

Modern Greek

The Modern Greek major is offered by the Department of Greek and Latin, 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 Ohio State freshman applicants are considered within a competitive admission process for the Columbus campus. The primary criteria for admission are the completion of the applicant's high school college preparatory program, performance in that program as indicated by class rank and/or grade-point average, and performance on either the ACT or SAT. Upon admission to the university, students can declare a major in Modern Greek within the Arts and Humanities. Interested students should contact the undergraduate advisor in the Department of Greek and Latin and the Arts and Sciences.

Modern Greek Requirements

A major consists of a minimum of 40 hours of Modern Greek courses. Modern Greek students are required to design their programs from courses in language, culture, literature, and linguistics.

Core courses include Modern Greek 101 through 104. These courses do not apply toward the major.

Additional electives and GEC requirements totaling 181 hours are required by the College of the 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 Greek and Latin.

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 Greek and Latin 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 offers two courses that have travel components: Modern Greek H250, The Culture of Contemporary Greece, and Modern Greek 200, Athens: The Modern City.

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. Good candidates for these programs will receive additional information after admission to the university. Learn more about the Honors and Scholars program 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.

For more information, check these web sites:

Greek and Latin: greekandlatin.osu.edu

Arts and Humanities: artsandhumanities.osu.edu

Ohio State: osu.edu

Admissions: undergrad.osu.edu

Multicultural Center: multiculturalcenter.osu.edu

First Year Experience Program: fye.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 the General Education Curriculum (GEC). The GEC will allow students to develop the fundamental skills essential to collegiate success across major programs. Course work options satisfying the GEC often come from a variety of academic areas of study allowing students to tailor their GEC toward their interests. Note: This sample represents one of several possible paths to a degree in Modern Greek. Consult the departmental web site, greekandlatin.osu.edu, for details on each specific track.

Freshman Year:

Culture of Contemporary Greece	5
GEC courses	40
Arts and Humanities Survey	1
Freshman Seminar	1
Total hours	47

Sophomore Year:

Advanced Modern Greek I and II	10
GEC courses	40
Total hours	50

Junior Year:

Modern Greek Literature in Translation	5
Folklore of Contemporary Greece	5
GEC courses	10
Electives	15
Total hours	35

Senior Year:

Contemporary Greek Poetry	5
Studies in Modern Greek Literature	5
Issues in Greek-American Society and Culture	5
GEC courses	5
Electives	30
Total hours	50

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 ascareerservices.osu.edu and careerconnection.osu.edu.

About Ohio State

The Ohio State University is recognized throughout the nation and the world for its innovative programs, exceptional faculty, and cutting edge facilities. In fact, Ohio State is consistently ranked among the country's best public institutions for overall academic reputation. Because Ohio State is a major teaching and research university, our students receive excellent preparation for entry into top graduate and professional programs and the job market.

Offering over 170 majors and more than 12,000 courses, Ohio State allows students to tailor their education to their interests through double majors, minors, and personalized study programs.

Apply to Ohio State

Students wishing to apply for admission have a number of options. Those with Internet access can download application materials or apply online by visiting undergrad.osu.edu/apply.html. Students may also contact Undergraduate Admissions and First Year Experience at (614) 292-3980 or askabuckeye@osu.edu to have an application mailed.

Revised September 2009. For the most up-to-date information on the Modern Greek program, please visit greekandlatin.osu.edu/programs/modern_greek.

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