CENTER FOR MODERN GREEK STUDIES

The purpose of the Center for Modern Greek Studies is to promote the study of Modern Greek language, literature, and history in relation to the ancient Greek and Byzantine civilizations. The Center coordinates courses offered in Modern Greek Studies as well as cross-listings with the Departments of Anthropology, Classics, Comparative and World Literature, Creative Writing, English, and History, and offers an interdisciplinary minor in Modern Greek Studies.

Courses presently available include:

- MGS 150  Modern Greek I  4
- MGS 151  Modern Greek II  4
- MGS/ANTH 316  Contemporary Culture of Greece  3
- MGS 365  Modern Greek III  4
- MGS 397/ENG 398  Greek American Literature  3
- MGS 470  Modern Greek IV  4
- MGS/CW 497  Modern Greek Literature  3
- MGS 555  Introduction to Modern Greek Literary Texts  3

The Center also presents an array of lectures, concerts, film festivals, and other events focusing on contemporary Greece and the Greek American experience. In connection with the Center, an endowed chair in Modern Greek Studies has been established, the Nikos Kazantzakis Chair, to provide support for curricular development and cultural programming. The Kazantzakis Chair is the only endowed professorship of Modern Greek literature in the California State University system and one of only several such academic chairs in the United States.

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