

The A1 Online Greek Course

Why should I enroll in the A1 Online Greek Course?

1. The OGC is an easy and attractive way to learn Greek, through multi-media learning material (videos, sound recordings, quizzes, interactive graphics), posts at the forum, linguistic games and challenges.
2. There is support by a tutor throughout the course. Autonomous learning does not mean learning without help.
3. Most online language learning programs mainly aim at the comprehension of a foreign language. The OGC stands out, because it equally develops the learner's productive skills: both speaking and writing.
4. It will be much easier to adjust the language course to your daily routine, since you will be studying at home. The language course, however, has deadlines. There are fixed appointments for web-conferences twice a week.
5. The OGC is aimed to facilitate language learning by overcoming obstacles, such as limited time or distance.
6. You will acquire basic communicative skills within 6 weeks.

What are the main features of the A1 OGC?

7. It is designed for absolute beginners.
8. It covers the A1 level, according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. The CEFR defines six levels: A1 + A2, B1 + B2, C1 + C2. (http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic/source/framework_en.pdf). For the syllabus of A1 OGC, see http://smg.web.auth.gr/wordpress/?page_id=570 (A1 level).
9. The A1 OGC consists of eleven (11) units. Every unit includes:
 - a. the communicative context and the relevant vocabulary with quizzes
 - b. the grammar with exercises and quizzes
 - c. a small preparatory task for the web-conference with your tutor and fellow students
 - d. a small writing task or language game at the forum
10. You acquire a score for each unit. Assessment is based on: a) a progress test and a final test. b) the scores of the units, c) assessment of speaking and writing by your tutor.

Which are the technical requirements for the OGC?

The minimum technical specifications needed to attend OGC are listed below.

MINIMUM HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS		
Operation Systems	Hardware	Software
Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7 or 8, Macintosh OSX	1GB of RAM 1 GB of free disc space Camera, Headset with microphone	Adobe Acrobat Reader Adobe Flash Player Microsoft Word Microsoft PowerPoint
Browsers	Internet Connections	E-Mail

Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Safari	Broadband (24Mbps is recommended)	Your mail account
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SCHEDULE A1 Online Greek Course

The A1 OGC lasts 6 weeks. You will work on your own on two units per week. After each unit you will have an online session with your tutor and fellow students (web conference).

The first three days are Taster Days. You will have the time to get familiar with the course online environment, to work on a taster lesson and have a trial online session with your tutor and fellow students.

Mo 16 Ja	Tue 17 Ja	We 18 Ja	Thu 19 Ja	Fr 20 Ja
Week 1 Accessing the platform	Taster lesson Post at the forum	Taster online session Confirmation	Unit 1 & Online session 1	
Mo 23 Ja	Tue 24 Ja	We 25 Ja	Thu 26 Ja	Fr 27 Ja
Week 2 Units 2 & 3, Online sessions 2 & 3				
Mo 30 Ja	Tue 31 Ja	We 1 Fe	Thu 2 Fe	Fri 3 Fe
Week 3 Units 4 & 5, Online sessions 4 & 5				
Mo 6 Fe	Tue 7 Fe	We 8 Fe	Thu 9 Fe	Fri 10 Fe
Week 4	Progress test (=Unit 6)	Unit 7 & Online session 7		
Mo 13 Fe	Tue 14 Fe	We 15 Fe	Thu 16 Fe	Fri 17 Fe
Week 5 Units 8 & 9, Online sessions 8 & 9				
Mo 20 Fe	Tue 21 Fe	We 22 Fe	Thu 23 Fe	Fri 24 Fe
Week 6 Unit 10, Online session 10				Final Test (=Unit 11)

Which are my obligations?

1. Every unit requires three hours of self-study. It is obligatory to work on each unit and acquire a score for it.
2. The interactive online session lasts 45'. In small groups, you and your fellow students will have the opportunity to speak, ask questions and discuss the unit you have already worked on.
3. The participation in the interactive sessions is obligatory. **A maximum of two (2) absences may be permitted.**
4. There is a progress test after the first five (5) units and a final test after the completion of the course. It is obligatory to take part in both tests.
5. You successfully complete the course, if you work on all units, attend the online sessions, do your writing tasks and pass the midterm and final test.

Registration procedure

1st step: Fill in the online application and upload the required documents:

- certificate of studies
- copy of passport
- bank receipt for the course fee (250 €)

2nd step: Receive our acceptance e-mail

3rd step: Three Taster Days to familiarize with the online course

4th step: Lessons start!

Learning Greek online is a great experience!
We are looking forward to working with you!

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Further information and links

What follows is a list of useful links providing information on Thessaloniki, Athens, travelling in Greece and the culture and history of Greece.

Info about Thessaloniki

www.use-it-thessaloniki.gr/

www.ipolistonkosmo.gr

ww.cityportal.gr

Photos & videos of Thessaloniki

<http://www.thessalonikiartsandculture.gr/thessaloniki/fotografia-365/thessaloniki-365photos-2013>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bimoor9u6U>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sh0z3Eszgzg&feature=youtu.be>

Info & images about Greece

<http://www.airpano.ru/files/Athens-Greece/2-2>

http://www.visitgreece.gr/en/culture/museums/the_5_most_popular_museums

http://odysseus.culture.gr/h/1/eh151.jsp?obj_id=3249

<http://www.ancient-greece.org/museum.html>