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

**(for non-specialists)**

**Duration of Study: 4 semesters**

**Professional qualification:** Master of 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.

**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 three 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 do several courseworks that require them to develop skills for working with scientific literature and prepare them for writing a Master’s thesis.

**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 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.

**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 (C1 level) and knowledge of history and culture of Greece are required. Also, graduates of the specialty can study for PhD degree, occupy the academic position "Assistant Professor", 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

2432 Public relations managers

264 Authors, journalists and similar professionals

2641 Authors and similar professionals

2642 Journalists

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 Philology with Modern Greek or with another Bachelor's degree

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

3. The candidates for a master's degree must provide a document for proficiency in Modern Greek for level B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages or take an exam in Modern Greek: dictation, language test, reading comprehension, listening comprehension and writing an essay in Modern Greek.

**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 | Senior 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 |
| Problems of Greek etymology on an Indo-European Background | Assoc. Prof. Biliana Mihaylova, Ph.D. | 2+0 |
| 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) | Senior 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 | Senior Assist. Prof Irina Strikova, Ph.D. | 2+2 |
| Bulgarian-Greek relations | Prof. Yura Konstantinova, D.Sc. | 2+0 |

**Elective courses:**

The elective courses should carry a minimum of 45 credits: 1st semester – 13 credits, 2nd semester – 10 credits, 3rd semester – 13 credits, 4th semester – 9 credits.

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