, Elementary, Intermediate I, Intermediate II, Advanced I, Advanced II, Higher I, Higher II. Each level is covered within 40 teaching hours.

Admissions

The Center welcomes students age 17 years and older regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. No previous knowledge of Greek is required except where otherwise indicated.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Homestay are with carefully selected typical Greek families. Most in the suburbs, but have easy access to the city center. Staying with a host family provides the advantage of a close contact with Greek everyday life as well as a further opportunity to practice the language in a warm and hospitable environment. The guests have their own room, take breakfast with the family and use the common rooms of the house.

Hotel lodging is available. Price varies depending on amenities and location. Please contact NRCSA, and we can put together a quote to match your specific needs.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Cultural, Social & Excursion Activities

The school keeps students informed of the social and cultural events taking place in Athens and Chania. It also organizes social and cultural activities for students. Activities are determined on the basis of the size and interest of the group.

Examples include:

- * Teacher-guided Walking Trips
- * Greek dancing lessons are available at additional cost
- * Visits to Archaeological Sites in Athens
- * Half or Full Day Excursions. Students choose from among a range of excursions, for example a half day trip to Cape Sounion with the Temple of Poseidon, a full day trip to Delphi, a full day trip to Mycenae's Tomb of Agamemnon and Epidaurus' acoustically famous theatre. All Excursions are at additional cost.

TO REGISTER:

Complete the NRCSA Preregistration Form or contact the National Registration Center for Study Abroad at 610 E Buffalo Street, suite 610, Milwaukee, WI 53092, or mail us at P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201 USA, or by calling (414) 278-0631; by Fax (414) 271-8884.

Check out our website at <http://www.nrcsa.com>
or e-mail us at study@nrcsa.com

Program & Admission Information - Thessaloniki, Greece

Programs

The educational program has been designed to develop the four language skills: reading, writing, speaking and listening, together and with equal weight. The use of textbooks in the classroom is accompanied by audiovisual aids which present to students realistic, everyday situations. At the same time, through practical oral and written simulation the students manage to become familiar with the material taught.

Self study photocopied material is provided for those wanting to extend their practice with extra assignments. These students are assisted by the staff and corrected assignments are returned.

The daily program begins at 9.00 and last until 13.00(1:00PM). During the fifteen minute breaks students can have a Greek coffee at the cafeteria. The educational program is not limited by the standard sense of the word "lesson". It is also combined with individual or team projects, visits to museums and walks in the city. Students have the opportunity to use the library, computers and language laboratories with the guidance of their teachers.



The local staff will contact the student after they arrive on the Sunday prior to the first day of class. The purpose of the call will be help familiarize the student with the city and to answer any immediate questions they may have upon arrival. New students are provided with a 'Welcome File' which contains books, charts and other important information about the city such as travel, eating out and cultural events.

On the first day of lessons the students become familiar with the NRCSA Center and the surrounding area. All students, except for the beginners, take a short placement test on the first day as well in order to determine their level of Greek.

There are eight course levels offered:

- Beginner
- Elementary
- Intermediate I
- Intermediate II
- Advanced I
- Advanced II
- Higher I
- Higher II

Each level is covered within 40 teaching hours.

On the last day of the program students take a final test that examines their progress and knowledge of the language. Students are given a certificate of studies which certifies the successful completion of the relevant language level, the duration of the course, and the student's performance in the final examination. The program ends with an exchange of presents and a traditional meal with Greek food and drinks.

First Two Days' Schedule

Monday

9.00-10.00 Orientation, Tour of the Building, Meeting School Personnel
10.00-11.00 Placement Test and Oral Examination
11.00-12.00 Presentation of Welcome File and Test Correction
12.00-13.00 Useful information about the city

Tuesday

9.00-10.00 Listening Exercises and Discussion of new vocabulary and grammar rules
10.00-11.00 Role Playing and use of new phrases
11.00-12.00 Grammar comprehension
12.00-13.00 Greek film viewing

*The everyday program contains optional Greek Dancing lessons, visits to the National Archeological Museum and the Museum of Folk Music as well as eating out with tutors and visits to their homes.

Programs

Group Program
Tutor Program
Business Greek
Teacher Training

Admissions &
Academic Credit
Certificates & Exams

Activities

Cultural, Social &
Excursion

Comments

"I really wanted to have a very diverse experience and NRCSA seemed to offer the best programs for me. my objectives were definitely met and ended up having an absolutely marvelous time."

University Student, Austin, TX



Group Program 20 hours per week. Program schedules are designed in two-week sessions and the maximum class size is 5 students. Lessons are held 9:00 to 13:00 with breaks included, Monday through Friday. Each lesson has a duration of 50 minutes.

Tutor Program 10 hours per week of private tutorial lessons, offered from 9:00 to 11:00, Monday through Friday. Each lesson has a duration of 50 minutes.

Business Greek The main aim of this program is to improve the use of General Greek in combination with the specific vocabulary of the Business world. The educational material (newspapers, magazines, videos, cassettes and textbooks) gives the opportunity to students to communicate orally and in writing in standard business situations. Students are accepted after a placement test which confirms their intermediate level of General Greek.

Teacher Training The aims of this program are to enable teachers of ancient or modern Greek to improve their language skills and to study new methods for the Teaching of Greek Language. The participants have the opportunity to experience Greek reality which is necessary for the teaching of Greek in their own countries.

Admissions & Academic Credit

Students age 17 years and older are welcomed regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. No previous knowledge of Greek is required except where otherwise indicated.

Students desiring credit for their study should contact their home school or request the NRCSA Credit Fact Sheet. Generally, U.S. universities consider 15 hours of study to be equal to 1 semester credit.

For general information on academic credit, [please click here](#).

Certificates & Exams

- A certificate of attendance and assessment is issued upon completion of each course level.
- Examinations of evaluation take place for students having reached levels of Elementary, Intermediate, Advanced and Higher, and certificates are issued accordingly.

ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Foreign language immersion classes
- ✓ Small interactive group and/or one-on-one instruction
- ✓ Culture program integrated into conversation classes, activities
- ✓ Meet-the-People interaction at school, homestays, & community events
- ✓ Orientation covering attractions, how to, health, safety, entertainment
- ✓ Academic assessments, placement-exit tests, Achievement Certificate
- ✓ Lodging (reduced fee if no lodging needed)
- ✓ Meals and/or cooking facilities at most centres
- ✓ Insurance: medical and accident - see below
- ✓ Emergency Hotline staffed 24 hours/day - see below
- ✓ Housing Coordinator familiar with area homestays, apartments, hotels
- ✓ Activity Coordinator facilitates transfers, cultural/social activities, tours
- ✓ Program Director experienced working with foreign participants
- ✓ Qualified, experienced, and certified educators
- ✓ Weekly proficiency goals and progress assessments
- ✓ Planning and Orientation materials
- ✓ International Ambiance, participants from around-the-world welcome
- ✓ Telecom assistance, web/e-mail access, usually on-site
- ✓ Local taxes for included services
- ✓ 24:7 Culture Immersion w/ native speakers: class, homestay, community
- ✓ **ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE the following INSURANCE***

ACCIDENT INSURANCE up to \$10,000 SICKNESS INSURANCE up to \$10,000

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION up to \$25,000

EMERGENCY REUNION up to \$5,000

REPATRIATION up to \$7,500

LIFE INSURANCE \$5,000

plus

24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

MANY ALSO OFFER

- ✓ **Tours:** cultural visits, day and weekend fieldtrips
- ✓ **Art:** classes/workshops, craft, dance, theater, fashion, music, photo
- ✓ **Humanities:** culture, area studies, hist, lit, gov't, educ, comm, plus...
- ✓ **Health:** golf, swimming, tennis, diving, skiing, riding, plus...
- ✓ **Special:** vocabulary classes tailored to your professional needs
- ✓ **Lodging:** homestay, apartment, dorm, hotel, special diet
- ✓ **Food:** home cooking, cooking classes, dine-around, wine tasting
- ✓ **Family:** services, daycare, child classes, community services
- ✓ **Teacher:** training, workshops, practicums, practice teaching, ECH
- ✓ **Teen:** camps and youth programs (including experiential)
- ✓ **University:** credit, undergraduate and graduate
- ✓ **Professional:** development credit in many fields, licensure, CEU
- ✓ **Volunteer:** medical, social service, ecology, teach plus...
- ✓ **Internships:** business, media, arts, eco, tourism, computer, plus...
- ✓ **Business:** classes, visits, networking, executive support services
- ✓ **Peer-to-Peer:** share interests, network by profession or hobby
- ✓ **Current Events & Professional Workshops, Holiday Courses**
- ✓ **Distance** educ liaison service, independent studies, research assist
- ✓ **Free** books and course materials. Return at end of studies
- ✓ **Free** airport transfers and internet access
- ✓ **Assessment** reports for attendance, progress, acculturation if needed
- ✓ **Medical:** professional training, law, social work, sciences etc.

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