**Master’s Degree Program: Modern Greek Language and Culture**

**(for specialists)**

**Duration of study: 2 semesters**

**Professional qualification:** Philologist, specialist in Modern Greek Language and Culture

Curriculum

**Annotation**

1. **Aims and Educational Objectives**

The Master's program “Modern Greek Language and Culture" is the only program in the country that provides in-depth study of the Modern Greek language and culture. The MA program balances between linguistic disciplines, disciplines in Modern Greek language for special purposes and courses in Modern Greek literature, history, culture and didactics. Elective courses related to the ancient and medieval linguistic, literary and cultural Greek heritage are also included. Students expand their knowledge and competences in the field of the Modern Greek language, as well as in the field of the literature, culture and history of Modern Greece.

**2. Description of the educational content (knowledge and skills required for a successful professional realization; general and theoretical background, specific areas of study, etc.**

The study in the Master's program “Modern Greek Language and Culture" lasts two semesters, with a minimum of 30 credits from compulsory and elective subjects being acquired in each semester, and a thesis is defended in the third semester. In the process of study, students develop several courseworks that require them to develop skills for working with scientific literature and prepare them for writing a Master’s thesis. Upon successful completion of the training, students acquire the professional qualification "Philologist Neohellenist, Specialist in New Greek Language and Culture".

**3. Professional and general competences, specific competences**

Graduates of the Master's program “Modern Greek Language and Culture" reach language competence level C1 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Successful Master‘s graduates can:

• collect, classify and interpret information and facts from the field of Мodern Greek language, literature and culture in order to solve specific tasks;

• apply the acquired knowledge and skills in the field of Мodern Greek language, literature and culture with a view to the implementation of interlinguistic and intercultural mediation;

• demonstrate the ability to analyze phenomena and problems of the modern world and in a wider social-humanitarian or interdisciplinary context based on and in parallel with Bulgarian-Greek and Balkan linguistic and cultural relations.

**4. Professional realization (according to the National Classification of Occupations in the Republic of Bulgaria / based on the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO)/ and in reference to the place of the future specialists in the National Qualifications Framework for higher education and the European Qualifications Framework for higher education)**

Graduates of the МА program “Modern Greek Language and Culture" can work in government institutions and the private sector, where proficiency in the Modern Greek language (level C1) and knowledge of the history, literature and culture of Greece are required. Also, graduates of the specialty can study for PhD degree, can occupy the academic position "Assistant Professor", can work as translators in Bulgarian, foreign and European institutions, diplomats and employees in diplomatic missions, as journalists, editors, experts in mass media, etc. According to the National Classification of Professions and Positions in the Republic of Bulgaria, graduates of the MA program „Modern Greek Language and Culture" can be realized as:

231 College, university and higher education teaching professionals

235 Other teaching professionals

2353 Other teaching professionals of foreign language and interests

2422 Professionals of politics management

6005 Manager, international cooperation

243 Sales, advertising and public relations managers

2431 Advertising and public relations managers

2432 Public relations managers

263 Religion and social science professionals

264 Authors, journalists and similar professionals

2641 Authors and similar professionals

2642 Journalists

2643 Translators and other linguists

2656 Radio, television and other announcers

3339 Business services agents and trade brokers

334 Administrative technical professionals

335 Public administration technical professionals

3359 Other public administration technical professionals

411 General administration professionals

**Admission requirements**

1. Completed Bachelor's degree in Modern Greek Philology or Bachelor's degree in Philology with Modern Greek Language.

2. A grade from the diploma for completed higher education not lower than Good (4.00).

3. The candidates take an exam in Modern Greek: dictation, language test and essay composition in Modern Greek.

4. The candidates with a Bachelor's degree in Modern Greek Philology and an average grade in the state exams in the Bachelor's degree not less than Very good (5.00) do not take the entrance exam.

**Compulsory courses**

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| **Course** | **Teacher** | **Workload**  **(lectures + exercises)** |
| Modern Greek language - economic terminology | Assoc. Prof. Boris Vounchev, D.Sc. | 0+4 |
| The learned level in the modern Greek language | Chief Assist. Prof Irina Strikova, Ph.D. | 0+4 |
| Modern Greek for special purposes - professional terminology in law enforcement | Assoc. Prof. Daniela Boyanova, Ph.D. | 0+4 |
| The Greek „Megali Idea” and the national struggles in the Balkans | Prof. Yura Konstantinova, D.Sc. | 2+0 |
| Literary readings of history: Greece in the 20th century. | Stamatia Fotiadou, Ph.D. | 2+0 |
| The Balkans - cultures and identities (ethnological aspects) | Chief Assist. Prof Nadezhda Zhechkova, Ph.D. | 2+0 |
| An Introduction to Modern Greek Phraseology | Assoc. Prof. Boris Vounchev, D.Sc. | 2+2 |
| The Greek language in the Balkan context | Assoc. Prof. Ekaterina Tarpomanova, Ph.D. | 2+0 |
| Structural aspects of discourse in Modern Greek | Chief Assist. Prof Irina Strikova, Ph.D. | 2+2 |
| Bulgarian-Greek relations | Prof. Yura Konstantinova, D.Sc. | 2+0 |

**Elective courses:**

Elective courses must carry a minimum of 9 credits: 1st semester - 7 credits, 2nd semester - 2 credits.

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